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Plant and Soil Science effort

Farmers' market to open

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MTSU is inviting the community to enjoy the flavors of locally grown produce while supporting agricultural education at the Plant and Soil Science farmers' market each Friday this summer.

The market will open Friday, May 22, from 1 to 5 p.m. in the Horticulture Center off Blue Raider Drive on the MTSU campus and will remain open weekly into the fall. Now in its second year, it will offer fresh produce as well as perennials, annuals and houseplants for sale to the community.

The market will begin with cool-

season crops like cabbages, broccoli, onions, peas and lettuces; other crops will be added once they are ready for sale. Later crops include peppers, squash, pumpkins, sweet corn, melons and seven varieties of tomatoes.

Proceeds from the market are used to purchase supplies for MTSU's on-campus greenhouse and to cover expenses of agriculture students' travel to professional conferences and competitions. All plants and produce are grown from seed to maturation by MTSU students enrolled in a vegetable gardening class and members of the Plant and Soil Science Club.

"Starting the farmers' market

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GROWTH PROJECT—MTSU plant and soil science students carefully transfer young broccoli transplants grown in the university greenhouse into beds on the Guy James Farm to prepare them for the upcoming farmers' market. Clockwise from lower left are Nolan Hayes, Deayn McClellan, Daniel Messick and Jonathan Gray.

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Schedule update for 'Positioning the University for the Future'

by Dr. Sidney A. McPhee
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Early in the spring, I provided the university community with a tentative schedule of significant dates related to our "Positioning the University for the Future" Initiative. The last entry on the schedule indicated that I would submit the final recommendations to the Tennessee Board of Regents on May 1. This schedule was developed prior to the expectation of receiving stimulus funds and at a time when MTSU and other TBR institutions had been mandated to explore how we would make significant cuts in our budgets by July 1, 2009.

After the approval of the federal stimulus package in February and the March release of

Governor Phil Bredesen's proposed budget to the legislature, TBR Chancellor Charles Manning set Thursday, May 21, as the date when MTSU would be required to submit a three-year budget plan to the board. I have decided to use this extended time period to continue my review of some of the proposed recommendations and to consider the additional feedback that I have been receiving from faculty and academic administrators regarding the proposed changes to the MTSU college structure.

Since we have been asked to submit our plan to the board in a specific format, I do not anticipate developing a separate detailed report regarding the recommendations that are currently under further review. I will, however, address those proposals as part of our report to the board and will

provide the appropriate details to the MTSU community upon the completion of that document.

Since economic circumstances still dictate that we must reduce our budget by \$19.3 million by fiscal year 2011, I remain committed to the plans that we have in place to help position the university for the future. I sincerely appreciate the support and steady flow of feedback that I have received from faculty, staff, students, alumni and community leaders throughout this process. Please know that your continued interest and involvement remain vital.

This is a reprint of recent e-mail communications from Dr. McPhee to the university community.

'Great Books' prison courses offer different views

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An MTSU professor has returned to prison for a second time.

Dr. Philip Phillips, director of "Great Books in Middle Tennessee Prisons" and an associate professor of English at MTSU, recently finished teaching his second literature course

at Riverbend Maximum Security Institution in Nashville.

The 10-week program, which is a partnership with the Great Books Foundation, the Tennessee Department of Correction and MTSU, also is conducted at the Lois M. DeBerry Special Needs Facility and the Tennessee Prison for Women by other MTSU volunteers.

Prior to the class, Phillips con-

ducted a workshop to prepare other MTSU English faculty volunteers for the experience. Each class is taught by the Shared Inquiry method, in which teachers ask an open-ended question at the beginning of class to get the discussion started.

"The idea in these classes is that the role of the instructor isn't to lead so much as pose questions to the class and generate the discussion," he said.

This year, Phillips chose to use *The Seven Deadly Sins Sampler*, an anthology of short stories published by the Great Books Foundation. He said the book explores real human situations with which students can identify.

"It's made me look at things deeper, just from the story lines and

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SEM OFF TO MUSIC FESTIVAL

MTSU's Society for Electronic Music will attend the Detroit Electronic Music Festival May 23-25 thanks to a \$2,515 award from

the university's Student Activity Committee. The festival, a series of electronic dance-music showcases, is held each Memorial Day weekend in Detroit. The SEM student organization coordinates free seminars, travels to music events and collaborates on creative projects.



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Time for summer @ Campus Rec!

The weather is turning warmer, and the fitness team at Campus Recreation is ready to turn up the heat with programs designed to get MTSU into shape this summer.

First, the Faculty and Staff Wellness Program will be offered again May 18-Aug. 7. Cost is \$150 and includes beginning and ending fitness analyses, a weekly session with a personal trainer and a group-fitness punch pass for 30 classes. The deadline to register for this program is Friday, May 15.

Summer Boot Camp will be held Monday through Friday, May 18-June 26, with two session times available each day: 12:30-1 p.m. and 4:45-5:15 p.m. The cost of this program is \$70 and registration is required by May 15. Beginning and ending fitness assessments are also included in this program.

Those who are ready to rev it up a bit more can join the Boot Camp Challenge for more intense sessions. This class will meet from 5:20 to 6:05 p.m. only. Cost is \$70 and also includes beginning and ending fitness assessments.

For more information on summer offerings, call 615-898-2104 or check www.mtsu.edu/~camprec.

CUSTOMS begins 2-month orientation run

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Just when you think there will be a break in the MTSU action—after a busy spring culminating in a commencement with the largest graduating class in MTSU's history—here comes the first of four summer sessions and CUSTOMS.

Starting Wednesday, May 20, and running through late July, the process begins again as new faces, along with their families, arrive on campus for two days of familiarizing themselves with their new academic home for the next four years.

