Disorders program moved from its affiliation with Applied Sciences. In addition, the Communication the School of Nursing from the College of Basic and Social Work from the College of Liberal Arts and Psychology leaving the College of Education, Health and Human Performance, Human Sciences future. Health Sciences is taking its first steps toward the Initiative, the new College of Behavioral and Health Sciences' mission statement, help with paperwork and identify additional grants.

Dr. Rick Short, associate dean, says the former College of Education and Behavioral Science under-standably gravitated overwhelmingly toward teacher education. The reorganization not only pro-vides education with its own point of focus, he says; it enables the other disciplines that share a common thread to become part of the same fabric.

"We really see ourselves as a research-powerful operation for getting grants and other opportuni-ties because of cross-collaboration between disci-plines," says Dr. Harold “Terry” Whiteside, dean of the new college. Whiteside views the TCCW, in particular, as a grant-management operation that will serve other departments, help with paperwork and identify additional grants.

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Zdravstvuju! from MTSU!

Professor greets, advises Russian leaders during trip home for seminar

by Gina K. Logue gklogue@mtsu.edu

To get even 10 min-utes of access to a major head of state is a gift that would make thousands of lobbyists giddy with anticipation. Dr. Andrei Korobkov, MTSU professor of politi-cal science, spoke with Russian President Dmitry Medvedev for two hours at a Nov. 4 state reception and dinner in the Kremlin. Korobkov encoun-tered Medvedev at the fourth annual Assembly of the Russian World Foundation, which took place Nov. 2-4 in Moscow.

"The organization is actively supported by President Medvedev, who is very interested in push-ing it and considers it a way to reestablish links with the Russian diaspora abroad," says Korobkov. "Increasingly, he is getting interested in bringing back Russian intellectuals who left."

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Our happy, productive experience at MTSU’

by Jianhua Wang
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I am an administrator in the Academic Office of China Agricultural University in Beijing. I and Ms. Zhanrong Zhong visited MTSU from March to August 2010 as shadowing researchers to learn how MTSU committed itself to serve students from Tennessee and beyond.

On Sept. 27, I shared my experience in a lecture in the Paul W. Martin Sr. Honors Building with CAU colleagues, chaired by Mr. Wenliang Wu, the provost of CAU. CAU is a 211 university in China.

“We are an administrator in the Academic Office of China Agricultural University in Beijing, and she and Zhong shadowed researchers for six months to learn more about MTSU’s ‘student-centered learning community.’

MTSU supports officials’ efforts to secure funding for new science building

MTSU officials support preliminary discussions by lawmakers to secure funding for a proposed $126 million science building by reducing the state’s share of the project to less than $100 million.

Dr. Sidney A. McPhee said he was grateful for the work by legislators, state officials and others to advance the science building, which has been on the state’s priority list for higher-education building projects since 1998 and designated as the No. 1 priority for the last three years. The university’s current science buildings have been deemed outdated and inadequate to support demand created by MTSU’s record-breaking enrollment.

State Sens. Bill Ketron, R-Murfreesboro, and Jim Tracy, R-Shelbyville, said at a Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce legislative luncheon on Nov. 17 that they thought the project would fare better before the Legislature if the state’s cost could be reduced below the $100 million mark.

McPhee said he will work with the senators, as well as the entire local legislative delegation and other key lawmakers, on ways to reduce the state’s portion of the cost and move the project forward. Under such a scenario, he said, the university would secure the balance needed to finish the building through other options apart from state funding.

The president also echoed the senators’ urgency on moving quickly with the project to take advantage of MTSU’s efficient practices, robust student-centered learning community and universal access to technology.

“The (Student Health, Wellness and) Recreation Center is a very enjoyable place and a good facility for faculty and students as well. I enjoyed backward floating very much when I swam after working long hours in the office.

“My gratitude is great for the hospitality I received from MTSU, and the days I spent in Murfreesboro will become a valuable memory for this trip to the United States.”

My colleagues expressed strong interest in how the university faculty and staff serve students and create a student-centered learning community. MTSU’s efficient practices, robust administration and a technological system serving more than 25,000 students will become a valuable memory for this trip to the United States.”

TEACHING MORE TEACHERS—Former Hangzhou Normal University President Lin Zhengfan discusses “The Development and Future Perspective of Primary-School Teachers in Rural Areas in China” with students in the Paul W. Martin Sr. Honors Building Nov. 9. Dr. Lin and his delegation of visitors from MTSU’s Confucius Institute partner school visited MTSU, three Murfreesboro schools and Siegel High School in Murfreesboro to observe local teachers in action. The group concluded their week in Tennessee with a visit to the Capitol to meet Gov. Phil Bredesen and tour the Tennessee State Museum and Frist Center, then attended MTSU’s 29th annual Salute to Armed Services events on Nov. 13.

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COHRE offers new training for private business

by Gina K. Logue

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ometimes a project works so well in the private sector that a governmen-
tal agency decides it’s worth copying and broadening. The MTSCF Center for Organizational and Human Resource Effectiveness is doing the same thing in a new way.

