Overseas teaching enlightens ’11 grad

by Randy Weiler
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May MTSU graduate Heather Baker enjoyed an “absolutely amazing and eye-opening” 2½-month teaching experience to finish her undergraduate degree in family and consumer science from the College of Behavioral and Health Sciences. As a participant in the Consortium for Overseas Student Teaching program, Baker taught consumer studies and life orientation at Victoria Girls’ High School in Grahamstown in South Africa’s Eastern Cape province.

“At the end of my last placement in South Africa, I learned that students at Victoria Girls’ High School and my students at MTSU both have the same love of learning,” said Baker. “I really enjoyed teaching and really wish I could have stayed longer. The teachers were fantastic, the food was delicious, and there were many opportunities for the students to learn about different cultures. I hope to teach again in the future.”

“Professionally, COST schools are different,” Baker said. “They met my values in places where schools here didn’t. I have a new idea of where I want to be. Personally, I don’t think it’s possible to go somewhere that different and not be changed.”

Baker sent class “Reflections” to Dr. Sandra Poirier, an associate professor of family and consumer sciences in the Department of Human Sciences at MTSU, during her time in South Africa.

“At the end of my last placement in the U.S., I wondered if I had chosen the wrong profession,” Baker said. “They met my values in places where schools here didn’t. I have a new idea of where that different and not be changed.”

Shew sows SALT in new adventure

by Gina K. Logue
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Here’s a geographical riddle for you: How do you get from Iowa to Iraq by way of Murfreesboro? Aaron Shew knows the way.

After graduating from MTSU in May with dual bachelor’s degrees in global studies and international relations, the 23-year-old signed up with SALT International, where his job will be helping the Kurds of northern Iraq become more self-sufficient.

SALT, which stands for Sustainable Appropriate Local Technologies, is a relatively young nonprofit organization with vast experience in Southeast Asia and some projects in Afghanistan. The group’s goal in Iraq is to teach the Kurds how to grow soybeans.

“A lot of my job will be networking with the universities there and local extension agents and agricultural companies here to develop training, seminars, curricula,” says Shew. “But I’ll also be working on our demonstration farms, helping our chief agronomist do research trials and find cultivars that fit.”

The first order of business for Shew, however, is to put his agriculture minor to use in Grinnell, Iowa, a college town of about 9,500 people located 45 minutes east of Des Moines. He’ll become familiar with the multifaceted soybean on a 3,200-acre farm owned by a SALT board member.

In addition to training with other members of the team and learning how to operate a soy mill, Shew will attend U.S. Agency for International Development conferences in Kansas City, Mo. In October, he will live with a Kurdish family in St. Louis to learn the Kurdish language and get a handle on how to work through potential cultural conflicts. It’s unlikely Shew will encounter many difficulties in his latest adventure. The veteran world traveler lived for nine months in Thailand and four months in Morocco, not to mention spending time in India studying the Urdu language.

The agricultural influence comes from his father, who teaches agriculture at Riverdale High School. But the allure of international relations was stronger, he says, prompting Shew to change his initial plant-and-soil-science major into a minor.

His educational influence comes from Dr. Nate Phillips, MTSU assistant professor of agribusiness and agiscience, and Dr. Karen Petersen, assistant professor of political science. Petersen doesn’t see the two disciplines as strange bedfellows.

“International agriculture, helping developing countries maximize their agricultural output, is a field with tremendous growth potential,” Petersen says. In March 2012, Shew will join MTSU is first telecomm ‘test kitchen’

by Tom Tozer
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MTSU has partnered with Avaya, a leader in business communications, to create a demonstration lab in the University’s Telecommunications Building to serve as a “test kitchen” for the company’s interactive-communication products.

The lab, which will be located in the second-floor conference room, will be open to students and faculty.

MTSU is the first university in the state to house the Avaya hands-on lab and will be joined by a few additional schools in the southeast as soon as those institutions confirm their participation.