Admissions, financial aid, housing, advising and other departments only have a small window of time to catch their breath before the new undergraduates arrive.

Gina Poff, who is director of New Student and Family Programs, which oversees the running of CUSTOMS, said all of MTSU eagerly awaits the orientation to help the new students make the transition into the university.

"The MTSU campus gets very excited when CUSTOMS begins," Poff said. "The energy is high and seems to be contagious. There is something so refreshing about seeing the new faces and the excitement that they have about their next step in life. The campus community really embraces the new students and their family members from the beginning."

"So many parents and students comment on how friendly folks are and how comfortable they feel about their choice of coming to MTSU. Although CUSTOMS is a lot of work for staff and the new students, it really pays off in the end. It is a great way to start off the new journey into MTSU, and the freshmen really get a sense of what it is like to be part of the MTSU community."

In recent years, scholarship recipients attended the first CUSTOMS sessions. Scholarship students will receive first priority, Poff said, but she added that the first session will be open to all students admitted.

"With the enrollment numbers looking to be increasing, we want to utilize the staff, faculty and facilities to their fullest," she said.

Poff added that officials expect 50 to 75 more students at each session this summer than in previous years.

CUSTOMS prepares new students for MTSU's educational opportunities and initiates the integration of new students into the intellectual, cultural and social climate of the institution.

For more information, visit www.mtsu.edu/nsfp—click on "CUSTOMS" or "CUSTOMS: New Student Orientation"—or call 615-898-2454.

CUSTOMS Summer '09 dates

- May 20-21: Scholarship session/all students;
- June 2-3: Majors from Colleges of Basic and Applied Sciences and Mass Communication, undeclared;
- June 5-6: Majors from Colleges of Business, Education and Behavioral Science, and Liberal Arts, undeclared;
- June 16-17: Business, education, liberal arts and undeclared majors;
- June 23-24: CBAS, mass comm, undeclared;
- July 8-9: CBAS, mass comm, undeclared;
- July 14-15: Business, education, liberal arts, undeclared;
- July 17-18: CBAS, mass comm, undeclared;
- July 23-24: Business, education, liberal arts, undeclared; and
- July 28-29: All colleges.

Honoring dedication



CELEBRATING HARD WORK—MTSU honored dedication in athletics and academics in the last days of the spring 2009 semester, celebrating the work of longtime Track and Field Head Coach Dean A. Hayes and Executive Vice President and Provost Dr. Kaylene Gebert. In the photo above left, Hayes pauses while MTSU President Sidney A. McPhee and Hayes' wife, Jan, unveil the plaque to be placed on the Dean A. Hayes Track and Soccer Stadium at the May 8 dedication ceremony. The university named the stadium for Hayes to recognize his work with student athletes since 1965; more than 100 of Hayes' former athletes returned for the event to thank the man who gave them an opportunity to learn and compete. In the photo above right, Gebert, right, talks with Electronic Media Communication Chair Dennis Oneal, left, and College of Mass Communication Dean Roy Moore during an April 29 reception in her honor at the president's house. Gebert stepped down from the provost's post she's held since March 2003 and will return to teaching in MTSU's Department of Speech and Theatre in August. A national search for her replacement will get under way this fall.

photos by MT Athletic Communications and Andy Heidt

Omedetou gozaimasu, winners!

Congratulations to the MTSU students who took top prizes at the recent Tennessee Area Japanese Speech Contest held at Vanderbilt University.

Fifty-one participants enrolled in Japanese speech courses at nine universities in Tennessee and Kentucky competed in the April 4 event, including MTSU's seven participants in the junior and inter-

mediate levels.

Level 1 (junior) first prize went to Seth Graves from the JAPN 1020 class, and Level 2 (intermediate) third prize was won by Jacqueline Thompson from the JAPN 3020 class.

MTSU will serve as host for next year's speech contest. Dr. Priya Ananth, Takako Grimes and Yuki Arita teach Japanese courses offered at MTSU.

MTSU Insurance Hall of Fame benefactor Musto passes away

Robert L. Musto, benefactor of the Robert E. Musto Insurance Hall of Fame at MTSU named in honor of his father, died April 27.

In 1997, Musto presented a check for \$10,000 to the MTSU Martin Chair of Insurance in honor of his father, which provided the foundation for the establishment of the Insurance Hall of Fame.

To date, 38 insurance professionals have been inducted into the Hall, which is under the auspices of the Jennings A. Jones College of Business.

This year's ceremony will be held Tuesday, Aug. 4. The annual induction honors professionals who have made outstanding contributions to Tennessee's insurance industry.

Raider Rocket Team earns Best Design Award at NASA event



The MTSU Raider Rocket Team's first competitive experience turned into an award-winning effort in the NASA-sponsored University Student Launch Initiative national competition at the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala.

Dr. Ahad Nasab, professor of engineering technology, said the team of Michael Urick, Joseph Prince and Kevin Bonds collected the Best Design Award at the USLI event.

"We were the only engineering-technology team," Nasab said. "The team's rocket slightly missed the target altitude but managed to safely recover the rocket and the scientific payload. The scientific payload consisted of a Geiger counter that measured the levels of radiation in the atmosphere throughout the flight and digitally recorded it for recovery and further analysis."

Other teams in the April 18 USLI competition included Vanderbilt, Georgia Tech, Arizona State, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical, Florida Institute of Technology, University of Alabama-Huntsville, Iowa State, Mississippi State, Tuskegee, Alabama A&M, Auburn, Utah State and the University of North Dakota.



ROCKET MEN—MTSU Raider Rocket team members pose with their entry in the 2009 University Student Launch Initiative in Huntsville in the photo at far left. From left are aerospace majors Kevin Bonds and Joseph Prince, adviser Dr. Ahad Nasab of the Department of Engineering Technology and mechanical engineering technology major Michael Urick. In the photo near left, Urick works to assemble the team's entry.

