Classes and academic studies are the primary reasons the University exists; however, the hours spent outside the classroom allow students to put their emerging academic and leadership skills into practice. The life of an MTSU student can be as varied and busy or as routine and calm as an individual chooses. Examples appear in this next section. Involvement takes many forms, from performing with a musical ensemble to serving on a Student Programming committee. In addition to promoting personal development and the pursuit of new interest areas, these involvement opportunities engage all students in contributing to the quality of the campus community at MTSU.