Avaya technicians started setting up the lab at MTSU earlier this year, and the equipment will be accessible by fall.

Avaya also will invite outside faculty and staff and the general public. Enrollment is limited; for more information or to enroll, call MTSU RAD instructor Sgt. David Smith at 615-494-7858.
Last print edition of ‘Record’ isn’t end of MTSU news

by Gina E. Fann
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Aft er 19 years of hard work from the University commu- nity, our printer, mailing services, couriers and the News and Media Relations staff, this marks the final print edition of MTSU’s official publication, The Record.

The first edition, on Jan. 15, 1993, replaced a University newsletter, “In the Public Eye,” and featured a front-page photo of Ron Malone, then assis- tant director of admissions, helping a senior register for spring classes.

Some things don’t change, except for the titles. Right, Ron?

It was a four-page weekly then, and Dot Harrison, MTSU PR director, wrote in a “For the Record” note that “with the addition of a digital scan- ner, we’re pleased to add photos!”

Now the printed Record is filled with photos, in color, and on the Internet for a worldwide audience. It’s updated as news breaks, and it continues to focus on the people, places and events that make MTSU outstanding.

Economic reality has made it clear, however, that the state funds that print and deliver this publication can be better used in getting more news to more people, more often, than eight pages, twice a month, have ever been able to do.

That doesn’t mean we don’t value print readers. I’m still one! (I don’t have an e-reader; I love ink and paper.) But we do have to move forward, to change and save money, too.

I joked the other day that “the third time’s the charm,” since this makes the third newspaper that’s folded under me since I graduated from MTSU’s then-Department of Mass Communication and started working for the Nashville Banner. I’d previously interned for The Morning Press, the daily incarnation of The Murfreesboro Press, which also closed after a strong run.

My training at MTSU began by handing typewritten copy to a type- setter, but it changed at an almost blinding rate to using a computer for desktop publishing and researching stories. My tools have changed from darkroom chemicals to Photoshop, from creaky old acoustic couplers to smart phones and RSS feeds. My proofreading now includes HTML.

In the process, I’ve developed skills I never anticipated. That’s what MTSU trained me to do, and that’s what students in the College of Mass Communication are learning today: Be flexible as newspeople, and always learn from and embrace change.

Join us as MTSU takes another leap, changing and expanding the University’s news offerings with video, audio, slide shows and text at www.mtsunews.com. We hope it’s already your multimedia home for MTSU news, and we look forward to continuing to provide our audience more great University stories. That’s another thing that won’t change.

The late great Dot Harrison will always be right on the money, too. “The MTSU campus is, we believe, an extraordinary place with extraordinarily competent and dedi- cated people at every level,” she wrote in that first Record. “We’re on the brink of greatness.”

Gina E. Fann has edited The Record since January 2005 and manages content for www.mtsunews.com.

Mass-comm major earns summer internship at CNN

by Tom Tozer
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MTSU senior Haley Ellis is another example of the University’s commitment to the value of hands-on, real-world learning.

From a pool of 190 applicants, the electronic media journalism major was one of three stu- dents selected for a summer internship at CNN Productions in Atlanta.

“She beat out candidates at some of the top schools in the country,” said CNN Executive Producer Jeffery Reid, himself a graduate of MTSU’s College of Mass Communication.

“I am very excited about my internship with Mr. Jeffery Reid at CNN,” Ellis said. “I was attending the College of Mass Communication scholarship ceremony (in April 2010) where Mr. Reid was being inducted into the MTSU Mass Comm Wall of Fame. After the banquet, I intro- duced myself to Mr. Reid just to be friendly, and he told me he read through my resume and he thought it looked impressive.

“The end of school came, and I did have an internship lined up with a Nashville station, which I was very pleased about. I went home before my internship started, and I received a call from CNN. They interviewed me on the phone. The next day, Mr. Reid called and told me I was accepted as an intern in the Special Investigations and Documentary Unit.