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From BCS to baseball, new sports journal spreads information

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Athletic conferences affiliated with the Bowl Championship Series commit significantly more major recruiting violations than non-BCS conferences. That's one finding of an article in the inaugural issue of the *Journal of Sport Administration & Supervision* released by MTSU's Sport Management Program.

The BCS article, written by Texas A&M professors Robert S. Clark and Paul J. Batista, includes the averages of all major violations and secondary violations in Division I collegiate football programs from 1970 to 2007 with specific focus on major infractions from 1987 through 2007, when the current Division I structure was instituted.

The journal also features articles on social problems in Major League Baseball, the effectiveness of product endorsements by athletes, perceptions of basketball coaches at NAIA Division II Christian schools, marketing college baseball programs

with limited resources and the World Baseball Classic's potential as a promotional tool for Major League Baseball.

"This issue will be a landmark event in turning the attention of the sport-management academy toward serving the practitioner population of the sport industry, and we believe that its revolutionary approach to scholarship will continue to attract cutting-edge research that can make a difference in sport institutions everywhere," says Dr. Colby Jubenville, co-founder and publisher of *JSAS* and director of the Sport Management Program.

So that nonacademic sport practitioners can use the journal more easily, a white paper accompanies and summarizes each scholarly article for quick reading.

"We know sport managers are busy people, but they face a critical need for information, just like managers in any industry," says *JSAS* Editor Benjamin D. Goss.

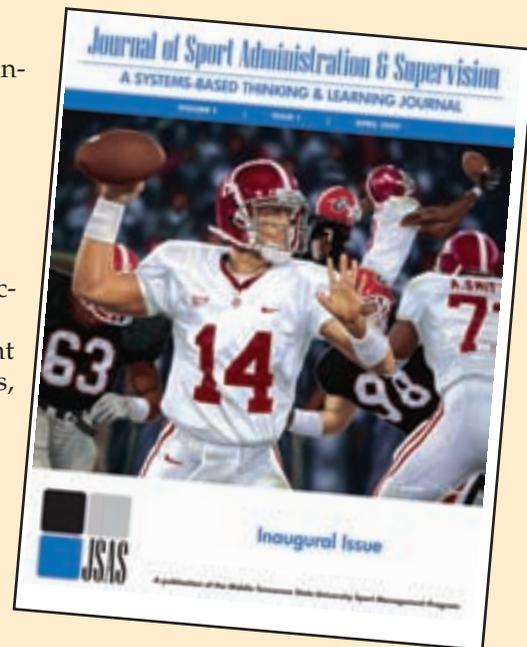
"White papers are widely used in today's managerial world to help digest large quantities of informa-

tion, so we decided to import that concept into the sport-management academy."

Other highlights of the inaugural issue are an excerpt from Hara Estroff Marano's *A Nation of Wimps*, a book that describes how some parents undermine their children's success and short-circuit the youngsters' brain development by incorrectly defining success, and an excerpt on NCAA Division II programs from *College Athletics Clips*, a publication of executives summaries of news and issues in college sports.

"We have entered a new era of scholarly publication, not only in the field of sport management, but in academia as a whole, and we invite other journals to consider the new model we have contrived and draw inspiration from it to benefit future research efforts," Jubenville says.

MTSU publishes the *Journal of Sport Administration & Supervision* in partnership with the University of



Michigan Library and its Scholarly Publishing Office and the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition.

To view the debut issue, go to www.jsasonline.org. For more information, contact Jubenville at jubenvil@mtsu.edu or Goss at drbengoss@hotmail.com.

Noted historian to lead May 29 panel

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MTSU's history department and public history program will serve as hosts for this year's Distinguished Public Historian, Dr. Spencer Crew, who will lead a panel discussion at 7 p.m. Friday, May 29, in the second-floor courtroom of the Rutherford County Courthouse in downtown Murfreesboro.

"American Slavery and Its Impact on Universities, Past and Present" will be the topic of the free public discussion, which—in addition to guest historian Crew—will include Drs. Jim Campbell of Stanford University, Alfred Brophy of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Carroll Van West of MTSU.

A reception will be held before

the Friday panel from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at The Heritage Center at 225 W. College St. in downtown Murfreesboro.

Widely recognized as one of the top public historians in the nation, Crew graduated with a doctorate in history from Rutgers University, then began a long career with the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History. In 2001, Crew left the Smithsonian to undertake the role of executive director/CEO of the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati, Ohio. In January 2008, he accepted a public history faculty position at George Mason University, where he continues his work with museums and historic sites throughout the nation.

For more information, contact Connie Huddleston at 615-494-7628.

Miller tapped as interim provost

Tennessee Board of Regents Chancellor Charles Manning has approved MTSU President Sidney A. McPhee's recommendation to appoint Dr. Diane Miller as interim provost, effective May 11.

Miller, who has been employed at MTSU since 1993 and has served as vice provost for academic affairs since July 2008, has more than 30 years of experience in higher education and an extensive background as an administrator and faculty member.



Miller

from the University of Missouri.

McPhee said he will launch a national search during the fall to fill the provost's job; more details will be provided as they become available.

At MTSU, Miller has served as interim vice provost for academic affairs, director of the McNair Scholars Program, Interim associate dean of the College of Basic and Applied Sciences, director of the Undergraduate Research Center, assistant to the president, a faculty member in the Department of Mathematical Sciences and Faculty Senate president. She holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics education from the University of Tennessee, a Master of Science in mathematical sciences from Memphis State University, an educational specialist degree in curriculum and instruction from Arkansas State University and a doctorate in mathematics education

Campus Calendar

May 18-31

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.
Visit www.mtsunews.com for other cable outlet airtimes.

