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the RECORD

Students to decide parking-fee hike

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Over the next few weeks, students, faculty and staff will be introduced to the All-Access Campus Improvement Plan, an initiative put together and presented by a special parking and transportation committee that ultimately asks students to approve a hike in parking fees starting in fall 2009.

MTSU's Student Government Association voted unanimously Jan. 29 to permit a student referendum on the parking-fee increase Feb. 24-26.

The fee, which the university committee proposes to increase incrementally through the 2013-14 academic year, will fund the construction of MTSU's first parking garage. The five-level, 830-space structure will be located on the east side of campus across from what will be the new Student Union. Many in the university community, including students, have said this is an answer to the long-awaited plea for



better, more convenient parking at MTSU.

The proposed incremental fee increases are:

- 2009-10, \$5 per semester;
- 2010-11, \$15 per semester;
- 2011-12, \$20 per semester;
- 2012-13, \$40 per semester; and
- 2013-14, \$60 per semester.

"Certainly students who commute will be interested in the convenience that a parking garage will offer," said Patti Miller, assistant vice president for campus planning. "While there will not be

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Simulation success



LEARNING LIFESAVING—MTSU ROTC Senior Cadet Alex Campbell, right, explains proper techniques for checking the airway while performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation as freshman Wayne Gillard, left, and sophomore Anthony Bragg listen. Cadets learned casualty-evaluation and lifesaving procedures from Murfreesboro Emergency Services personnel in Forrest Hall Jan. 29.

photo by Andy Heidt

Global-studies major provides international perspective

by Stacy Williams
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Since receiving a federal grant to establish a global-studies curriculum in 1994, director Dr. Doug Heffington has been diligently developing global studies to infuse student life experiences with a global perspective.

Now in its third year as an interdisciplinary major and 12th year as a minor, global studies is flourishing with prospective majors and has produced many successful graduates.

Through global studies, students with international inclinations are able to "expand and intensify their global interests within their entire educational experience at MTSU," according to the GS Web site, www.mtsu.edu/global.

Beginning with a class introducing students to cross-cultural experiences, GS brings elements of global awareness to the classroom, such as geography, different cultural traditions and the impact of globalization in today's world. Then students have the opportunity to design their curriculum,

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Campus office-cleaning schedule changes take effect

The staff of MTSU's Facilities Services Department has readjusted the office-cleaning schedule in several buildings on campus to increase efficiency and productivity.

This change should not reduce the quality of building care; cleaning assignments are simply being redistrib-

uted to ensure that all buildings are sufficiently covered during a one-week cycle. The new schedule is:

- **Sundays:** Cope Administration Building;
- **Mondays:** Alumni House, Ingram Building,

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IN BRIEF

RAD CLASSES RESUME FEB. 19

A series of six free Rape Aggression Defense classes will be offered every Thursday beginning Feb. 19 through March 26 from 6 to

8 p.m. in the MTSU Police training room at 1412 E. Main St. The class is open to all female MTSU students, faculty and staff. Enrollment is limited, and enrollees must attend all six sessions. For more information, call RAD Instructor David Smith at 615-692-2424.

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English Language Schools finding new welcome at MTSU

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Please join me in welcoming ELS Language Centers Director Donna Myers and eight ELS instructors to the MTSU campus. ELS (English Language Schools) Language Centers offer a quality program of intensive English study for international students seeking to improve English language proficiency. Sixty students from 16 countries are enrolled in the first four-week session with more expected to enroll in the second four-week session, which began Feb. 2.



Miller

ELS offers two programs of study with 12 levels of instruction: the semi-intensive program (20 classes per week) and the intensive program (30 classes per week). ELS Language Centers offer 13 four-week sessions each year.

Generally, three types of people enroll in an ELS Language Center program. One subgroup of students is made up of professionals coming from a foreign country wanting to improve their English speaking, reading and writing skills. A second subgroup consists of secondary or post-secondary students from a foreign country wanting to improve their English proficiency skills. These students may or may not matriculate to a university in the United States. The third subgroup includes students who want to improve their English proficiency skills to the point of passing the TOEFL, or Test of English as a Foreign Language, to matriculate to a U.S. university.

The students participating in the ELS Center at MTSU are admitted to MTSU as non-degree-seeking students enrolling in a one-hour seminar for pass-fail credit. They pay fees making them MTSU students with access to all campus facilities. ELS arranges social activities, housing,

home-stay experiences and cultural/immigration counseling. Some students are staying at Campus Crossings Apartments, while others are living with Murfreesboro families.

The ELS offices and some classrooms are located on the second floor of the Fairview Center, where MTSU's College of Continuing Education offices once were located.

Having an ELS Center affiliated with and residing on MTSU's campus has many benefits to the university and its students. First, the ELS Center brings international students to campus helping to promote global awareness in MTSU students. Second, about 50 percent of these students are high-school or college students seeking an additional degree. Hopefully their search for a U.S. university will be short-lived once they are introduced to the quality degree programs at MTSU and the hospitality of our campus community.

Many people worked to bring the ELS Language Center to MTSU. Dr. Kaylene Gebert asked Dean Mike

Boyle to spearhead the project. Other contributors include John Burchfield, Sherian Huddleston, Teresa Thomas, Lynn Palmer, Becky Bussell, Maureen Young, Rick Chapman and Pat Spangler.