“I’m so excited for this opportunity. I know it will be an amazing experience that I will grow and learn from,” Ellis continued. “My parents are so proud and beyond thrilled for me. When I was interviewing for the position, my mom didn’t know who I was talking to, and I wrote on my notebook, ‘CNN.’ She saw that, and her jaw dropped.

“I want to learn anything and everything I can,” she added.

Ellis earned an associate’s degree in commu- nication at Danville Area Community College, Danville, Ill., where she was a Presidential Scholar. She is currently on the dean’s list and a member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society at MTSU and plans to graduate this fall.

Ellis’ parents, Jill and Walter Ellis, live in Buchanan, Va.
A new online catalog for MTSU is rolling out, providing students with a modern and intuitive way to search for courses and other information. This online version replaces the historic printed catalog, which has been the standard for many years. The new catalog is designed to be user-friendly, with a personalized portfolio feature that allows students to save their favorite programs and courses. The online catalog includes advanced search options to quickly find programs, majors, and courses, and it also features a transition team to assist with the product.

The 2011-12 version has a Centennial flavor, with a home-page introduction that includes an image of the Class of 1925. It was created by the Office of the University Provost, with input from Sherian Huddleston, who came out of retirement to assist with the product. Huddleston and Brandon both said they “created an MTSU online catalog unique to MTSU out of a software template. It has a personality of its own.”

“We’ve looked at ETSU (East Tennessee State University), Tennessee Tech and UT-Knoxville, in addition to several out-of-state institutions, and they are all different,” Brandon said. The new online catalog, which will be a transition team.

The 2010-12 Graduate Catalog was also available in printed and PDF format. It will be brought online as the 2011-12 Graduate Catalog in August.

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A month of intensive research

20 students make their move with FirstSTEP

by Randy Weiler

Twenty MTSU rising sophomores participated in this year’s FirstSTEP Immersion program, including the College of Basic and Applied Sciences. The program’s director and an associate professor in mathematical sciences, Chris Stephens, worked hard on these projects. Stephens said, “I’ve been surprised at how well they have done.”

This is wonderful,” said Adanna Omatu, a native of Nigeria now living in Nashville. “I am getting experience in my field (biology). You also get to go out into the real world and gain hands-on experience.”

In addition to biology, which was supervised by Dr. Bruce Cahoon, other majors and supervisors included geosciences with Dr. Mark Abolins, engineering technology with Dr. Saeed Foroudastan, physics with Dr. Bill Robertson, and chemistry with Dr. Sing Chong.

“They learned as much in two weeks as you would in a freshman course. They’ve taken ownership, gotten engaged and worked well together. They’ve worked hard on these projects.”

Last year, MTSU received $1.1 million from the National Science Foundation to implement a program to improve success rates in the science, technology, engineering and math, or STEM, disciplines. Dr. Tom Cheatham, dean for the College of Basic and Applied Sciences, served as coordinator of the FirstSTEP program. Stephens oversaw this spring’s initial program.

READY FOR RESEARCH—MTSU sophomores dive into their FirstSTEP Immersion research projects on campus. In the photo above, sophomore Gabriel Welker monitors results of his research project in the laser lab in Wiser-Patten Science Hall. In the photo at left, FirstSTEP participant Kayla Ray, left, and MTSU graduate student Katrina Smith observe Taylor Paige add ingredients to make gold nanoparticles in the Davis Science Building chemistry lab. Mainly working as teams and assisted by faculty, graduate and undergraduate students in five major concentrations, the 20 FirstSTEP Immersion students for summer 2011 received an intensive four-week focus in research during May and June.

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

“MTSU Out of the Blue”
Cable Channel 9: Monday-Sunday, 7 a.m., 7:30 p.m.
NewsChannel 5+ (Comcast 250): Sundays, 1:30 p.m.
Visit www.mtsunews.com for other airtimes or www.youtube.com/user/MTSUOutoftheBlue for a complete show archive.