May 18

May 18-23
BlueCross Spring Fling
For information, visit www.tssaa.org or contact: 615-889-6740.

May 20

May 20-21
CUSTOMS Orientation
Special scholarship session
7:30 a.m., campuswide
For information, visit www.mtsu.edu/~customs or contact: 615-898-5533.

May 24

May 24-30
Volunteer Girls State
Campuswide
For information, visit www.volunteergirlsstate.org.

Sunday, May 24
"MTSU On the Record—The Pursuit of Happiness"
Philosophy professor Dr. James Oliver explains "The Philosophy of Happiness," a new class he will be teaching this fall.
7 a.m., WMOT 89.5-FM
Podcast available anytime at www.mtsunews.com.



May 25

Monday, May 25
Memorial Day
No classes; university closed.

May 29

Friday, May 29
Summer May Term final exams
last day of May term classes

May 30

Saturday, May 30
Summer May Term final exams (Saturday classes)

May 31

May 31-June 7
Rick Stockstill Elite Football Camp
for ninth- to 12th-grade boys
For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com or contact: 615-898-2926.

Get noticed in The Record!

Submit Campus Calendar items to gfann@mtsu.edu by 3 p.m. Tuesday, May 19, for publication in the June 1 *Record* or 3 p.m. Wednesday, June 3, for the June 15 *Record*. Don't forget to include the specifics—who, what, where, when and why, plus contact information for your event! Check the 2009 deadlines at http://frank.mtsu.edu/~proffice/rec_deadlines.htm.

Tornado safety on campus . . . and service in the aftermath

The date for the next tornado-siren test at MTSU is Tuesday, June 9, at 12:20 p.m. No action will be required by building runners or those on campus, and no e-mail or text messages will be sent.

When the MTSU tornado siren sounds in an emergency, it means that a tornado warning has been issued and a tornado has been sighted in the area. Those who are outside should get inside a building as quickly as possible and seek shelter in a restroom, interior hallway or stairwell. It is important to stay away from doors and windows.

Please remember that there is a list of "Safe Places" on the MTSU Web site, www.mtsu.edu; just click on "Alert4u," then on "Safest Places" under "Tornado." This information is vital, especially to those people who are outside on campus when a tornado siren sounds, but it's important for everyone, including those in evening classes. If you have a regular walking route on campus when you arrive or leave, please familiarize yourself with the nearest buildings and know where the safest places are inside.

We will continue to publish information in the coming weeks about tornado safety, the do's and don'ts, the task of building runners in all facilities, etc. The events of Good Friday 2009 should be evidence enough that all of us should take these warnings seriously.

— Tom Tozer



HELPING HANDS—Agriculture alumna Beth Jones, left, joins Dr. Jessica Carter, agriculture students Laura Rosser and Laura Harrington, Dr. Warren Gill and students Kayla Lannom and Josh Howard to prepare food for tornado-relief workers April 25.

photo submitted

MTSU Agribusiness and Agriscience joins tornado-relief effort

MTSU School of Agribusiness and Agriscience students, faculty and alumni joined the Tennessee Beef Industry Council, the Tennessee Cattlemen's Association, the Tennessee Pork Producers Association and the Tennessee Poultry Association to provide food for tornado-relief workers in Rutherford County.

On April 25, the groups joined crews from Farm Credit, Tennessee Farmer's Co-op, Purity Dairies, the Rutherford County office of the University of Tennessee Agricultural Extension Service and others in the ag community to grill about 800 sandwiches for workers, volunteers and residents in the areas most affected by the April 10 tornadoes that swept across the county. Purity provided tea, lemonade and water for the activity as well.

Teb Batey, Rutherford County trustee and a Milton community cattle farmer, worked with the Rutherford County Emergency Management Agency to arrange for county trucks to help with the food distribution.



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www.mtsu.edu/alert4u/tornado_shelter.shtml

was kind of a no-brainer," said Amy Dyer, a senior plant and soil science/Spanish major. Dyer was enrolled in the vegetable gardening course in 2008, when the idea for the market arose. She is also a founding member of the revived Plant and Soil Science Club, which was inactive for several years until 2008.

"We had all this produce grown over the semester, and the market allows us to offer something to the community everyone can enjoy," Dyer said. "You know where the food came from and where your money is going."

Students in the program learn about drip irrigation, soil properties, fertilization techniques and the importance of plant spacing, all through hands-on involvement.

"We grow our own transplants in the greenhouse on campus and then transfer them to a quarter-acre plot on the Guy James Farm," said Dr. Nate Phillips, professor of horticulture, who began the market last year. The Guy James Farm also provides a location for some produce, like melons and sweet corn, to be grown near the river bottom.

One benefit of being a "locavore," or eating locally grown produce, is increased confidence in the products you buy. While the risk of salmonella and E. coli outbreaks made headlines last year, MTSU's market was able to offer locally grown products that were guaranteed safe.

The 435-acre farm on Guy James Road, located off Halls Hill Pike, was purchased by MTSU from Rutherford County two years ago. Long-term plans for the farm include moving MTSU's dairy facility there and consolidating other agricultural facilities into one central location. The farm recently added a large-scale composting system, which will be used to fertilize crops grown there.

"The Guy James Farm is important because it gives you hands-on experience, which is really the best you can get in the program. It lets us try out the techniques we learn about in class and see what works best in the real world," Dyer said.

This year, students also will harvest a plot of organic produce for the market after many consumers expressed an interest last year. Students rely heavily on sustainability while growing all plants for the market, and use of chemicals on the rest of the produce is very minimal.

