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## Rural settlements: documenting history in 'living laboratory'

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Sometimes students can feel as though they've been stuffed between the pages of an overpriced textbook and left there. One class that liberates those students from a book's binding while helping them appreciate the nuances of geography and history is Dr. Doug Heffington's Rural Settlement class.

In the spring 2009 semester, Heffington, a geography professor and director of the global studies program, sent his students out into the countryside to document and map the rural landscape—a region invaded by developers, avoided by the interstate system and transformed by technology and time.

"I think the thing that makes (the) rural settlement (course) work so well here on campus is

that our campus is really not MTSU,"

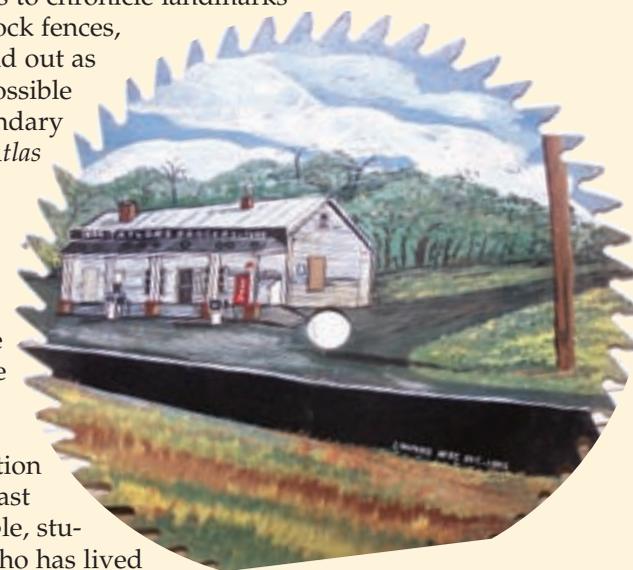
Heffington says. "It becomes Rutherford County or Bedford County or East Tennessee or however you want to phrase it. We really do operate, in some ways, inside a 'living laboratory' of the past."

Heffington started by sending his charges out on a scavenger hunt of sorts. Their mission was to chronicle landmarks of country life—silos, rock fences, etc.—map them and find out as much information as possible from primary and secondary sources. *The Tennessee Atlas & Gazetteer* was a required text.

"You just simply have to get out into the field," Heffington says. "You have to take those drives. You have to take those walks."

The main project became the documentation of old country stores, past and present. For example, student Mary Lane Poe, who has lived in Rutherford County for most of her life, discovered that the area where Versailles Grocery once stood had been founded in 1710 as a trading post for French traders who entered Indian hunting grounds along the Harpeth River.

Very few of the country stores Poe investigated still exist as country



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## Reading 'mission: possible' this summer

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MTSU's Department of Psychology and the Department of Elementary and Special Education are partnering with Murfreesboro City Schools this summer to host "Mission: Possible," an educational experience for both MTSU and city schools' students.

"The overall goal is to take children who aren't reading at grade level, measure how they are doing, deliver instruction they need and follow their improvement," psychology professor Dr. Stuart Bernstein said.

"Mission: Possible" is part of a four-week reading camp at Hobgood Elementary that will focus on giving instruction to struggling readers. MTSU will be able to host the first

"Mission: Possible" camp through collaboration with Murfreesboro City Schools' funding and an MTSU Service Grant. It's planned Monday, June 1, through Friday, June 26.



MTSU education and psychology graduate students will teach the reading block of camp, giving them hands-on experience in their career field. Throughout the camp, the elementary students will work on various reading exercises according to their reading levels.

In addition to the reading block taught by MTSU students, the city schools also will include a physical

education, math and science block for the children.

At the end of the four weeks, the students' reading levels will be re-evaluated through a short series of simple reading measurements.

"We hope to see improvement in students' comprehension, see a desire to learn and for them to be motivated to read," said Dr. Beverly Boulware, associate professor of elementary and special education.

The camp is free and available to all elementary school students. To get more information about the program or enroll your student, contact Hobgood Assistant Principal Michelle McVicker at 615-895-2744 or [michelle.mcvicker@cityschools.net](mailto:michelle.mcvicker@cityschools.net).

## Final budget status report online: McPhee

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I am pleased that the posting of this memo and the accompanying report signify the culmination of the yearlong campus review process that was developed to help us address the ongoing challenges brought on by the recent downturn in our state and national economy. Although the majority of the recommendations presented to me as part of this process have been accepted and/or revised, I have decided to

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### IN BRIEF

#### HONORS PARKING CLOSED

The University Honors College parking lot will be closed until Aug. 24 for underground electrical work in preparation for

the new Student Union Building. The sidewalk going east to the Recreation Center is slightly narrowed and the bus shelter has been relocated south as a result. If you have questions, please contact Parking and Transportation Services at 615-898-2425.