“MTSU On the Record”
8 a.m. Sundays, WMOT 89.5-FM

Fridays all summer
Farmers Market Fridays sponsored by the MTSU Plant and Soil Science Club 1-3 p.m., Horticulture Center For information, visit http://on.fb.me/MTGardens.

Through July
CUSTOMS Orientation 
For details, visit www.mtsu.edu/customs.

June 29
Wednesday, June 29
Governor’s School for the Arts 
Opera Finale 
4 p.m., T. Earl Hinton Hall
Governor’s School for the Arts 
Theatre Finale 
7 p.m., Tucker Theatre
For information, visit www.gsfta.com or contact: 615-898-2223.

June 30
Thursday, June 30
Governor’s School for the Arts 
Visual Art/Film Finale 
5-9 p.m. display, Schermerhorn Symphony Center, Nashville
For information, visit www.gsfta.com or contact: 615-898-2223.

Governor’s School for the Arts 
Dance/Music Finale 
7 p.m., Schermerhorn Symphony Center, Nashville
Admission: Adults $25 and $35, children $12.50 and $17.50
To buy tickets, visit www.nashvillesymphony.org.

July 4
Monday, July 4 
Independence Day Holiday 
No classes; all offices closed.

July 9
Saturday, July 9 
Alumni, Family and Friends 
Day at Nashville Shores 
Gates open 10 a.m.; lunch at noon 
Nashville Shores, 4001 Bell Road, Hermitage
Cost: $25 per person; please pre-pay and RSVP by Tuesday, July 5
For information, email mtalumni@mtsu.edu or contact: 615-898-2922.

July 10
July 10-14
Create2011: Creativity in Education Academy 
College of Education Building
For information, watch www.mtsunews.com.

July 13
Wednesday, July 13 
Tornado Siren Test Date 
11:15 a.m., campuswide
For information, contact: 615-898-2424.

July 14
Thursday, July 14 
Retired Faculty/Staff Coffee 
9:30 a.m., Foundation House
For information, contact: 615-898-2922.

Aug. 11
Thursday, Aug. 11 
Retired Faculty/Staff Coffee 
9:30 a.m., Foundation House
For information, contact: 615-898-2922.

Aug. 13
Saturday, Aug. 13 
Summer 2011 Commencement 
9 a.m., Murphy Center
For information, visit http://bit.ly/MTGradInfo or contact: 615-898-2600.

We’ll still need your Campus Calendar items!

This is the final print edition of The Record, but the Campus Calendar will remain active online at www.mtsunews.com! Submit your items anytime to gfann@mtsu.edu, and they’ll appear on a regularly updated, searchable page hotlinked from the MTSU News home page. We thank the MTSU community for its great contributions over the years; see you on the Web at www.mtsunews.com!
The MTSU campus community will be notified when the demonstration equipment is completely set up and ready for use. In the meantime, please watch the video at http://bit.ly/AvayaDemo. The drag-and-drop feature will allow the user to hold a video conference with one or two associates and bring additional colleagues into the conversation by simply pulling them from the address book into the screen’s “spotlight.” Participants will be able to drag a document into screen-share, interact, read and make changes in real-time, do whiteboarding, browse a website and perform other tasks.

"Video conferencing is expensive right now," Plante said. "You have to have a dedicated network and a dedicated room. It takes a long time to set up. Our new video products are meant to be technology that’s easy and quick to use. On the back end, it’s high-tech, but on the front end, it’s user-friendly."

Plante said the lab will be a secured space, and individuals on- and off-campus will be asked to schedule appointments to use the equipment.
Friends and family of a critically injured MTSU alumnus are trying to raise money to bring him back to the United States for medical treatment.

Wes Putman, who graduated in 2008 with a bachelor’s degree in history, was in his second placement as an elementary-school teacher of English in Seoul, South Korea, when he was struck by a taxicab while crossing a highway March 12.