"Our desire is to make the Guy James Farm a model for sustainable agriculture," Phillips said. "We are using the property to grow crops for biofuel research, study organic farming and provide a hands-on learning facility for our agribusiness and agriscience students."

The professor added that the MTSU farmers' market hopes to expand in the future to include other local vendors, music and entertainment to create a complete market experience for the community.



HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?—Tomatoes, beans and other vegetables grow at MTSU's Guy James Farm to be sold during the annual farmers' market in the photo above, taken in summer 2008. In the photo at left, a few of the fruits—and vegetables—of the students' labors are on display at the 2008 farmers' market, including tomatoes, cucumbers, squash and peppers.

photos submitted

Books

the way that they end. There's always something around the corner you're not sure of," class participant Jasper Lewis said. "I'm just trying not to judge people so harshly and give them a chance."

Of the 15 participants at Riverbend, about half, including William Murphy, are returning students. Murphy was one of the first to register for this year's course after last year's experience.

"I like the different views people bring to the discussions. We have so many people from different cultures that you can read the same story and have 20 different ways to interpret it," Murphy said.

Phillips said the RMSI students don't hesitate to contribute to the discussions, and they've developed as critical thinkers. Inmates learn not only to express their ideas but to also listen respectfully to others in the class.

"I'm pretty quiet myself, so reading something and being able to discuss it with others, especially in here, where a difference in opinion sometimes can cause conflict, is nice," Lewis said. "This is a chance to do it in an open forum where

everyone is pretty open about what they are saying and it's OK."

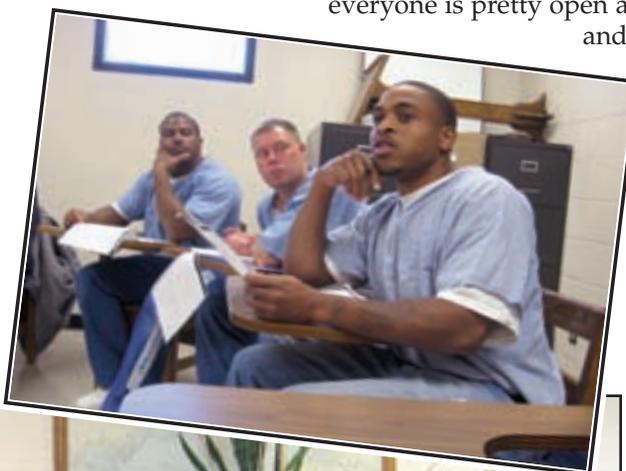
Lewis and Murphy both expressed their gratitude to those who volunteered their time to the program and gave them the opportunity to broaden their horizons.

"This is a group of people who are hungry for this kind of opportunity, an opportunity to read books and talk about books at a higher level," Phillips said.

"Great Books in Middle Tennessee Prisons" is an opportunity to do something good, to help people help themselves and, ultimately, to help the community, Phillips said, adding that he hopes to continue the current programs and expand to more facilities.

"Great Books in Middle Tennessee Prisons" has seen positive response not only from the participants, but also from MTSU faculty, including Dr. John McDaniel, dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

To learn more about the "Great Books" program, become a volunteer or donate to the program, contact Phillips at pPhillip@mtsu.edu or 615-898-2699.



CLASSICS CLASS—Members of the "Great Books in Middle Tennessee Prisons" course at Riverbend Maximum Security Institution, taught by MTSU English professor Dr. Philip Phillips, close their 10-week session. At top left, Perry McDonald comments on a short story by Edgar Allan Poe as Phillips listens, while at top right, classmates Joseph Miles, Troy Pruitt and Chris King prepare to offer their views. The 2009 class photo, above, includes, seated from left, Ndume Olatushani, McDonald, C. Jazz Zecco, Jeff Barrett, Nathan Miller and Charles Hurst; and standing, Phillips, King, William Murphy, Randall Cole, Pruitt, Miles, Michael Rose, Jasper Lewis and Frederick Sledge.

photos by News and Public Affairs

2nd honors student earns Goldwater nod

For the second year in row, an MTSU Honors College student has received recognition from the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship Program.

Shannon Murphy was recognized as a Goldwater Honorable Mention for 2009, said Laura Clippard, Honors College academic adviser.

In 2008, honors student Taylor Barnes won the Goldwater. Barnes, a May 9 graduate with a double major in physics and chemistry, recently announced that he will attend California Institute of Technology.

The scholarship program honoring Sen. Barry M. Goldwater of Arizona was designed to foster and encourage outstanding students to pursue careers in the fields of mathematics, the natural sciences and engineering. The Goldwater Scholarship is the premier undergraduate award of its type in these fields, Clippard said.

The Goldwater Scholars were selected on the basis of academic merit from a field of 1,097 mathematics, science and engineering

students who were nominated by the faculties of colleges and universities nationwide, Clippard said.

Murphy is majoring in biology and plans to pursue both a medical degree

and an academic doctorate after graduating from MTSU. Her goal is to practice medicine and conduct biomedical research in infectious diseases. She hopes to study some of the diseases that plague third-world countries and help develop cost-effective treatments.

Clippard said Murphy conducted research at the University of Alabama in the Biomedical Science Research Program on malaria, which causes more than one million deaths in the region of sub-Saharan Africa.

Murphy, the daughter of biology department chair Dr. George Murphy, also is conducting research with biology professor Dr. Stephen Wright on bioterrorism agents as part of her honors thesis on anthrax and developing a rapid identification method.

Shannon Murphy is a member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Gamma Beta Phi Society and recently joined the MTSU Leaders Circle, which is applying to become Omicron Delta Kappa in fall 2009.