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# Need help to dump tobacco, avoid surcharge? Support is ready

State health-plan members now have additional resources available if they choose to quit using tobacco.

Plan members have full access to the Tennessee Department of Health free Tobacco Quitline at 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669) 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This free hotline provides cessation counseling and resource information that can help kick the habit.

The following benefits are available now to all employees, regardless of their insurance plan, as part of the package to help smokers quit, including tools not available in most public- and private-sector institutions that have made similar health plan changes. Those benefits include:

- \$5 copays for nicotine replacement patches, gum and lozenges (\$10 copay for 90-day supply); and
- \$5 copays for prescriptions to help employees quit, such as Chantix and Bupropion (\$10 copay for 90-day supply).

Quitting tobacco use should be overseen by a physician to ensure safety and effectiveness, so employees will need to get a prescription from a doctor for all quit aids, including those that are available over the counter. The prescription, cou-

pled with the insurance card, will ensure that a member pays only the \$5 or \$10 copay.

A series of free quit-support seminars also has been conducted across the state, offering tips for successfully giving up tobacco and providing a chance for employees to learn more about quitting and how to get the most from the state's support program. A schedule of the remaining seminars will be available soon.

## Learn more @

[www.state.tn.us/finance/ins/ins.html](http://www.state.tn.us/finance/ins/ins.html)  
1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669)

The state House of Representatives voted May 21 to delay the implementation of the planned Tobacco Use Surcharge until 2011. The legislation had not passed the state Senate at press time, so state benefits administration officials said members will still be able to receive tobacco-quit aids for the \$5 copays until further notice. The state also will continue offering the tobacco-quit seminars, webinars and classes as planned. Employees and covered spouses who currently use tobacco but want

to avoid the planned surcharge can use the tools provided to become tobacco-free. Employees who choose to quit by the pending July 1, 2009, deadline will not be subject to the planned surcharge in 2010. Employees will continue to have access to these benefits after July 1 but will be subject to the surcharge in 2010.

A quitter's refund will be available to those who successfully kick the habit, which can result in a full refund of the first year's surcharge for those who successfully kick the habit in 2010.

MTSU's Human Resource Services is encouraging employees to take appropriate steps now toward giving up use of tobacco products. These benefits are funded through the surcharge. Quitting is completely voluntary, however, and remains the choice of individual employees.

Each employee enrolled in a state health plan will be required to sign a statement during the annual enrollment period regarding tobacco usage. Anyone who doesn't return the form will have to pay the surcharge, and the state will not refund the surcharge for employees who fail to complete their forms, even if they don't use tobacco, HRS says.

For updates and more information, visit [www.state.tn.us/finance/ins/ins.html](http://www.state.tn.us/finance/ins/ins.html).

## Running with the heavy hitters



**INTERESTING INTERNSHIPS**—MTSU students are finding themselves on the front lines of their career fields during recent internships. In the photo at left, senior Priscilla Kinney, second from left, visits MTSU with State Rep. Kent Williams, speaker of the Tennessee House of Representatives, to meet with President Sidney A. McPhee and John Hood of the Office of Community Engagement and Support and tour the campus. After going through the internship process with MTSU, Kinney was assigned to work in Williams' office. As a political science major, she says, "It's been interesting learning about Tennessee politics." Kinney has been a legislative intern in Williams' office since January and will continue to work with him until the session adjourns. To learn more about internship opportunities with the Tennessee State Legislature, contact Dr. Mark Byrnes at [mbyrnes@mtsu.edu](mailto:mbyrnes@mtsu.edu) or Donna Morgan at [donna.morgan@capitol.tn.gov](mailto:donna.morgan@capitol.tn.gov).

photo by Andy Heidt

At right, Russell Luna poses with other participants in the Houston Astros' internship program. (Luna is the second person in the back row.) "Each semester, they invite around 20 students from around the country to participate in the program," Luna says. "I was fortunate to work in the media-relations department. This photo is the 2009 Spring Semester Intern Class, each wearing their university's shirts. My experiences were awesome, and it's really cool to represent MTSU in this fashion." The photo was taken at Minute Maid Park in Houston. Luna, who received his bachelor's degree in electronic media communications May 9, is now working as broadcaster and public-relations manager for the Aberdeen IronBirds, the short-season Class A affiliate of the Baltimore Orioles.

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# Exciting science experiments

## wow Child Care Lab youngsters

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The MTSU Women In Science and Engineering, along with Warren County MTSU Educational Talent Search program graduates, enjoyed a nice end to a long and grueling semester by volunteering their time to help the children from the MTSU Child Care Lab experience fun with science.