According to his aunt, Melissa Brazier, Putman, 26, sustained brain-stem damage, an acute epidural hematoma and a subdural hemorrhage. Following two surgeries, he has been deemed stable enough to be transported.

While the taxi company’s insurance firm has agreed to pay part of the costs of Putman’s care, his family remains burdened by the expenses of flying back and forth to be with the Lawrenceburg, Tenn., native.

“God has been very good to us throughout this ordeal, and for that we are thankful,” Brazier says. “Wes has friends all over the world who are supporting him on a Wes Putman Facebook account. It is amazing. He is a very special man.”

Putman’s brother, 23-year-old Casey Putman, intended to take summer classes at MTSU, but he put those plans on hold following the accident. Casey Putman is a junior majoring in electronic media communication.

Brazier says Wes Putman has shown recent signs of progress. She says he is now considered to be awake, although that is a relative term under the circumstances. Putman has responded with “thumbs-up” answers to his mother’s questions. Brazier says his left eye has been open during periods of alertness since April, and his right eye is opening slightly.

“He seems very aware of visitors and his mom’s presence,” Brazier says. “He has tried to manipulate his iPod when they hand it to him. We are waiting on his swallowing reflex to return so they can remove the trachea tube before we know if he is able to actually talk.”

The family is still trying to select an American rehabilitation facility. The extent of transportation expenses depends on whether doctors will be able to remove the trachea tube before he travels.

“This will mean the difference between a $50,000 to $60,000 commercial flight for Wes, a doctor and a nurse, and a $134,000 air-ambulance flight,” Brazier says.

For more information or to obtain entry forms for the fundraising events, contact Melissa Brazier at 931-279-0230 or Dylan Brazier at 931-279-0231.
**McNair Scholars embark on unique summer research**

by Randy Weiler
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A long with their MTSU faculty mentors, 20 McNair Scholars Program participants recently embarked on their summer research. Their research will cover 18 different areas of concentration from athletic training to religion, vocal performance, and more.

At the annual “Blow Off” reception on June 7 to introduce many of the topics, Omachonu said they were quite impressed by the students’ research topics.

O machonu, who will become vice provost for academic affairs July 1, said he was “blown away” by the McNair students’ topics. “I thought I was listening to doctoral students preparing their thesis,” said the former associate dean of mass communication.

While sharing some of his own history as an international student at U.S. universities, Omachonu told the McNair Scholars, “You have opportunities many of us did not have,” and urged them to prepare for graduate school.

“Perseverance is very critical,” he told the students. “Stay strong, and stay in faith, if you are a believer.”

O machonu also congratulated the mentors for their hard work, noting with a smile that they are “often not paid well for it.”

Miller, too, offered “deep appreciation for all faculty members who are involved with students’ research.”

Miller acknowledged the efforts of Cindy Howell, McNair Program secretary, and introduced graduate assistant Johnathan Gilliam, who will help this summer.

The program is named for Ronald E. McNair, a NASA astronaut who died in the Challenger shuttle in 1986.

The scholars, their majors and mentors include:
- Enitan Aladejana, economics and accounting major, mentored by Dr. Mamit Deme;
- Matt Bennett, psychology and sociology, Dr. Brian Hinote;
- Kaylee Branch, psychology major, mentored by Dr. Paul Foster; and dance, Professor Kim Nofsinger;
- Matt Foriest, history major, mentored by Dr. Mary Evans;
- Lindsay Gates, history, mentored by Dr. Mark Doyle;
- Matt Hampton, economics major, mentored by Dr. Ellis Elf;
- Jenae Matikie, social work, Dr. Margaret Fontanesi-Seime;
- John Meese, Spanish and economics, Dr. Stuart Fowler;
- Petra Morkel, history, mentored by Dr. Kristine McCusker;
- Eric Pegues, political science, mentored by Dr. Sekou Franklin;
- Brandy Potter, anthropology and German, Dr. Richard Pace;
- Carole Presley, vocal performance, Professor Dina Cancryn;
- Erica Simons, vocal performance, mentored by Cancryn;
- Paige Stubbs, mathematics major, Dr. Michaela Chappell;
- Jamie Sutton, philosophy and religion, mentored by Dr. Jack Purell;
- Laurence Tumpag, social-work major, mentored by Dr. Jackie Eller;
- Ana Valenzuela, history, Dr. Robert Hunt;
- Melody Vaughn, studio art, mentored by Dr. Erin Anfinson; and
- Kathryn B. Kimmins of the Tennessee Department of Education.