Murphy and Barnes were nominated for the Goldwater by the college's Undergraduate Fellowships Office. Sophomores and juniors majoring in mathematics, natural sciences or engineering should contact Clippard at 615-898-5464 or fellows@mtsu.edu for eligibility requirements, or visit www.mtsu.edu/honors/ufo.



Murphy

Anti-tobacco youth summit slated for June 3-5

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GEAR UP TN—Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs in Tennessee—and the Student Tobacco Outreach Prevention, or STOP, program are teaming up this summer to host a youth summit at MTSU.

The summit will be held Wednesday through Friday, June 3-5, and will focus on teaching students about college access and the college experience, along with tobacco-use prevention and Tennessee government.

"The purpose of the summit is to empower students to make informed choices about their education and their health while also rewarding them for their engagement in GEAR UP TN and STOP over the past year," said Wendy Tabor, director of communications at the Tennessee Higher Education Commission.

"While at the summit, they will participate in college-campus orientations, financial-aid presentations and sessions led by guest speakers that will benefit them with their college planning. It is our hope that all the students will leave the summit with high aspirations for their futures and a plan to help them reach their goals."

Approximately 200 students are expected to attend the summit, along

with about 50 chaperones. The students will come from the nine counties that operate both programs: Lake, Grundy, Wayne, Hardeman, Campbell, Union, Cocke, Johnson and Meigs.

Organizers hope the students will learn to take responsibility for themselves, strive to get a better education and set health goals, said Dr. Jo Edwards, director of the Center for Health and Human Services at MTSU and holder of the university's Adams Chair of Excellence in Health Care Services.



The students will participate in several activities on campus to further their knowledge of college life and health, take a tour of the MTSU campus as well as other Tennessee college campuses and have a lock-down at the MTSU Student Health, Wellness and Recreation Center.

"We will also visit Capitol Hill," Edwards said. "Some of the students have never been out of their county and have never been to Nashville, so it will be interesting for them to see what Capitol Hill and Nashville look

like."

While in Nashville, the students will get the chance to meet state commissioners—the Cabinet-level directors of various state departments—and possibly the governor and share their experiences.

"The students will hopefully be able to get some idea of what a commissioner does and what the governor does and learn more about Tennessee government in general," Edwards said.

The summit also will give the students a chance to come together and showcase what they have done this year, said Jill Thomas, the Middle Tennessee regional coordinator for STOP.

At a formal dinner at the James Union Building, entertainment will be provided for the students, and they will have the chance to do a little entertaining themselves by putting on skits, singing songs and rapping and playing instruments to express what they've learned.

"It's a fun way to find out how creative these kids can be and still get their point across, too," Thomas said.

The organizers say they hope to offer the participating students an opportunity to learn more about making informed decisions about their health and education.

"They will have the opportunity to learn more about making good lifestyle choices and to learn from each other," Thomas said.

Health information, updates now on Web site

MTSU has joined many other universities around the nation in issuing campuswide information on the H1N1 virus. Information has been posted on the Student Health and Wellness Center Web site, including a message from MTSU President Sidney A. McPhee.

The president's message to the campus can be found at www.mtsu.edu/healthservices/swineflu.shtml.

McPhee assured the campus that officials are moni-

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(www.cdc.gov).

Additional information on precautions that people can take is posted at www.mtsu.edu/healthservices/swineflu_prevent.shtml.

toring the situation, and procedures will be followed as outlined in the MTSU Emergency Management Plan related to public-health emergencies and health and safety guidelines provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Golfers raise nearly \$37K for insurance scholarships

Player participation, sponsorships, a silent auction and other methods helped raise between \$36,000 and \$37,000 for the BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee Golf Tournament.

The 25th annual tournament, which raises scholarship funds for the Martin Chair of Insurance, was held April 21 at Champions Run Golf Course in the Rockvale community.

Jim Cavendish, chair of the Insurance Liaison Committee, announced the amount raised toward scholarships for 2009-10, adding, "By any measure, we did well again."

"It was a tremendous success and generated significant funds for

the scholarship program," said Dr. Ken Hollman, chair holder of the insurance program.

"In the aggregate, the tournament has generated \$500,000 for scholarships for students in the insurance program," Hollman added. "It is one of the most successful tournaments of its kind in the state of Tennessee."

Twenty groups and 105 players altogether weathered windy conditions, Champions Run Pro Steve Graham said.

The Cowan Benefits #2 team of Dick Hendrick, John Major, Bryan Kretzmeier, Larry Prate and Dave Bush earned first-place honors in the

best-ball format tournament with a 57.

In second place was the Auto Art Body Shop team of Danny Wallace, Eddie Ables, Jack Shofner, Doug Strong, Kermit Davis and David McNamara.

Mark Raper, Chris Collins, Fred Leonard, Al Carrico, Chris Nielsen and Phil Pharr led State Farm #1 to a third-place finish.

Closest to the pin honors were claimed by Mike Green (No. 3 hole) and Jim Hunt (No. 17).

Hollman said 63 students have earned scholarships this year.

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Nurses walk for awareness

MTSU nurses are joining their colleagues across Tennessee in "Walking for Health," a statewide health-awareness movement sponsored by the Tennessee Nurses Foundation and the Tennessee Nurses Association.

Members of the TNA District 15, which includes MTSU, kicked off the effort May 2 with a walk to promote healthy lifestyles at The Avenue shopping center.

"The project resulted from the latest statistics on the overall poor health of Tennesseans," said Janice Harris, a professor in the School of Nursing and president of District 15. "We, as nurses, are being charged to

care for ourselves and set an example for our patients and families."

Harris noted that more than 30 percent of adults in Tennessee are obese. While the reasons are numerous, she said, it's clear that American society overall is taking in too much food and compounding the problem by becoming less physically active.