MTSU's mission statement stresses its obligation to prepare students to participate as citizens in the global community. Increasing the number of international students enrolled at MTSU and increasing the number of MTSU students who study abroad are both goals that support MTSU's Academic Master Plan.

When you see international student on campus, take some time to welcome them to campus. This may be their first visit to the United States. Give them an opportunity to practice their English-speaking and listening skills. Make them feel like members of our MTSU family.

For more information about the ELS Language Center, contact Myers at 615-898-2980.

Dr. L. Diane Miller is vice provost for academic affairs.

Spring '08 enrollment jumps 4% as students seek 'sound investment'

by Randy Weiler
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MTSU's preliminary spring enrollment total of 22,516 students registered and taking classes is a 4 percent increase from January 2008 when 21,648 students were attending, said Sherian Huddleston, associate vice provost for enrollment services.

Preliminary numbers supplied from the Office of Records shows an overall increase of 868 students. After the 14-day census period that ended Jan. 28 and final edits, MTSU's headcount totals will be submitted to the Tennessee Board of Regents soon, Huddleston said.

"We're very pleased with these figures," said Dr. Debra Sells, vice provost for enrollment services and vice president for student affairs. "We believe they reflect our continuing efforts to both successfully retain our current students as well as recruit the very best new students in the state. In these difficult economic times, I think our students and their families recognize that an MTSU education is a sound investment that will pay big dividends over time."

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In specific areas such as total graduate population, MTSU's College of Graduate Studies has a 16.8 percent increase from spring 2008 when 2,223 grad students were taking classes. This spring's total is 2,579, which is an increase of 374 students.

Huddleston reports an 8.5 percent increase in new students—1,461 new undergraduate and grad students this semester compared to 1,347 in January 2008.

"They're making great strides in graduate enrollment," Huddleston said of the College of Graduate Studies.

Huddleston said the spring enrollment "traditionally is going to be less than the fall enrollment because of December graduation and other attrition." The Records Office reported that 1,517 undergraduates and grad students received degrees Dec. 13.

A record 23,872 students attended last fall. This spring's head count is 94 percent of the final fall enrollment submitted to TBR, Huddleston said.

Carnegie Foundation honors university for community engagement, partnerships

by Tom Tozer
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The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching recently selected MTSU for its 2008 Community Engagement Classification, which recognizes universities that demonstrate commitment to curricular engagement, and outreach and partnerships.

MTSU joins such universities as California State, Duke, Clemson and Purdue and 107 other institutions of higher learning across the nation "where teaching, learning and scholarship engage faculty, students and

community in mutually beneficial and respectful collaboration." The designation also reflects the university's sharing of its resources with the community and being involved in partnerships that enhance scholarship, research and economic development.

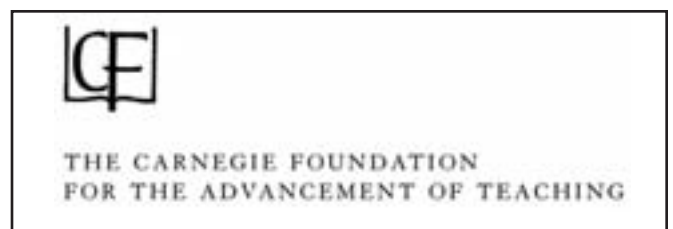
"Community engagement is central to our academic core," said Faye Johnson, assistant to the executive vice president and provost for special initiatives, who edited and wrote much of the proposal submitted for consideration.

"This is a very prestigious designation [that recognizes work] to

implement and sustain an integrated campuswide commitment to continuous community engagement," she added.

The report underwent a peer review to meet stringent criteria before it could qualify for the classification. MTSU's American Democracy Project, coordinated by Dr. Jim Williams, history professor, was one of the models cited in the proposal that exemplified civic engagement demonstrated by MTSU students. Another initiative that propelled MTSU to the top classification was the university's award-winning Experiential Learning Scholars Program, under the leadership of Dr. Jill Austin, chair of the Department of Management and Marketing.

"We are extremely proud of the designation and remain committed to this initiative in every way," noted Dr. Gloria Bonner, assistant to the president in the Office for Community



Engagement and Support. "Dr. Rosemary Owens, university strategic partnership coordinator, worked closely with the Office of Academic Affairs and a dynamic team of individuals representing our very fine institution."

According to the Carnegie Foundation's Web site, 217 institutions indicated their intentions to apply by the March 1 deadline. The 119 successful applicants represented institutions from 34 states and Puerto Rico. To learn more about the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, please visit www.carnegiefoundation.org.

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Sells to lead Division of Student Affairs on permanent basis

by Randy Weiler
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Dr. Sidney A. McPhee has announced the appointment of Dr. Debra Sells as vice president for student affairs and vice provost for enrollment and academic services at MTSU.

Naming Sells to the position removes the interim tag from her title. Sells, former associate vice provost for academic support services, replaced Dr. Bob Glenn on an interim basis in August. Glenn left MTSU to become president at Athens (Ala.) State University.

"I am pleased that Chancellor Charles Manning approved my recommendation to appoint Dr. Sells as our new vice president for student affairs," McPhee said. "She is a highly capable individual who has done a phenomenal job in helping us to transition after the departure of former Vice President Bob Glenn.

"I have been impressed not only by her efficient and positive approach to her role as a university executive, but also by her keen knowledge of enrollment issues and the student-affairs area. We look forward to Dr. Sells' continued leadership here at MTSU."