More than 20 3- to 5-year-olds from the campus day care facility joined chemistry professor Dr. Judith Iriarte-Gross, the MTSU Educational Talent Search leaders, WISE volunteers and METS volunteers performing science experiments in the chemistry lab.

The future Raiders began their exciting science adventures with a vinegar and baking-soda experiment that caused balloons to expand with gas. They then made "MTSU Blue" slime and continued the experimentation outside, blasting film-canister rockets filled with Alka-Seltzer tablets and water about 20 feet into the air!

The grand finale was a classic demonstration of the Mentos and Diet Coke fizzy fountain.

This was a fun-filled day for the children and also allowed the volunteers an opportunity to spread their love of science to young children.

*Debbie Frisby serves as coordinator of the MTSU Educational Talent Search, or METS. It is housed in the College of Basic and Applied Sciences.*



**SCIENCE IS FUN!**—Youngsters at MTSU's Child Care Lab are fascinated by scientific experiments during a visit from MTSU Women In Science and Engineering members, along with Warren County MTSU Educational Talent Search program graduates. In the photo top left, Will Frisby watches a balloon inflate with the chemical reaction of baking soda and vinegar in a bottle, while at right, children react to a not-pictured WISE member pushing a skewer through an inflated balloon without bursting it. In the bottom left photo, MTSU junior Jessie Richter, third from left, is joined by sophomores C.J. Strode and Leslie Hollis (both Warren County METS graduates) and MTSU chemistry professor Judith Iriarte-Gross to explain the chemical process that inflates the balloon. At bottom right, the children react during the balloon experiment.

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# Campus Calendar

## June 1-14

### 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:  
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Sundays, 1:30 p.m.  
Visit [www.mtsunews.com](http://www.mtsunews.com) for other cable outlet airtimes.

### June 1

**June 1-4**  
**Blue Raider Football Youth Camp**  
for first- to eighth-grade boys  
For information, visit [www.goblueraiders.com](http://www.goblueraiders.com) or contact: 615-898-2926.

**Monday, June 1**  
**Summer June Term, June/July Combo Term classes begin**

### June 2

**June 2-3**  
**CUSTOMS Orientation**  
Basic and applied sciences, mass comm, undeclared majors  
7:30 a.m., campuswide  
For information, visit [www.mtsu.edu/~customs](http://www.mtsu.edu/~customs) or contact: 615-898-5533.

### June 3

**June 3-5**  
**Rick Insell "Lil' Raider" Basketball Camp**  
for girls age 5 to eighth grade  
For information, visit [www.goblueraiders.com](http://www.goblueraiders.com) or contact: 615-898-5356.

### June 5

**June 5-6**  
**CUSTOMS Orientation**  
Business, education and behavioral science, liberal arts and undeclared majors  
7:30 a.m., campuswide  
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### June 7

**June 7-9**  
**Blue Raider Baseball Pitcher/Catcher Camp**  
for boys ages 13 to 12th grade  
For information, visit [www.goblueraiders.com](http://www.goblueraiders.com) or contact: 615-898-2961.

**Rick Insell Basketball Team Camp I**  
for girls' middle-school, junior varsity and varsity high-school teams  
For information, visit [www.goblueraiders.com](http://www.goblueraiders.com) or contact: 615-898-5356.

**Sunday, June 7**  
**"MTSU On the Record—The CSI Clue Crew"**  
Dr. Hugh Berryman, founder of the CSI: MTSU camp, describes the way he takes attending teenagers through the procedures of crime scene analysis.  
7 a.m., WMOT 89.5-FM  
Podcast at [www.mtsunews.com](http://www.mtsunews.com).



### June 9

**June 9-11**  
**Blue Raider Baseball Hitting Camp**  
for boys ages 13 to 12th grade  
For information, visit [www.goblueraiders.com](http://www.goblueraiders.com) or contact: 615-898-2961.

**Tuesday, June 9**  
**Tornado-Siren Testing**  
12:20 p.m., campuswide  
(No emergency action required.)  
For information, visit [www.mtsu.edu/alert4u/tornado\\_shelter.shtml](http://www.mtsu.edu/alert4u/tornado_shelter.shtml) or contact: 615-898-2424.

### June 10

**June 10-11**  
**CUSTOMS Orientation**  
Basic and applied sciences, mass comm, undeclared majors  
7:30 a.m., campuswide  
For information, visit [www.mtsu.edu/~customs](http://www.mtsu.edu/~customs) or contact: 615-898-5533.