Dr. Debra Rose Wilson of MTSU's nursing school noted that a state-supported program, GetFitTN, has been developed by Gov. Phil Bredesen to "increase awareness of the rising epidemic of obesity, type 2 diabetes and all the associated diseases resulting from poor diet and lack of activity."



GET HEALTHIER—MTSU School of Nursing professors pause for a photo with colleagues and students at a May 2 fitness walk at The Avenue. From left are Assistant Professor Julie Ludwig and her husband, Charles; Associate Professor Dr. Debra Rose Wilson; May 2009 nursing grad Amanda Chenoweth; Assistant Professor Janice Harris; Kimberly Bodine and May nursing grad Melissa Simpson.

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More than 200 students participate in health fair

More than 200 students participated in the annual MTSU School of Nursing Health Fair April 9 in the Keathley University Center, interacting with vendors from health agencies, clinics and support groups.

Members of the sponsoring Student Nurses' Association provided various health screenings and educational activities for students and faculty.

Obstetrical nursing students taught visitors self-examinations to prevent breast and testicular cancer. Speech and hearing majors provided screening and health education. The Student Health, Wellness and Recreation Center offered health information, and blood-pressure, blood-sugar, depression and sexually transmitted disease screenings also were available.

"The upcoming generation is the first to ever have a shorter life expectancy than their parents due to preventable illnesses such as heart disease and diabetes," noted Amber Fleming, who helped organize the health fair and graduated May 9 with a bachelor's degree in nursing.

"The health fair is our way, as student nurses, to inform the student population of ways to prevent disease early. We need to change our way of thinking from wanting to be fixed once we're broken to wanting to do what we can to prevent breakage."

Students and faculty attended

workshops in stress management and guided imagery techniques led by Dr. Debra Rose Wilson and Brittany Gleeson, a graduating nursing student. Numerous agencies came on campus to participate, including HIV testing through Street Works, education about skin care from the Murfreesboro Medical Clinic's Dermatology Clinic, sexual health educators, and suicide prevention from the Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network. A massage therapist provided chair massage and other services.

Melissa Palicka, who also graduated May 9 from the School of Nursing, recruited vendors.

"It was exciting to see the staff and students in attendance so actively involved in health promotion," Palicka said. "The health fair is a great way for everyone to learn more about health screening and healthy choices. The vendors make information and samples easily accessible in a nonthreatening setting, which may encourage someone to take the next step and ... change an unhealthy behavior."

Graduating nursing student Kyle Crawford agreed.

"I know that I was able to genuinely touch the heart of our community in this health promotion effort," Crawford said. "By providing this venue of information, I am positive we made many people aware of their immediate health resources."

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Gooch; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Performances

Dr. Leopoldo Erice (collaborative piano) will begin his international summer concert agenda May 21 in Damascus, Syria, at the Nacional Library Al-Assad with "The Universe of Albéniz" concert tour commemorating the centenary of composer Isaac Albéniz. Other performances are scheduled in Cairo and Alexandria, Egypt; Amman, Jordan; Middlebury College in Vermont; the Festival of the Sound in Ontario; and IV Festival Internacional de Música Clásica de Ribadeo in Spain. Erice also is scheduled to perform a concerto for piano and orchestra with the Orquesta Sinfónica de RTVE (Spanish Radio-Television) at the Palacio de la Almudaina in Palma de Mallorca, Spain, and also will present chamber music at Middlebury College and at the Festival of the Sound in Ontario.

Presentations

Professor Leon Alligood (journalism) presented "Multiple platform storytelling," a session on using multimedia strategies, at the annual meeting of the Magazine Association of

the Southeast April 30 in Atlanta.

Dr. Mark Anshel (health and human performance) delivered a paper, "Physical Activity Interventions: Antecedents, Mechanisms, and Outcomes," at the Society of Behavioral Medicine Conference April 22-25 in Montreal.

Dr. Michaele Chappell (mathematical sciences) presented "Movies & Culture: Promoting Equity in the Middle Grades Mathematics Classroom" at the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Annual Meeting April 22-25 in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Abdul Khaliq (mathematical sciences) visited research collaborators at Oxford University April 13-14 and presented "Numerical Methods in Finance" at the Third Conference on Numerical Methods in Finance April 15-17 in Paris.

Dr. Jacob Klerlein (mathematical sciences) presented "Three Upper Elementary School Children's Mathematical Connections" at the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Annual Meeting April 22-25 in Washington, D.C.

Drs. Joan Raines and Linda Clark (academic enrichment) present-

ed "From Calculators to Computers: A Practical Approach to Using Technology in the Classroom" at the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Annual Meeting April 22-25 in Washington, D.C.

Publications

Drs. Mark Anshel (health and human performance) and **Scott Seipel** (computer information systems) have published a research article, "Self-monitoring and selected measures of aerobic and strength fitness and short-term exercise attendance," in the June issue of the *Journal of Sport Behavior* (2009, Vol. 32, pp. 125-151).

Dr. Alan Boehm (Walker Library) has published an article, "'The Well and Good Government of the Chappel': A Note on Printing-House Customs, c. 1680-1750," in *Papers of the Bibliographical Society of America*.

Dr. Jacqueline E. Wade (social work) has published an article, "Race and Raceness: A Theoretical Perspective of the Black American Experience," in *Africana Studies: Philosophical Perspectives and Theoretical Paradigms*, Delores P. Aldridge and E. Lincoln James (eds.) Washington State University Press,

Pullman, Washington, 2007.

An invited, peer-reviewed book review by **Dr. Debra Rose Wilson** (nursing) on Mark Nichter's *Global Health* (2008) is scheduled to be published in *The Social Science Journal*, 46(2) June 2009.