This latest appointment continues the progression up the administrative academic ladder for Sells. The native of Benton Harbor, Mich., has been at MTSU since 1996, just after earning her doctorate in education from Arizona State University.

"I'm grateful for Dr. McPhee's confidence in me," Sells said. "We've had six months to really get

to know one another. It has been a really good working relationship, and that's important to me—that we both have trust and confidence in each other."

Colleagues and faculty alike are excited about Sells becoming the permanent choice.

"Deb brings over 20 years of student-affairs experience to this position, and I, along with our students, should be excited about the opportunities that lie ahead for the Division of Student Affairs under Dr. Sells' leadership," said Dr. Gene Fitch, associate vice president for student affairs and dean of student life.

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*Dr. Debra Sells,
vice president for student affairs
and vice provost for enrollment services*



"Working with Deb during her tenure as interim has been a pleasant experience, and I expect she will continue doing a great job of guiding our division as we steer through MTSU's efforts to continue providing quality service to our students and faculty in the upcoming budget reductions," said Dr. Sherian Huddleston, associate vice provost for enrollment services.

Sells said the university "will be facing interesting times in the next few months. ... Obviously, we

have many challenges."

In referring to the current economic and budget situation for MTSU, her concern shifts toward the students.

"No. 1 on our priority list will be: How do we serve our students?" she said. "How do we not only protect but enhance their campus experience even as we deal with the serious budget issues we're facing? The president always emphasizes 'positioning ourselves for the future.' We want to make decisions that will, in the long run, make both in- and out-of-classroom experiences at MTSU even better for our students."

Sells credits a "very good and skillful staff" and an "exceptionally supportive vice president's group" for helping her manage the transition of the past six months. She said her immediate priorities include "top billing for managing enrollment and retention, moving forward with planning and construction on the new student union and support for our sorority and fraternity organizations."

Sells served as director of housing and residential life at MTSU from 1996 to 2002 before moving into the leadership position for academic support services. She also held several residential life positions at Arizona State.

She earned her bachelor's degree in sociology and communications at Hope College in Holland, Mich., in 1981 and her master's in social work from the University of Michigan in 1983.

Sells, who lives near campus, said she also studies meditation, loves to read and recently started running, though she laughs that she "became a runner awfully late in life."

Time for a real gar(b)age band

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Recycled Percussion, a rock band that uses recycled trash as its instruments, will perform in concert at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 12, in the Tennessee Room of MTSU's James Union Building. The event is free and open to the public.

The quartet uses barrels, basement garbage, building site leftovers, pots, pans, stepladders, 50-gallon drums and recycled chainsaws to create a uniquely dynamic act. Their style has coined phrases such as "power percussion" and "junk rock." The group's MySpace page (www.myspace.com/recycledrocks)

describes their sound as "powerful industrial drumming backed by metal-grinding guitar and hip-hop/funk DJ."

The band's members—Justin Spencer, Jim Magoon, Ryan Vezina and DJ Pharoah—have been together for four years. They have jammed with performers such as LL Cool J and have performed during halftime shows at many National Basketball Association and National Football League games.

The Fine Arts Committee of MTSU's Office of Student Programming is sponsoring the concert. For more information, contact Greg Feiling at 615-898-5608 or gfeiling@mtsu.edu.

Feb. 22 is College Goal Sunday

by Randy Weiler
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MTSU Office of Financial Aid personnel will be available to assist high-school seniors during the annual College Goal Sunday, scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 22, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the north lobby of the Business and Aerospace Building.

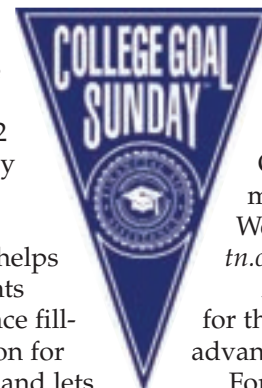
College Goal Sunday helps prospective college students obtain free on-site assistance filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid form and lets them talk to financial-aid professionals about resources and apply-

ing for scholarships and student loans.

Students and their parents or guardians should bring their 2008 federal tax returns or other income documentation, Social Security numbers, driver's licenses, 2007 W-2 forms or year-end pay stubs and bank statements. Other "what to bring" information can be found at the Web site www.collegegoalsunday.tn.org.

Attendees are asked to apply for their FAFSA pin number in advance by visiting www.pin.ed.gov.

For more information, visit <http://financialaid.web.mtsu.edu/cgs.htm> or call 615-898-2830.



New honor society seeking potential student members

by Gina K. Logue
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Students interested in joining Omicron Delta Kappa, one of the most prestigious leadership honor societies in the country, are invited to a "leaders circle" meeting at 4:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 9, in Room 106 of the Paul W. Martin Sr. Honors Building.

"It has an ancient lineage," says Dr. John R. Vile, dean of the University Honors College and an ODK member. "A lot of institutions that have Phi Beta Kappa also have this organization. In these difficult economic times, it's prudent to be selective about the number of honor societies a student chooses to join."

Omicron Delta Kappa was founded in 1914 at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va., by 15 student and faculty leaders. ODK has initiated more than 300,000 members since its inception.

To become a member of ODK at MTSU, one must have at least a 3.25 GPA, which is higher than the national society requires. A prospective member also

must be a junior, senior or graduate student at the time of initiation.

Sophomores are welcome at the "leaders circle" meeting.