### June Anderson Scholars



**MEETING THE CHALLENGE**—2009 June S. Anderson Scholarship recipients Katherine Anderson, left, a junior accounting major, and Laura Hoopes, right, a senior majoring in nuclear medical technology, join Drs. Mary Magada-Ward, president of the June S. Anderson Foundation, and Andrienne Friedli, foundation vice president, during the May 14 awards luncheon. Anderson and Hoopes received two of the scholarships presented annually to female nontraditional students who have overcome adversity and are pursuing careers typically occupied by males. Anderson taught chemistry at MTSU from 1958 until 1983 and founded an academic support service for women in 1975, the Concerned Faculty and Administrative Women.

photo by J. Intintoli

### June 8

**Monday, June 8**  
**Blue Raider Golf Scramble**  
Temple Hills Golf Club, Franklin  
For information, contact: 615-898-2210.

**June 10-12**  
**Kermit Davis Basketball Team Camp I**  
for boys' high-school teams  
For information, visit [www.goblueraiders.com](http://www.goblueraiders.com) or contact: 615-898-5228.

### June 11

**Thursday, June 11**  
**Retired Faculty/Staff Coffee**  
9:30 a.m., Foundation House  
For information, contact: 615-898-5756.

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Submit Campus Calendar items to [gfann@mtsu.edu](mailto:gfann@mtsu.edu) by 3 p.m. Wednesday, June 3, for the June 15 *Record* or 3 p.m. Wednesday, June 17, for the June 29 *Record*. Don't forget to include the who, what, where, when and why, plus contact information for your event! Check deadlines at [http://frank.mtsu.edu/~proffice/rec\\_deadlines.htm](http://frank.mtsu.edu/~proffice/rec_deadlines.htm).

stores. Some have been converted into roadside “meat-and-threes,” while others have been converted into houses. Some have been abandoned and almost decimated by the ravages of wind, rain and time. But Heffington says they were the touchstones of country living in their heyday.

“That really was, for that community—that stretch of farmers—that (country store) was their window to the world,” he says. “That’s where they got news. ... They exchanged stories. They exchanged gossip. They met with friends.”

A ride in the countryside with Heffington and Poe brings to mind those unbridled days of childhood when Mom and Dad would take the kids on a weekend drive through a seemingly endless expanse of huge farms buffeted by brilliantly green hills. It was uncomplicated recreation, as uncomplicated as the area itself and without a particular destination.

Now, gasoline is far too expensive for such larks. The kids are probably wrapped up in rigid schedules that rival those of any working adult. And those neighborly places where customers could get a sandwich of baloney and hook cheese on white bread to munch while collecting fish bait from the minnow tank inside or the cricket box out on the porch are scarce.

Heffington says it was important to impress upon his students that the past they were investigating—not only in the field but in the libraries, Albert Gore Research Center and Tennessee State Archives—was their past, not his. Several told him the experience reconnected them with things their grandparents and great-grandparents had told them long ago.

“You see the same places day after day, and then, over the years, the luster kind of goes away,” Heffington says. “With assignments like this, there seems to be that art of discovery, that newness.”

Heffington describes today’s rural landscape as a “mosaic of different uses.” For each farmhouse, there’s a trailer home. For each trailer home, there’s a McMansion. Cows and horses graze at one farm while llamas and emus graze on a neighbor’s property. But do they constitute a community, or are they just a collection of individuals who happen to live in open spaces? Heffington says the country store is the missing link, which can’t be replaced by a convenience store.

“The tried and true tradition of word-of-mouth is different now,” he says. “I don’t know that we have that cultural clearinghouse that country stores were.”



**CAPTURING HISTORY**—Country stores documented by Dr. Doug Heffington’s Rural Settlement class include the Versailles Grocery, shown above, at the intersection of Mt. Pleasant, Concord and Versailles roads in western Rutherford County. Versailles started out as a trading post where French traders en route to the Gulf Coast would barter with the Cherokee, Creek and Chickasaw. Before it closed in the 1980s, it was known for a lunch counter that sold hamburgers, fried pies and ice-cream cones. At far left is the original Puckett & Son Store in a photo

from the early 1900s, located in Eagleville at the corner of state Route 99 and Mt. Pleasant Road. The Eagleville Community Care Center, shown above left, is a Veterans’ Administration outpatient center now operating at the site. On page 1, Percy’s General Merchandise in Lascassas began as the community post office, became a store and has been owned and operated by the Percy family since the late 1960s. The saw painting on page 1 depicts the Taylor Grocery in Double Springs, owned by the Taylor family since 1952. The original store can be traced to 1874; the building in the painting burned in 1988 and has been rebuilt.

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continue my review of a select number of the more complex recommendations in order to assure a thorough impact analysis and to allow for the additional time needed to develop and assess proposals associated with those recommendations.