**U Math is teaching teachers**

from Staff Reports
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O directors Drs. Dovie Kimmens and Mary B. Martin once again are helping to ensure that U Math concepts add up for elementary-school teachers across Tennessee.

For three weeks, they and other instructors are investing time planting U Math seeds in middle Tennessee. June 6-10 saw them at MTSU in the Tom H. Building’s Cantrell Hall; the group then worked in Chattanooga June 13-17 and was heading to Clarksville for the June 20-24 session.

Sixty-two math teachers in third through fifth grades are gaining new techniques they can carry back to their classrooms, Kimmens said.

Dr. Jeremy Winters of MTSU and Austin Peay State University math professors Mary Lou Witherspoon, Andy Wilson and Jackie Vogel are being joined by master teachers Kathryin Billard and James and Tammy Parsons of Metro Nashville Public Schools to bring their expertise to the venues.

All of the participants will gather July 14-15 at Fall Creek Falls State Park for an additional workshop. They also will meet once in September and once in November, Kimmens said.

U Math is a math-science partnership grant from the Tennessee Department of Education.

**‘R&R’ stands for rock ‘n’ roll at annual Girls’ Camp**

by Gina K. Logue
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T he Southern Girls Rock & Roll Camp returns to MTSU July 25-29 with a lineup of independent rock artists to instruct and inspire budding young musicians.

The campers will show off their skills in guitar, vocals, key-boards, bass, electronic music, songwriting, drums, recording, screenprinting, music herstory, photography, zine-making and do-it-yourself arts and crafts.

Musicians who are slated to share their knowledge with the girls include The Ettes, Infinity Cat, Natalie Prass, Yumi and the System, Youth Speaks Nashville and Pennyhawk, along with a solo performance by drummer Leslie Hall.

All tickets to the July 30 Camper Showcase are $10 general admission. Children under 8 years old will be admitted free. Doors will open at 6 p.m. Items to be raffled at the showcase to raise money for SGRRC include vintage guitars from the Gretsch Foundation, an overnight stay and dinner for two at Loews Vanderbilt Hotel in Nashville, a Daisy Rock electric guitar, VIP passes to the Next Big Nashville Music Festival and exclusive merchandise from indie record labels Third Man Records and Infinity Cat.

To register for the camp or for more information, go to http://sgrrc.com.

The Southern Girls Rock & Roll Camp is a program of Youth Empowerment through Arts and Humanities, a Murfreesboro-based 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that uses involvement and hands-on approaches to inspire young people to grow as individuals, artists and community leaders.

For more information about YEAH!, go to www.yeahthehoror.org, call 615-849-8140 or send an email to artsempoweryouth@gmail.com.
Governor’s pen opens lottery funds for summer school

by Tom Tozer

Gov. Bill Haslam signed the Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship Bill at MTSU on June 8, a measure that will allow college students across the state to use lottery-scholarship funds to enroll in summer school next year.

The signing took place in MTSU’s new Education Building. Those scholarship funds previously were earmarked for use only during the regular academic year.

“This is a big day for education in Tennessee,” Haslam announced to an overflow audience that included a large group of students. “There were only four or five items on the legislative agenda that we were going to focus on, and this was one of them. … Last year when the Complete College Act was passed, it encouraged students to be about the business of graduating. It’s important that we align our goals with how we’re rewarding people.

“I had a chance to talk to several students this morning, and every one of them said, ‘I go to summer school. I have to go to summer school if I want to finish on time. I have to have Hope Scholarship money to do it.’ These students were from all over the state with different majors, and they all shared some things in common.