In addition to scholarship, ODK acknowledges achievement in four areas: athletics; campus/community service, social/religious activities and campus government; journalism, speech and the mass media; and creative and performing arts. The group emphasizes the individual as both a member of the campus community and society as a whole.

"We're doing our best to contact all the departments and schools to solicit students from all areas," says Georgia Dennis, University Honors College event coordinator.

After the students form a leadership circle of prospective charter members, a chapter application is made to the national organization. The next step would be an on-site visit from representatives of the national headquarters. Vile says the goal is initiation of the chapter this fall.

Application forms for interested individuals will be available at the meeting and in the University Honors College main office, which is Room 205. For more information, contact Laura Clippard at 615-898-5464 or lclippard@mtsu.edu. To learn more about Omicron Delta Kappa, go to the national Web site at www.odk.org.



Campus Calendar

Feb. 9-22

Please note:

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

TV Schedule



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

Through Feb. 20

Art Exhibit: "Revisited"
featuring works by retired MTSU art faculty Ollie Fancher, James Gibson, Klaus Kallenberger and David LeDoux
8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, Todd Gallery
For information, contact:
615-898-5653.

Through Feb. 26

Photo Exhibit: "Idiom Savant: Photographs by Jim Stone"
8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, noon-4 p.m. Saturday, 6-9:45 p.m. Sunday
Baldwin Photo Gallery, LRC
For information, contact:
615-898-2085.

Feb. 9

Monday, Feb. 9
Spring Honors Lecture Series: Dr. Rolland Pack, "Nailing Jell-O to Ivy-Covered Walls: Honors and Higher Education"
3-3:55 p.m., HONR 106
For information, visit www.mtsu.edu/honors/Spring_Lecture_Series.shtml or contact:
615-898-2152.

Faculty Senate Meeting
4:30 p.m., JUB 100
For information, contact:
615-898-2582.

Lecture: Photographer Jim Stone
7:30 p.m., LRC 221
reception follows in the Baldwin Photographic Gallery
For information, contact:
615-898-2085.

Tuesday, Feb. 10
Red Cross Blood Drive
sponsored by MTSU Association of Secretarial and Clerical Employees; bone-marrow typing also will be available
10 a.m.- 4p.m., KUC 322
For information, contact:
merriman@mtsu.edu.

Black History Month: John Pleas Faculty Recognition Award Ceremony
honoring Dr. Adonijah L. Bakari
4-6 p.m., Tom Jackson Building
For information, contact:
amlane@mtsu.edu.

Feb. 11

Wednesday, Feb. 11
Black History Month: Jazz Artist Series Lecture/Master Class Presents Donald Brown
3 p.m., Saunders Fine Arts 101
For information, contact:
daliquo@mtsu.edu.

Feb. 12

Thursday, Feb. 12
Women's Studies Research Lectures: Dr. Jeremy Rich, "American Masquerades of African Empire ..."
3 p.m., JUB 100
For information, contact:
615-898-5282.

Black History Month: Jacqueline Springfield, "Going Back to Where I've Never Been"
7 p.m., BDA Studio Theatre
For information, contact:
jdholmes@mtsu.edu.

Black History Month: "Taste of Soul: 100th Anniversary Celebration of the NAACP"
sponsored by MTSU NAACP
7 p.m., location TBA
For information, contact:
cas4i@mtsu.edu.

MTSU Jazz Artist Series: Donald Brown
7:30 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
Tickets: \$15 per person
For information, contact:
615-898-2493.

Feb. 13

Friday, Feb. 13
School of Music "Serenade for Lucy Strickland: A Recital in Music, Meter and Prose"
8 p.m., Hinton Music Hall

For information, contact:
615-898-2493.

Feb. 15

Sunday, Feb. 15
"MTSU On the Record—Covering the Obama



Administration: Race and Gender Issues"
Drs. Jennifer Woodard and Clare Bratten (mass communication) look at how race and gender issues could affect news coverage of the nation's first African-American president.
7 a.m., WMOT 89.5-FM
Podcast at www.mtsunews.com.

Feb. 16

Monday, Feb. 16
Spring Honors Lecture Series: Michelle Arnold, "Journey of an Honors Student"
3-3:55 p.m., HONR 106
For information, visit www.mtsu.edu/honors/Spring_Lecture_Series.shtml or contact:
615-898-2152.

Black History Month: "Poto Mitan: Haitian Women, Pillars of the Global Economy"
3:30-5 p.m., KUC Theater
For information, contact:
franklin@mtsu.edu.

MTSU Brass Ensembles
8 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, contact:
615-898-2493.

Feb. 17

Tuesday, Feb. 17
LT&ITC Teaching Excellence Series: "Enjoying Teaching"
11:40 a.m.-1 p.m., Peck Hall 106
For information, visit www.mtsu.edu/ltanditc/events.shtml or contact:
615-494-7671.

Desire2Learn Webinar: "Making the Most of the Quiz Feature"
1:30-2:30 p.m., Peck 106
For information, visit www.mtsu.edu/ltanditc/events.shtml or contact:
615-494-7671.

Black History Month: "Harlem Renaissance"
sponsored by MTSU NAACP
7 p.m., Tom Jackson Building
For information, contact:
cas4i@mtsu.edu.

Feb. 18

Wednesday, Feb. 18
Black History Month: Deidre Reed, "Grassroots Activism, Racial Rezoning and School-Based Reform in Nashville"
12:30-2 p.m. Peck 211
For information, contact:
franklin@mtsu.edu.