We have completed a comprehensive, open and transparent process that has resulted in a series of important recommendations that will help the university better manage its limited resources during these tough financial times.

As has been previously noted, some proposals will be implemented immediately while others will be phased in as indicated within the report grid. For a select number of recommendations, ad hoc committees will be established and composed of representatives from the appropriate constituent groups to address the critical issues and processes needed for successful implementation. These groups will help facilitate the execution of accepted proposals with the least amount of negative impact on the campus community.

With regard to the federal stimulus funds, despite the short-term benefits that will come with these funds over the next two years, economic conditions in Tennessee remain such that we must continue to prepare for the significant budget cuts that await us in fiscal year 2012. On May 21, I discussed with Tennessee Board of Regents Chancellor Charles Manning and members of his staff how we propose to address the \$19.3 million budget reduction and how the recommendations approved as part of our “Positioning the University for the Future” initiative link to our plan. Our discussions went well, and we are moving forward with our “Positioning the University for the Future” plan.

Although we anticipate some enrollment growth and minimal increases in tuition over the next three-year period, the revenue realized from these increas-

es will only help to mitigate some of the planned reductions. It is important to note that any revenue gained from enrollment growth will first be allocated to the costs associated with that growth, including hiring needed instructional faculty.

Additionally, as part of my meeting with the chancellor, we discussed a proposed voluntary employee buy-out program for our university. The buy-out plan, along with the anticipated normal attrition, will be important in helping us to avoid the immediate layoffs in personnel or furloughs that had been expected prior to the approval of stimulus dollars. Participants will be able to sign up for the voluntary buy-out program in fall 2009 with a severance date after the conclusion of the spring 2010 semester. Complete details regarding faculty and staff eligibility and participation will soon be available on the Human Resource Services Web site

(<http://hrs.web.mtsu.edu>) and via a series of information sessions that are planned for this summer.

Again, I wish to thank each of you for your contribution to this process over the past year. We could not have reached this point without your hard work, input and commitment. I sincerely appreciate the dedicated leadership of the co-chairs of the University Oversight Committee, Drs. Charles Perry and Rick Moffett, as well as the excellent work and guidance provided by members of the Oversight Steering Committee and the four strategic work groups. Their services were invaluable. In spite of the continued difficult economic circumstances in the state, I remain excited about where we are and where we are going and the fact that, through this process, we will be better positioned to meet the needs of the outstanding team of faculty, staff and students who call MTSU home.

**Read the full report @**

**[www.mtsu.edu/strategic/docs/Complete\\_Response\\_Document\\_052109\\_2.pdf](http://www.mtsu.edu/strategic/docs/Complete_Response_Document_052109_2.pdf)**

# 3rd Institute of Leadership Excellence inspires group

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**T**wenty-seven MTSU students from 21 different majors enjoyed an enlightening experience May 11-15 when they participated in the third Institute of Leadership Excellence.

"I can see some real superstars (in this group)," said MTSU alumnus Micheal Burt, the successful former Riverdale High School girls' basketball coach-turned author and motivational speaker who made a presentation May 13.

"Their questions were quite engaging. This is a group of future leaders. They are college students who can't wait to get started on their leadership journey."

Senior accounting major Jessica Harrell of Murfreesboro said the class was both informative and educational.

"It changed my perspective on leadership and what it takes to be successful," Harrell said. "I have grown as a student. It has challenged my way of thinking."

Casey Hindman, a senior electronic media communication major from Woodbury, took the three-hour credit course after someone highly recommended it.



**LEARNING TO LEAD**—Knoxville businessman Lee Martin videoconferences with students at the third Institute of Leadership Excellence at MTSU's University Honors College in the photo above. At left, junior management major Zachary Lomas, senior business-administration major Kristi Turner, junior communication-studies major Corey Titus-Tuttle, junior accounting major Biren Patel, and senior business-administration major Edrick Thomas listen and laugh as senior biology major Chase West raises his hand to ask a question.

photos by Georgia Dennis

"She said it was the best thing she had ever taken," Hindman, who aspires to be a journalist/anchor, said of her friend's recommendation. "I had no idea what I was in for. ... I have learned a ton—so much of what true service leadership is. I wish the class was offered to everyone. This is what matters in life and what makes students successful."

Patrick Jennings, a fifth-year senior majoring in biology and music who plans to go into pre-med, called it a "fabulous class."

"As a pre-med student, I see how important it is to build personal relationships with people," said Jennings, who also is from Woodbury. "(The class has made me) see many ways in my life where I have been a leader, but I had not thought about it."

The Institute of Leadership Excellence, a Paul W. Martin Sr. Distinguished Program housed in the University Honors College, originated from seed money planted by Knoxville businessman Lee Martin, the youngest son of the man for whom the honors building was named.