Reviews

Dr. John Vile (Honors College) has seen *Encyclopedia of the First Amendment* (CQ Press), a two-volume book he co-edited, receive star reviews by *Book List* and *Library Journal* and be named "highly recommended" by *Choice*, a third library review entity for reference books.

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Awards show 'Love' for professor, student

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A civic-minded MTSU faculty member and an MTSU honors student have received the Harold Love Outstanding Community Involvement Award, which is presented each spring by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission.

Dr. Linda Gilbert, associate professor in the Department of Education Leadership, and rising senior Jasmine Gray, a McNair Scholar, were recognized for their public service and received \$1,000 each at a reception April 23 in Nashville.



Gilbert

"These outstanding individuals are very deserving of this award, named for the late state Representative Harold Love, a man of great compassion for those less fortunate in his community," said MTSU President Sidney A. McPhee. "We are extremely proud of Dr. Gilbert and Ms. Gray."

Dr. Gloria Bonner, director of the MTSU Office for Community Engagement and Support, knows Gilbert well, having served as her dean for several years in the College

of Education and Behavioral Science.

"I marvel at Dr. Gilbert's energy and her dedication to the profession and the community," Bonner said. "She is always looking for ways to improve the quality of life of others in very unique and innovative ways."

In 2006, Gray founded Jaz's Jammies, an organization that has collected more than 2,000 pairs of pajamas for underprivileged children and distributed them through hospitals and agencies in Davidson and Rutherford counties.

"Jasmine Gray earned my highest recommendation," said Dr. Diane Miller, MTSU interim provost and director of the McNair Scholars Program. "Despite the extra demands on her time, she manages to organize two drives a year to collect pajamas that are donated free of charge to the needy. She truly exemplifies the spirit of community service."



JAZZED UP—MTSU senior Jasmine Gray, center, founder of "Jaz's Jammies" children's hospital-pajama project, is joined by representatives of Blue Coast Burrito during an April 30 finale and thank-you celebration for donors to the fourth annual pajama drive. Kristi Knierim, left, director of local store marketing for Blue Coast, and April Spencer, catering coordinator for the CoolSprings Blue Coast restaurant, provided discounted food for finale attendees, and the Murfreesboro restaurant donated 10 percent of the evening's sales to Jaz's Jammies for every customer who mentioned the organization.

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The Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program at MTSU assists first-generation college students with financial need and underrepresented minority students.

The Harold Love Award honors the late state leader who was instrumental in passing legislation for community-service recognition programs for Tennessee higher-education students, faculty and staff. The annual awards are presented to volunteers in community work, public service, charitable service and service in leadership roles in community organizations.

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Awards

Ken Middleton (James E. Walker Library) will receive the 2009 ABC-CLIO Online History Award for his professional achievement in online historical reference highlighted by his development of Discovering American Women's History Online, a Web-based historical research tool. ABC-CLIO, a premier education and library publisher of educational and reference products, will present Middleton with the award in July at the 2009 American Library Association Annual Conference in Chicago. The research tool is available at <http://library.mtsu.edu/digital/projects/womenshistory.php>.

Elections

Dr. Robert B. Blair (business communication and entrepreneurship) was elected vice president of the Tennessee Association of Parliamentarians for 2009-10. He also was elected to serve as a TAP delegate to the national convention, appointed as the group's communications director for 2009-10 and received the 2009 Alpha Brown Individual Achievement Award at the TAP Conference and Annual Meeting in Memphis April 18.

Milestones

The compilation album "Relaxing Piano Artists for Alzheimer's Research," which includes work by two MTSU recording-industry professors, reached No. 1 April 25 on the New Age Chart for iTunes. The songs, "Masterpeace" and "Keys to the Heart," come from **Joseph Akins'** album "Masterpeace," which he and **Michael Fleming** recorded in MTSU's Studio B with the support of a Faculty Research and Creative Activity Grant. The iTunes compilation album is a collection of 40 piano solos from 20 different piano artists featured on Whisperings solo piano radio. All proceeds go to the Alzheimer's Association for research.

Passages

Mrs. Theresa Lening Callis (management and marketing), 54, passed away May 3. She began working at MTSU in February 2006 and was a Secretary III in the Department of Management and Marketing. Mrs. Callis, a graduate of Lebanon (Tenn.) High School who attended Draughtons Junior College, was a member of the Immanuel Baptist Church in Lebanon, where she was a former Sunday-school teacher and choir member. She is survived by her husband of 34 years, Thomas Callis;

two children, Marianne Callis of Gallatin, Tenn., and Matthew Callis of Huntsville, Ala.; her mother, Lillian Ewing Lening; brother and sister-in-law, Doyle Jr. and Tish Lening; father-in-law, Charles Leslie Callis; brothers and sisters-in-law Edward (Brenda) Callis and Robert (Marilyn) Callis, all of Lebanon; and nieces Kacie and Jessica Lening, Gloria Griffith and Tracey Swearns. Memorials may be made to the Immanuel Baptist Church Mission Fund or to the Boy Scouts of America.

Mrs. Sarah Mae Gooch Malone (Student Athlete Enhancement Center), 63, passed away April 18. Mrs. Malone, a veteran educator and member of the storytelling community, began working at MTSU in October 1985 in various positions, including adjunct teaching and temporary hourly, and most recently worked for the Student Athlete Enhancement Center. Mrs. Malone is survived by her husband, Branious Andrew Malone; a daughter, Sesilee Anne Malone (Michael) Jones; sons Branious Andrew Malone II and Da'Von Elliott Hudson Boyd; grandchildren Devlyn Anne, Mikalila Mae and LeDamian Rico Jones; sisters Genevieve "Geneva" Gooch Luckey and Katie (Darryl) Roper; brothers Joe Sammie (Sharon) and Larry Wayne

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