Feb. 19

Thursday, Feb. 19
Mathematical Sciences Spring Symposium
2-4 p.m., Tom Jackson Building
For information, contact:
615-898-2669.

Feb. 20

Feb. 20-21
Up 'til Dawn 10th Anniversary
7 p.m.-3 a.m., Murphy Center
For information, visit www.mtsu.edu/~uptldawn or contact:
615-898-5812.

Friday, Feb. 20
MTSU Symphonic Band
7:30 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, contact:
615-898-2493.

Feb. 22

Sunday, Feb. 22
"MTSU On the Record—The Ash Crash"
Dr. Warner Cribb (geology) and senior geology major Jennifer Pickering discuss a geochemical survey around TVA coal-fired power plants that store ash on-site.
7 a.m., WMOT 89.5-FM
Podcast at www.mtsunews.com.



MTSU Symphony
4 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, contact:
615-898-2493.

Black History Month: Ninth Annual Gospel Extravaganza Benefit and Scholarship Program
6 p.m., Murphy Center
Tickets: Adults: \$10, students \$5, children 6 and younger free
For information, contact:
mglass@mtsu.edu.

spaces available for everyone, there will be 700 spaces available for students and another 100 reserved spaces determined by a lottery system open to students, faculty and staff. There will also be reserved parking for visitors.

"But there is no denying it—a parking garage is expensive to build, and students will be asked to sacrifice in order to pay for it."

Miller added that the issue becomes a matter of value as the university community decides what convenience and less traffic congestion are worth.

The parking and transportation committee says MTSU must begin to build up because the campus has just about reached its building-out limits. The parking garage, which if approved could be a reality in three years, would be the first of several parking garages in the university's future—all part of the Campus Master Plan. Construction of a new entrance on the northeast corner of campus, which is already funded and part of the overall Master Plan, is a project slated for the near future.

A campaign soon will be under way to roll out the All-Access Campus Improvement Plan. Students will vote on the referendum via PipelineMT.



Want to learn more?
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www.allaccessmtsu.net

While the parking garage might be considered the crown jewel of the All-Access package, the improvements also will include three new buses and dedicated bus lanes, which will make it possible for passengers to go from the outlying lots east of Rutherford Boulevard to anywhere on campus in seven minutes. Bike lanes, walkways and additional lighting, plus beautification along Middle Tennessee Boulevard from the roundabout to Kirksey Old Main, will enhance convenience and safety as well as add green space to campus.

The committee is urging everyone—students, faculty and staff—to visit www.allaccessmtsu.net and read up on the All-Access Campus Improvement Plan.

"We want students, especially, to learn about what the plan entails so that they can be fully informed and knowledgeable voters in the referendum process," Miller said. "They will determine whether or not the parking garage moves forward."

Newsmakers



A PART OF HISTORY— Junior psychology major LaEndia Buchanan, right, poses with Luke Russert, son of the late NBC newsman Tim Russert, at the University Presidential Inaugural Conference in Washington, D.C. Buchanan and several other students from MTSU attended the inaugural festivities in January; check out their comments on the February edition of "Middle Tennessee Record," MTSU's monthly video magazine. Also included in the February program are reactions from students who watched the Jan. 20 event on TVs in various locations around campus. MTR airs daily at 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. on local cable channel 9, or you can watch it anytime on YouTube via www.mtsunews.com.

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Turn green into green: apply for Clean Energy Fee funds by Feb. 27

MTSU's Clean Energy Committee is once again seeking applications for campus projects and proposals seeking funds from the money generated by the university's \$8-per-semester, student-paid Clean Energy Fee.

Projects and proposals should focus primarily on renewable energy, energy conservation/efficiency, alternative fuels and/or sustainable design, said Dr. Gene Fitch, associate vice president for student affairs and dean of student life.

To submit a Clean Energy Fee funding proposal, please visit the Student Government Association Web site at www.mtsu.edu/~sga. Click on the "Clean Energy Fee" link on the right side of the page. The deadline to submit applications is Friday, Feb. 27.

"If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me," Fitch said, adding that his telephone number is 615-898-2750 and his e-mail address is gfitc@mtsu.edu.

Center offers First Tuesday Information Literacy Series

Information literacy is important to all academic disciplines and majors and has been cited as a component of the MTSU Academic Master Plan.

As an increasing load of information becomes available over the Internet, it's crucial that students develop the skills to locate, evaluate and use the information effectively and ethically.

Recognizing the importance of these goals, the Learning, Teaching & Innovative Technologies Center turned to experts on campus to design a

practical, hands-on series of workshops for faculty that would help them meet research standards in their courses. This spring, Mary Ellen Pozzebun, electronic resources librarian at the James E. Walker Library; Jason Vance, information literacy librarian; and Kristen West, instruction librarian, are leading workshops for the LT&ITC's First Tuesday Information Literacy Series. The next event, set for Tuesday, March 3, is "When Wikipedia Fails: Teaching Students to Evaluate Information," from 11:40 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the

LT&ITC in Peck Hall 106; another workshop is planned April 7.

How can this series help MTSU faculty and students? According to Vance, many instructors are unaware of the kind of support and services available from MTSU librarians.