The class was co-led by institute director Dr. David Foote and faculty coordinator Dr. Earl Thomas from the Jennings A. Jones College of Business's Department of Management and Marketing.

Sixteen students from 16 different majors participated in a three-week course in 2006, Foote said, adding that 26 students from 21 disciplines participated in '08. Faculty and administrators nominated 87 students this year.

Foote called it an "intense, total-immersion experience" for attendees.

"This was one of the best experiences I had in college," senior accounting major Brandi Parton of Woodbury said. "This is what matters: to learn how to relate to people, to lead people and to inspire them to follow."

Sam Mitchell, a sophomore chemistry major from Nashville, said he considered it "a unique experience. I was exposed to a lot of learning experiences through band in high school. This is special. I understand you do not have to just adopt one (leadership) style."

In addition to Burt, Thomas said other presenters during the week included The Hon. Royce Taylor, a circuit court judge in Murfreesboro; Jaynee Day, president and CEO of Second Harvest Food Bank in Nashville; Louis Upkins, founder and CEO of Nashville-based Designhouse LLC; Honors Dean John Vile, appearing as former U.S. President James Madison; Gene Policinski, vice president and executive director of the First Amendment Center in Nashville; and Dr. Deana Raffo, assistant professor in MTSU's Department of Speech and Theatre, who administered a Myers-Briggs personality test to students.



**BEING PREPARED**—Senior political-science major Johnna Burton, sophomore international-relations major Rasha Ahmed and sophomore recording-industry major Dustin Hargrave make a presentation to members of the Institute of Leadership Excellence.

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# 'Culture to Culture' turns MTSU students into ambassadors

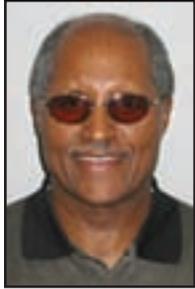
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"Culture to Culture," a program of MTSU's Office of International Programs and Services, sends international college students into area K-12 schools to offer youngsters a sampling of the world beyond their books and their borders.

"They're learning about other parts of the world, which perhaps will start a desire to study abroad when they go to college," says Dr. Tech Wubneh, IPS director.

Of course, the potential for planting a seed that may one day sprout more admissions to MTSU is beneficial as well.

Wubneh says some schools involved in the experiential-learning partnership just want to introduce their classes to a broader range of information through a vibrant, personal exchange. Others want the visiting MTSU students' presentations to coincide with the existing curriculum.



Wubneh

Todd Williamson, international baccalaureate coordinator at Oakland High School in Murfreesboro, says the Culture to Culture idea is an especially good fit with his institution. Oakland is one of only six high schools in Tennessee authorized to offer an IB degree, a top-notch entrée into higher education.

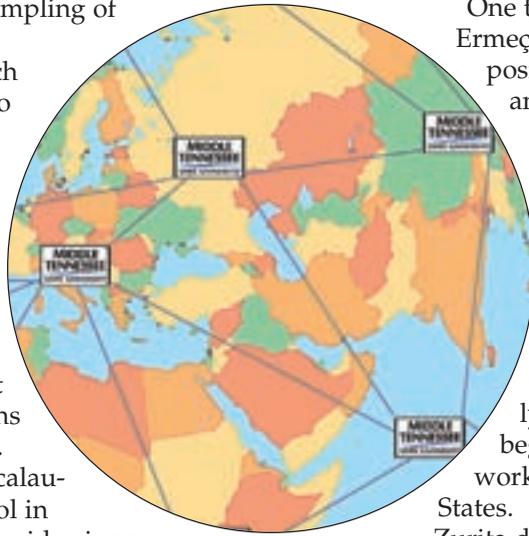
According to Oakland's Web site, the IB program "encourages students to ask challenging questions, think critically, develop a strong sense of one's identity and culture and develop an ability to communicate with and understand others from different cultures and backgrounds."

"This program is meant to educate the whole person," Williamson says of Oakland's IB program. "We are interested in getting the viewpoints of other cultures around the world."

Umut Ermeç is an MTSU student interested in sharing those viewpoints. A 29-year-old pursuing his master's degree in recording industry, this native of Turkey is eager to dispel mistaken impressions of his homeland.

"I take it as a mission because I love my country, and I want to explain it to young students," says Ermeç.

Turkey, a uniquely positioned country that unites Europe and the Middle East both literally and culturally, is a parlia-



mentary democracy that is strategically important to the United States. It is a predominantly Muslim country, but Islam is not the official state religion. Ermeç says some Westerners don't understand it very well.