All of them had to borrow money to go to school, and they were all Hope Lottery Scholarship users who wanted to use it for the summer. And every one of them was working at least one other job,” the governor added.

Under the new law, lottery-scholarship funds will be available for qualified Tennessee recipients who began their post-high-school education in fall 2009 or later and who wish to enroll in summer college courses beginning in 2012.

“This new bill will be a step in the right direction, because it encourages students to move at a faster pace toward graduation,” said MTSU President Sidney A. McPhee. “This legislation also supports the goals of the Tennessee Complete College Act of 2010 and is one of the first of many actions taken by the governor and the general assembly in supporting education in this state.

“Research shows that students who participate in summer-school programs will graduate at a significantly higher rate than those who do not attend summer school,” McPhee continued. “That’s what we’re all about: student success, higher graduation rates and our production of a prepared workforce that will bring jobs to the state.”

Both Haslam and McPhee thanked state Rep. Jim Coley of Bartlett and Sen. Jim Tracy of Shelbyville, co-sponsors of the legislation, as well as state Reps. Richard Montgomery of Sevierville and Joey Hensley of Hohenwald, House Education Committee chair and vice chair, respectively, for their long hours of work and commitment to education in Tennessee.

“Several years ago, my colleagues and I applauded the efforts of the Hope Scholarship,” Coley noted. “This year we passed legislation that opens yet another door for students. I was delighted to be a co-sponsor of this bill with Sen. Jim Tracy.”

“This is something that many of us here have been working on for at least six years,” added Tracy. “This will give more students the opportunity to use the Hope Scholarship. I’m very excited.”

To watch a brief high-definition video of the ceremony, check out the video on MTSU’s Facebook page at http://on.fb.me/tzuNvV.


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Events Around Campus

Dr. Maria Revelv (nursing) has been appointed associate director for the traditional Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at MTSU. An MTSU faculty member since 2000, Revelv previously taught at the University of Alabama at Huntsville and University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Before teaching, Revelv was a critical-care nurse.

In the summer, Revelv, a veteran of the U.S. Army, will teach at the U.S. Army National Guard’s 412th Training Division at Fort Knox, Ky.

We still need your updates!

This is the final print edition of The Record, but Faculty/Staff Update will remain active online at www.mtsunews.com. Submit your news items to gfan@mtsu.edu, and they’ll appear on a regularly updated, searchable page hotlinked from the MTSU News home page. Thank you, MTSU community, for your great contributions, and congratulations on your accomplishments!

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Honors

Sgt. Ron Duncan (music) of the Indian National Guard’s 38th Infantry Division Band performed “Taps” for the Indianapolis 500 Memorial Service at Fountain Square in downtown Indianapolis, Ind., on May 27 and at the opening ceremonies of the 100th running of the Indy 500 on May 29. Duncan is a 2000 graduate of MTSU and was a graduate teaching assistant with the “Band of Blue” from 1997 to 1999. He is now band director for the Milton-Union (Ind.) Exempted Village Schools.

Passages

Professor Douglas Crenshaw (English), 78, passed away on May 27. He was employed with MTSU from September 1969 until her retirement in April 1986. Following her retirement, she traveled the world with her husband and volunteered with organizations such as Hospice and Meals on Wheels. Professor Howard was preceded in death by her husband of 42 years, Phil Howard. She is survived by her son, Frank Howard of Annapolis, Md.; her daughter, Barbara Arnold, and Barbara’s husband, Bill; and four terrific grandchildren, Francesca, Olivia, Julia and William. Memorials may be made to charitable organizations of the giver’s preference or to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, 383 Main Avenue, Fifth Floor, Norwalk, Conn., 06851, or the Southern Poverty Law Center.

(Editor’s note: Please see the online edition of The Record for the press-time obituary of Dr. Robert E. Corlew.)

Personal Changes

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