"Many don't know, for example, that we are available to teach research skills to their classes, no matter the discipline," Vance explained. "We can also help faculty build research components into their courses," in effect boosting students' critical thinking skills and their ability to

form valid conclusions based on reliable information. In today's competitive job market, he noted, students who are able to demonstrate research and analytical skills have the edge over those whose research experience is limited to Wikipedia.

To register or get more information about the First Tuesday Information Literacy Series, visit the Web site for the Learning, Teaching & Innovative Technologies Center at www.mtsu.edu/ltanditc/events.shtml. You can also call the center at 615-494-7671.

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Submit Campus Calendar items for publication in the Feb. 23 edition of *The Record* to gfann@mtsu.edu by 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11. Deadline for publication in the March 9 *Record* is 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE
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Three information sessions to help you

Pick One!

Monday, Feb. 23, 2-3 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 24, 10-11 a.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 25, 10-11 a.m.

Cantrell Hall, Tom H. Jackson Building

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which is outlined by pairing globalization with culture, science or commerce. Study abroad is required for credit, and a senior seminar course acts as a conclusion to the lessons and experience students acquire during their university tenure. Apart from these three required courses, there are more than 100 courses from MTSU's colleges from which students may choose with Heffington's oversight.

One of the most distinctive aspects of the major and minor is that the students exercise control over their own curriculum with the aid of the GS adviser.

"This degree is student-centered, student-driven and in some ways, student-maintained," says Heffington.

Apart from the 41 hours of general education courses and the nine-credit GS requirements, students must complete 12 credit hours in a foreign language, 24 credit hours in their concentration of choice and 16 to 19 credit hours of electives. In personally selecting the majority of the curriculum, GS students are obligated to achieve a level of independence and organization that may not be possible in other degree paths.

With the freedom of choice, students have the

opportunity to discover their passions and the potential to turn curiosity into a career. And there are no two GS majors alike, Heffington says.

"These kids are bright," he says, "and they are as different as the cultures they study."

Currently, GS students at MTSU are pursuing a diversity of subjects ranging from foreign languages to international entrepreneurship. Concentrations can be topical, such as international media, or regional. For example, a focus on Patagonia, a region of the Andes Mountains in South America, allows students to learn a broad range of topics about the location. Some students also utilize the major or minor as an "enhancing degree" so that it augments their other interests, such as photography or religion.

The major is expanding in many ways. The number of students declaring global studies as a major has increased every semester since its establishment; more than 60 students are currently declared GS majors. And with only one full-time faculty member, one graduate assistant, one adjunct faculty member and a secretary, this department has its hands full. Heffington is currently teaching five classes and meets individually with every current and prospective GS student.

"This man has ... bent over backwards making sure that things went smoothly for my GS degree," says Chris Zilly, a December 2008 global-studies graduate who moved to Japan after graduation to take a teaching position with a program called Interac. He was also eager to return to his fiancée, whom he met during his second study-abroad term in Nagoya, Japan. Zilly is particularly grateful that he could pursue his passion, Japanese language, and receive course credit toward a dual degree.

"I think it is a great way for students to see the world without it being a penalty to them, assuming the credits don't match up with their current degree path," Zilly says.

GS at MTSU is an excellent interdisciplinary field for students who are interested in taking control of their academic destiny and becoming sensitive, informed global citizens.

For more information, contact Heffington at 615-898-5978 or jheffing@mtsu.edu or visit the Web site at www.mtsu.edu/global.

Stacy Williams is a December 2008 journalism and global-studies graduate of MTSU.

A closer look at global-studies majors



Rachel Bonin,
senior from
Weatherford, Texas

Major: global studies

Minor: health

Languages: Chinese, some Spanish

Graduation date: August 2009

Study-abroad location: China

Future plans: "I would love to work with the International Red Cross ... (and) with disaster relief overseas and also in the United States."



Chad Lyon,
senior from
Murfreesboro

Major: global studies

Minors: Middle East studies, psychology

Languages: Arabic, Spanish

Graduation date: August 2009

Study-abroad location: Jordan

Why is global studies important to you? "I believe Americans will have greater opportunities internationally than domestically, particularly in the next five years."



Chris Zilly,
graduate from
Murfreesboro

Majors: global studies, international relations

Minor: business administration

Language: Japanese

Graduation date: December 2008

Study-abroad location: Saitama and Nagoya, Japan

Why is global studies important to you? "I have a huge interest in Japanese as a language. It has proved to be one of the hardest challenges of my life."

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• **Wednesdays:** Black House, Bragg Mass Communication, Central Services Day Care, Tennessee Center for Dyslexia, Ezell Hall, Harrison House, Haynes House, Paul W. Martin Sr. Honors Building, James E. Walker Library, Project Help, Public Safety, Vaughn House, Wansley House and Wassom House.

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Institutional Research begins race, ethnicity data collection

by Randy Weiler
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MTSU is beginning the process of collecting data to meet new federal reporting standards on race and ethnicity, said Dr. Cornelia Wills, director of the Office of Institutional Research.

"Collection of these data is required and will involve the entire university community—students, faculty and staff," Wills said. "This effort is necessary to meet the new federal reporting mandate for race and ethnicity reporting to the U.S. Department of Education."

All postsecondary institutions are required to report data using the new standards through the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System to the U.S. Department of Education beginning with the 2010-11 academic year, Wills said, adding that individuals will have the opportunity to select one or more races with this new process.