"They think it's a conservative culture," he says. "It has very conservative parts, but some parts are not. It's not one culture. It's like a collage."

One traditional aspect of Turkish culture has stayed with Ermeç. He plays the darbuka, a goblet drum that is struck while positioned under the musician's arm or between the knees, and a potential prop for school demonstrations.

Gabriel Zurita, a 24-year-old economics major from Chile, says he hopes "to help American students broaden their world views, specifically their views of developing nations." Chile, that long, lean nation in southwest South America, also is important to American interests because of its location relative to sea lanes between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. The world's No. 1 producer of copper, Chile's market economy depends heavily on foreign trade. The nation recently began airing commercials on U.S. cable networks touting its fruit exports to the United States.



Zurita

Zurita delivered his first Culture to Culture presentation last semester at Riverdale High School.

"I've had to present information to students before, but this is the first time I presented information about my own country," Zurita says. "You don't know whether to be unbiased or just be a tourist guide, to advertise your country. I decided to take an objective approach and to simply educate."

Wubneh says the international students gain a wealth of experience as well.

"They learn about a different educational system," Wubneh says. "Because they are sharing their culture, because they have been given this opportunity, it gives them a sense of belonging and self-confidence."

Culture to Culture presenters hail not only from Turkey and Chile but also from Spain, India and several other nations. Discussions may include music, dancing, short films and items sent to the presenters from their embassies, as well as plenty of time for questions and answers. The service is offered at no charge to the schools. For more information or to book a student, contact Wubneh at 615-898-2238 or [twubneh@mtsu.edu](mailto:twubneh@mtsu.edu).



Ermeç

## Pennies for Peace collects more than \$16K in donations

MTSU is wrapping up its Pennies for Peace campaign with a tentative total of \$16,629.28, almost reaching the 2-million-penny target for contributions to build and maintain a school in Pakistan or Afghanistan.

Three local schools partnering with MTSU in the effort raised more than \$1,000: Oakland High School (\$2,178), Discovery School at Reeves-Rogers (\$1,632.36) and Scales Elementary (\$1,228.38).

Several individuals, a church, MTSU organizations and public and private schools participated in the campaign, launched world-wide by *Three Cups of Tea* author Greg Mortenson.

## Summer hours set for KUC, JUB, food-service operations

The following schedules have been approved for MTSU Unions summer building hours:

- **James Union Building:** Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; closed Saturday and Sunday;
- **Keathley University Center:** Monday-Friday 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

During the Independence Day weekend, MTSU will be closed Friday, July 3, through Sunday, July 5. The JUB also will be closed, but the KUC will be open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day.

Building hours normally decrease during university breaks and holidays. Normal operating hours will resume Saturday, Aug. 29, the first day of the fall 2009 semester. Opening weekend hours will be

announced at a later date.

The university's food-service operating hours and locations also change during the summer months.

Weekdays through Friday, Aug. 7, the KUC Grill will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Fly 'n' Buy in the Business and Aerospace Building will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and Starbucks in Walker Library will be open 1-6 p.m. Monday through Thursday this summer. All other campus food-service venues will be closed weekdays.

On Saturdays and Sundays this summer, Quiznos in the KUC will be open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. All other venues will be closed on weekends.

During the Independence Day weekend, Quiznos in the KUC will be open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

From Saturday, Aug. 8, through

Thursday, Aug. 27, Quiznos in the KUC will be the only food-service venue open on campus. Hours will be 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. seven days a week.

The KUC Grill will be closed for the fall 2009 opening weekend and will reopen Monday, Aug. 31, for regular service. The full MTSU food-service opening-weekend schedule will be announced at a later date.

Dwight's Mini-Mart on the KUC's second floor will be open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. this summer and will be closed weekends and university holidays.

For more information, contact Jennifer Kirk, assistant director of student unions and programming for nights and weekends, at 615-898-2590 or [jkirk@mtsu.edu](mailto:jkirk@mtsu.edu). You also may visit the MT Unions Web Site at [www.mtsu.edu/mtunions](http://www.mtsu.edu/mtunions).

## Faculty

1976. Before his tenure at MTSU, Mr. DeShazo, a native of Coldwater, Miss., taught at Mars Hill College in Mars Hill, N.C., for 18 years. He also guided that school's forensic team, coached tennis and served as student newspaper adviser. He and his late wife, Opal, served as class sponsors at Mars Hill and were affectionately known by students there as "Mama and Papa De." He was passionate about poetry, music and his beloved little dogs. In addition to his wife, Mr. DeShazo was preceded in death by his parents, William Otis and Myrtie DeShazo, and an infant daughter,

Edyce Grace. He is survived by dozens of former students, many of whom kept in contact with him after 50 years. Memorials may be made to Mars Hill College's Opal and Ramon DeShazo Scholarship Fund.