COHRE is taking the Foundational Leadership Academy it created three years ago to help Rutherford County government employees and offering it to private businesses and organizations.

The Foundational Leadership Academy conducts five half-day sessions once a month with county workers who have leadership potential. Up to 12 trainees and two primary trainers provide individual attention and cover the issues businesses leaders commonly encounter.

Dr. Patrick McCarthy, director of COHRE, says the acad-
emy was designed to be practical, rigorous, hands-on and affordable, is quite adaptable to private-sector circumstances and is applicable in both large and small businesses.


Rutherford County Mayor Ernest G. Burgess is a believer. He writes, “We recognize the value of developing our people, and COHRE has done a won-
derful job adapting the training to the needs of each individual group. COHRE is a competent, energetic, resourceful and trustworthy organization.”

While, on the one hand, we’re a stand-alone consulting firm of sorts, our affiliation with the university means a key part of our mission is to serve our community,” McCarthy says.

After three years of proven performance, the time seemed right to take the Foundational Leadership Academy to the Rutherford County business com-
munity. Dr. Michael Hein, associate director of COHRE, says many firms are discovering that they need to bolster their bench strength.

“What’s actually happening is the retirement of the Baby Boomers,” says Hein, “and a lot of companies are realizing they’re going to have to move a lot of people up into positions to replace those people. And they don’t have the skills to do that.”

In the Foundational Leadership Academy, participants tackle specific scenarios within groups with each individual playing the roles of observer, feedback provider and feed-
back receiver at different times during the exercises. Ultimately, the entire group will discuss their approaches to the scenarios together.

“We’ve had one person in the county with several years of business experience whose comment was that this was the best training she’s ever received,” Hein says.

COHRE’s qualifications are found in its people—consult-
ants with both peer-reviewed academic expertise and decades of real-world experience. Some of Hein’s former clients include Toshiba, the Jack Daniel’s Distillery, Ingram Books and the Murfreesboro Police Department. Among McCarthy’s former clients are Proctor and Gamble, Union Carbide, State Farm, Pearl Drum Corporation and United Way.

To find out more about COHRE and the Foundational Leadership Academy, go to www.mtsu.edu/cohre or call 615-217-2084.
Please note:

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**Radio Schedule**

“MTSU On the Record” 8 a.m. Sundays, WMOT 89.5-FM. For other cable-outlet airtimes or you tube.com/mtsunews for a complete show archive.

**Sports @ Home**

Dec. 9: Women’s Basketball vs. Xavier, 7 p.m.

Dec. 11: Track and Cross Country Middle Tennessee Christmas Invitational

Dec. 12: Women’s Basketball vs. James Madison, 12:30 p.m.

Dec. 12: Men’s Basketball vs. Furman, 3 p.m.

For information, visit mtsumusic.com.

**Nov. 29**

Nov. 29-Dec. 3

Bachelor of Fine Arts Candidates’ Exhibition: Studio 3

8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Todd Gallery (opening reception 6-8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 29)

For information, visit mtsumusic.com/art

or contact: 615-898-2455.

Monday, Nov. 29

“Pistons and Pipes”: MTSU Faculty Brass, Symphonic Brass Ensemble, organist Sandy Arndt and the First United Methodist Church Choir 7:30 p.m., FUMC, West Thompson Lane

For information, visit mtsumusic.com

or contact: 615-898-2493.

**Nov. 30**

Tuesday, Nov. 30

Deadline: Employee Charitable Giving Pledge Forms

For information, visit www.mtsu.edu/givemtsu

or contact: 615-898-2953.

MTSU Music: “A Clarinet Christmas” 6 p.m., Hinton Music Hall

For information, visit mtsumusic.com.

MTSU Music: “Twas the Brass Before Christmas” 8 p.m., Hinton Music Hall

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**Dec. 1**

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**Dec. 2**

Dec. 2-4

MTSU Dance Theatre: Fall Dance Concert

7:30 nightly, Tucker Theatre

Admission: $10 adults, $5 MTSU faculty, staff and K-12 students; MTSU students admitted free with valid ID

For information, visit mtsumusic.com/tuckertheatre

or contact: 615-494-8810.

Thursday, Dec. 2

Retired Faculty/Staff Coffee 9:30 a.m., Foundation House

For information, contact: 615-898-2922.

Free HIV Testing sponsored by Dr. Catherine Crooks’ Psychology 4600 course and Nashville CARES noon-5 p.m., second floor, Keathley University Center

For information, visit http://mtsfreehivtesting.weebly.com.

MTSU Music: “Jazz Nutcracker” 7:30 p.m., Hinton Music Hall

For information, visit mtsumusic.com.

**Dec. 3**

Friday, Dec. 3

MTSU Flute Choir

6 p.m., Hinton Music Hall

For information, visit mtsumusic.com.

**Dec. 4**

Friday, Dec. 3

First Friday Star Party: Dr. Chuck Higgins, “Long Wavelength Astronomy” 6:30 p.m. lecture, Room 102, Wiser-Patten Science Building; followed by telescope viewing at the MTSU Observatory

For information, contact: 615-898-5946.