A two-question format will be required to collect the data, which will begin this spring, she said. The first question asks respondents if they are either Hispanic or Latino. The second question allows the respondent to select one or more races from the following: white, black or African-

American, Asian, American Indian, Alaska native or native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander. Wills said American Indian and Alaskan native are broken out for Tennessee.

"Although race and ethnicity are often used interchangeably, such is incorrect," Wills said. "Race reflects a population considered distinct based on physical characteristics while ethnicity represents social groups with a shared history, sense of identity, geography and cultural roots, which may occur despite racial differences."

'The effort is necessary to meet the new federal reporting mandate.'

*Dr. Cornelia Wills,
Office of Institutional Research*

The IPEDS surveys have a noncompromising deadline, Wills said. Participation is mandatory for all institutions eligible for Title IV funding to satisfy the requirements of the Higher Education Amendments. Noncompliance could include fines and suspension of eligibility to participate in Title IV programs.

Wills, whose office is responsible for reporting IPEDS, convened a committee last summer and has been working with it to help MTSU be in compliance with the new reporting standards.

Committee members include Sherian Huddleston (enrollment services); Dr. Michael Allen (graduate studies); Suzanne Beller (financial aid); Trina Clinton and Kathy Musselman (human resources); Phyllis Kitzler, John Patterson and Lisa Rogers (information technology); Lynn Palmer (admissions); Teresa Thomas (records); Tech Wubneh (international programs); and Wills.

Wills said the committee will need the cooperation of all students, faculty and staff in following scheduled activities that will be launched this spring semester to collect the data to meet the standards.

The Tennessee Higher Education Commission has asked public institutions to implement the new data collection this fall. The Tennessee Board of Regents will be collecting and reporting the race and ethnicity of students and employees using the new standards this fall.

For questions about the new IPEDS standards, contact Wills at 615-494-8803.

Heading the call



FUNDING FOR TEACHING—MTSU President Sidney A. McPhee, second from left, joins the university's legislative delegation in accepting a \$19,744 contribution from the AT&T Foundation to support the MTSU Honors College's Junior Science and Technology Project. The JSTP focuses on improving science and technology education for fifth- and sixth-grade students at Hobgood Elementary and the Discovery School at Reeves-Rogers via Honors College "interns" as mentors. With McPhee are, from left, 13th District State Sen. Bill Ketron, 62nd District State Rep. Curt Cobb, AT&T Regional Manager Lanie Johnson, 16th District Sen. Jim Tracy, 49th District Rep. Kent Coleman and 48th District Rep. Joe Carr.

photo by J. Intintoli

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South in Central Kentucky" in *Historical Archaeology* 42(4): 88-104. She and **Jessica Bain Connatser**, an August 2007 MTSU anthropology graduate, also have published "Brickmaking as a Local Industry in Antebellum Kentucky and Tennessee" in *Tennessee Archaeology* 3(2): 105-122.

See yourself in *The Record!*

E-mail your faculty/staff accomplishments to gfann@mtsu.edu. Deadline for publication in the Feb. 23 *Record* is 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11; deadline for publication in the March 9 *Record* is 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25.

TMSTEC speaker Willis traded stethoscope for seating chart

by Randy Weiler
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Judy Willis graduated Phi Beta Kappa as the first female graduate from Williams College, received a medical degree from UCLA School of Medicine and stayed there to complete a medical residency and neurology residency.

Willis practiced neurology for 15 years before returning to the University of California to obtain her master's degree in education and teaching credential. The career about-face led her to teach in elementary, middle and graduate schools; she now teaches at Santa Barbara Middle School.

The author and speaker will appear Feb. 19-20 during the third annual Tennessee Math, Science and



Willis

Technology Education Center Research Conference at the Doubletree Hotel.

"We have a great keynote speaker coming," said Dr. Rick Vanosdall, first-year director of TMSTEC. "She is one of the go-to people in education. She's internationally known. She's working with Dubai (the most populated city of the United Arab Emirates on the southern coast of the Persian Gulf on the Arabian Peninsula). All teachers in Dubai will be taught by Judy Willis."

Her books include *Research-Based Strategies to Ignite Student Learning: Insights from a Neurologist/Classroom Teacher* (2006) and *Teaching the Brain to Read: Strategies for Improving Fluency, Vocabulary and Comprehension* (2008).

Willis will speak both Thursday, Feb. 19, and Friday, Feb. 20, a TMSTEC staff member said. The event, which is by invitation only, is geared for state education and math, science and technology education people from universities statewide.

Community Heritage Lecture Series returns Feb. 12 for spring

by Lisa L. Rollins
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The Heritage Center of Murfreesboro and Rutherford County and the Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area will present the first lecture in its spring series of public programs at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12.

The 2009 Community Heritage Lecture Series will be held at The Heritage Center, located just off the square at 225 W. College St.

In celebration of African-American History Month, the free lecture series will spotlight the Butler Farm, a Rutherford County Century Farm property. Dating back to about 1880, the farm is one of 25 certified Century Farms located in Rutherford County and one of only four in Tennessee founded by African-American farmers.

MTSU's Caneta Hankins, director of the Tennessee Century Farms Program, will give an overview of

the program, and Dee Butler then will discuss her documentary research on her family's farm.

The Tennessee Century Farms Program, which has been administered by the Center for Historic Preservation at MTSU for 25 years, documents, recognizes, interprets and supports the conservation of farms that have been in continuous production and owned by the same family for at least 100 years.