## Presentations

**Dr. Mark Anshel** (health and human performance) presented "Wellness and Fitness in the Workplace" May 14 at the Tennessee Association of Colleges and Employers Annual Conference at the Embassy Suites Airport Hotel in Nashville.

Faculty in the Quantum Theory Project at the University of Florida invited **Dr. Preston MacDougall** (chemistry) to give a research seminar in Gainesville May 13. After his lecture on "New tools for molecular visualization with potential applications in drug design and molecular electronics," he went to "The Swamp" and saw two largeigators.

## Publications

**Dr. Debra Rose Wilson** (nursing) published a peer-reviewed journal article examining "A Holistic

Approach to Research through Mixed Methods" in *The Journal of Community and Health Sciences*, 3(1), 59-67.

## Get noticed in *The Record*!

Submit your news to [gfnan@mtsu.edu](mailto:gfnan@mtsu.edu) by 3 p.m. Wednesday, June 3, for the June 15 *Record* or 3 p.m. Wednesday, June 17, for the June 29 *Record*. Don't forget to include the specifics, plus contact information, with your contributions.

# Engineering a welcome, showing off technology

**M**TSU's Department of Engineering Technology conducted its third annual open house on Study Day, April 30, in the Tom H. Jackson Building's Cantrell Hall. The event showcased student projects, research and national awards; exhibited departmental talent to the campus community; and introduced major areas of study to interested students.

Exhibits included an electro-hybrid retrofit automobile, "Concrete: The Sustainable Building Material," an hydraulic lever system, robotics, a hydrogen fuel cell, friction welding, rockets, a Space Elevator, the construction management program's National Association of Homebuilders national student team award, the TN LEAP's lead-elimination economic-impact study and more.

Awards also were presented to outstanding students and scholarship recipients.



**THIS IS HOW IT WORKS**—The Department of Engineering Technology showcases student and staff talent at its annual open house. In the photo above, Paxton Jones, right, a sophomore majoring in engineering technology, leans against MTSU's Formula SAE racer while discussing the experimental vehicle with students and guests on the south lawn of the Tom Jackson Building. In the photo at left, senior Matthew Lowrance, who is majoring in electromechanical engineering technology, listens to ET professor Dr. Chong Chen's comments on Lowrance's research project at the open house. Lowrance designed and built a radio-controlled, spring-loading camera for rock climbing.

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## Faculty/Staff Update

### Awards

**Shawn Jacobs** (WMOT) was recognized during the recent Tennessee Associated Press Broadcasters' Association Awards, receiving statewide Honorable Mention citations for Best Radio Newscast, Best Radio Enterprise and Best Radio Public Affairs. Jacobs was honored earlier this spring with the Grand Award for Media Excellence in Higher Education Broadcast Reporting by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education, District III, at its annual conference in Atlanta.

The Division of Development and University Relations brought home multiple awards from the Tennessee College Public Relations Association's May 14 Spring Conference in Clarksville. In the **Office of News and Public Affairs**, *The Record*, edited by **Gina E. Fann**, received a 2009 Gold Award as best Electronic Newsletter (site designed by **John Lynch**) and a Silver Award in the Printed Newsletter category. *The Alumni Record*, edited by **Randy Weiler**, earned a Bronze Award in the Printed Newsletter category. (NPA shares the award with the **Office of Alumni Relations**.) And **Lisa Rollins** received a Bronze Award in the Media Success Story category for work on efforts to find

and save the Harding House site at Stones River National Battlefield. The **Office of Marketing and Communications** received Silver Awards in the Radio Advertisement (for "I'm One: Caitlin Weller") and Video Advertisement ("The Dream") categories and a Bronze Award in the Specialty Item category ("There is Only One MTSU" iMail promotional video). News and Public Affairs also was recognized at this spring's CASE III awards competition in Atlanta, where *The Record* and *Alumni Record* received 2009 Special Merit Awards in the Internal Tabloids and Newsletters and the External Tabloids and Newsletters categories, respectively.

### Excursions

Representatives of MTSU's **Department of Aerospace** participated in the Lewis County Airport Fly-In and Open House on May 16 in Hohenwald. MTSU's newest trainer and Classic DeHavilland Beaver were on display.

### Panels

**Dr. Stephen Wright** (biology) participated in a panel discussion at the Adventure Science Center in Nashville on May 1. The panel topic was the swine flu outbreak; Wright talked about how viruses move from animals to humans.

### 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.

**Professor Ramon DeShazo** (English), 95, passed away April 20. Professor DeShazo was an associate professor of English at MTSU from July 1957 until his retirement in May

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