The Heritage Center of Murfreesboro and Rutherford County is a joint venture between the Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area, Main Street: Murfreesboro/Rutherford County, the City of Murfreesboro and the CHP. Additional support comes from Rutherford County government and State Farm Insurance.

For more information on the Community Heritage Lecture Series, please call the center at 615-217-8013 or e-mail jbutt@mtsu.edu.

Nursing school hosts 2nd guided-imagery workshop

by Randy Weiler
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Collaboration between MTSU and Austin Peay State University is leading to stronger nursing programs at both schools, said Debra Rose Wilson, associate professor in the MTSU School of Nursing.

Nearly 100 nursing students—50 from APSU and 48 from MTSU—were scheduled to receive guided imagery training Feb. 7 at MTSU. The event marks the second time since October that APSU and MTSU nursing programs have met in the Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building for a full day of workshops on how to use the guided-imagery techniques, Wilson said.

“Today’s health care worker is encouraged to use complementary therapies in the care of the patient,” Wilson said. “The guided-imagery workshop gives students an opportunity to learn and practice one of these techniques.

“Guided imagery involves using mental images to calm oneself, reduce the stress response, reduce pain or blood pressure and promote sleep. This relaxing visualization has been found to enhance healing and physical health in numerous studies.

“The power of the mind over biology is studied in the field of psychoneuroimmunology and is relevant to many disciplines besides nursing,” Wilson continued. “Athletes who use visualization techniques are known to improve performance, for example. Psychologists teach patients these techniques to reduce panic attacks or phobic reactions.”

Wilson, who also is a hypnotherapist, led the nursing students through the research on using guided imagery and possible applications of the techniques as well as skill-building and chances to practice the techniques.

“This is useful information. I will use guided imagery in my own daily life to increase feelings of well-being and to promote relaxation,” an MTSU student



HEALING ARTS—Nursing students from MTSU and Austin Peay State University discuss techniques for calming patients and helping speed their recoveries during an October guided-imagery workshop for health care professionals in the Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building. Another guided-imagery workshop, scheduled for Feb. 7 at MTSU, was intended to continue the collaboration between the two universities’ nursing programs.

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wrote in the evaluation form.

One Austin Peay student said, “We felt very welcome. I will use this information to help my patients with anxiety [and] stress relief and increase feelings of well-being.”

“This will be helpful with my patients for that period of time we are waiting for medications to kick in, or if they are experiencing a difficult procedure,” another MTSU student said.

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Faculty/Staff Update

Conferences

Kenneth J. Sanney (recording industry) will speak at the annual Vanderbilt Journal of Entertainment and Technology Law Symposium March 19-20. Sanney will participate in a panel discussion on drafting and negotiating employment contracts within the music industry.

Elections

Dr. Yang Soo Kim (speech and theatre) has been elected to the Awards Nominating Committee for the International and Intercultural Communication Division of the National Communication Association.

Dr. Jeremy Rich (history) has been elected president of the Mid-America Alliance for African Studies for 2009. MAAAS is a group of scholars and students interested in Africa that is based at the University of Kansas. Rich also has been named as an executive editor for Central Africa in the *Dictionary of African Biography*, which will be published by Oxford University Press in 2011.

Passages

Mr. C.W. Barnes (parking and transportation services), 66, passed away Jan. 25. Mr. Barnes worked at

MTSU as a bus driver from August 1993 until his retirement in April 2002. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Anne Elliott Barnes of Lebanon; children Martha (Aubrey) Adcock of Mt. Juliet, Debbie (Rodney) Waller of Franklin and Rachel (Jason) Denton of Lebanon; a brother, Phillip (Brenda) Barnes of Lebanon; grandchildren Auston, Colton and Mariah Adcock, Linzie, Kailey and Emily Waller, and Warren and Elliott Denton; and numerous other relatives.

Dr. Newell S. Moore (history), 82, passed away Jan. 19. Dr. Moore taught history at MTSU from January 1955 until his retirement in June 1995 and also taught at Cumberland University in Lebanon and Arkansas A&M College. He was a charter member of Northminster Presbyterian Church, where he served as an elder and Sunday school teacher, as well as an avid reader and stamp collector. Dr. Moore is survived by his wife, Sue Moore; daughters Susan (Mark) Harvin and Margaret (Mike) Todd, both of Murfreesboro; and grandchildren Andrew Todd, Taylor Harvin, Allie Todd and Matthew Todd. Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

Presentations

A paper by **Drs. John Bodle, Edd**

Applegate and Randy Livingston (mass communication), “A 15-Year Census of Gender-Based Convention Research Preferences, Links, and Levels of Inclusion: Scholarship Rates by Women Within AEJMC Divisions, Interest Groups and Commissions (1994 to 2008),” has been accepted by the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Commission on the Status of Women. Livingston will present the paper at the AEJMC midwinter conference in Norman, Okla., in March.

Dr. Tricia Farwell (journalism) presented “Advertising Goes to the Movies: Product Placement in the Ten Top-Grossing Films of 2007” at the Hawaii International Conference on Arts and Humanities Jan. 11 in Honolulu.

Publications

Randy Livingston (journalism) illustrated all 12 chapters of *Advertising and Society: Controversies and Consequences* (Wiley-Blackwell), a book edited by former journalism school director Dr. Carol Pardun.

Dr. Tanya Peres (anthropology) has published “Foodways, Economic Status, and the Antebellum Upland