MTSU Guitar Ensembles 8 p.m., Hinton Music Hall

For information, visit mtsumusic.com.

Saturday, Dec. 4

“Operation Christmas Care” Sorting and Packaging Project 8 a.m., MTSU Police Department training room

For information, e-mail lnwton@mtsu.edu

or contact: 615-904-8857.

Faculty Piano Studio Recital: Lynn Rice-See 7 p.m., Hinton Music Hall

For information, visit mtsumusic.com.

**Dec. 5**

Dec. 5-6

MTSU Music: Handel’s “Messiah” 7:30 p.m., Hinton Music Hall

Admission: $10 at the door

For information, visit mtsumusic.com.

Sunday, Dec. 5

MTSU Symphony Orchestra 4 p.m., Hinton Music Hall

For information, visit mtsumusic.com.

**Dec. 6**

Monday, Dec. 6

Faculty Senate Meeting 4:30 p.m., Room 100, James Union Building

For information, visit mtsumusic.com/facultysenate

or contact: 615-898-2582.

**Dec. 7**

Tuesday, Dec. 7

MTSU Symphonic Band/Brass Ensemble/Chamber Winds 7:30 p.m., Hinton Music Hall

For information, visit mtsumusic.com.

**Dec. 8**

Wednesday, Dec. 8

Last Day of Classes

MTSU Commercial Music Ensemble 7:30 p.m., Hinton Music Hall

For information, visit mtsumusic.com.

**Dec. 9**

Thursday, Dec. 9

Study Day

No classes; university offices open.

Department of Accounting Continuing Professional Education Day 7:30 a.m.-4:50 p.m., Room S102 (State Farm Lecture Hall), Business and Aerospace Building

Cost: $150 (includes lunch)

For information, visit mtsumusic.com/accounting

or contact: 615-898-5306.

Faculty Piano Studio Recital: Arunesh Nadgir 2 p.m., Hinton Music Hall

String Studio Recital 7 p.m., Hinton Music Hall

For information, visit mtsumusic.com.

**Dec. 10**

Dec. 10-16

Final Exams

**Dec. 12**

Sunday, Dec. 12

“Operation Christmas Care” Final Sorting and Packaging MTSU Police Department training room (after the Rutherford County Christmas Parade)

For information, e-mail lnwton@mtsu.edu

or contact: 615-904-8857.

Get noticed in The Record!

Submit Campus Calendar items and other news to gfann@mtsu.edu by 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, for the final fall 2010 edition of The Record, Dec. 13. (Include items occurring between Dec. 13 through Jan. 16, 2011.) Submit news for the first 2011 edition of The Record (Jan. 17) by 3 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2011. Thanks for another great year!
Hello

bureaucratized than it was under the Soviet regime, ironically,” he says. The MTSU professor says he suggested to Medvedev that incentives be provided to lure Russian academics back for short periods so they could give crash courses to top-flight graduate students and set them on the path toward becoming the country’s new “brain gain.”

On a personal level, Korobkov says Medvedev operates as a person accustomed to having power and not shy to show it.

“He is not used to people disagreeing with him,” Korobkov says. “And a couple of times he was kind of sharply, angrily asking me, ‘So, what, you disagree with me?’”

Korobkov also talked politics with Vyacheslav Nikonov, the Russian World Foundation executive director, who has been a Kremlin insider for some 20 years and an adviser to both Medvedev and the Russian prime minister, Vladimir Putin. Nikonov is the grandson of Vyacheslav Molotov, former Soviet prime minister and then foreign minister under Joseph Stalin after Stalin ascended to the prime minister’s title.

“He is a kind of shadow operator who has access to the highest echelons of power,” says Korobkov. “Nikonov is very smart, very well-educated, pretty calculating, a typical political consultant. If you look in the U.S., you can probably compare him to David Axelrod working for (President Barack) Obama or Karl Rove working for (President George W.) Bush.”


Members of parliaments, committee chairs, representatives of international organizations and the European Union, as well as academics, discussed security and stability in Central Asia and Mongolia.

Korobkov says the countries of this region face great challenges due to water shortages and governments that are either openly authoritarian or lean in that direction.

However, some of these countries, which include the former Soviet republics of Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan, are rich in important substances, including plutonium, platinum, oil and natural gas.

“There is a huge flow of migrants from those countries to Russia and from Russia to other parts of the world,” Korobkov says. “Second, this region is becoming increasing-ly the traffic route for drugs from Afghanistan.”

Korobkov says it would be unlikely, however, that these countries would be invited to join NATO or the European Union as a way of protecting them from totalitarian takeovers.

“After the Georgian-Russian War, it became very dangerous to expand NATO because, in NATO, an attack against any member is an attack against every member,” he says.
by Leslie Lynn
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The Learning, Teaching and Innovative Teaching Center at MTSU has just finished a fall 2010 First Tuesday Series that educated teachers on problem-based learning, an approach that encourages students to seek answers to real-world problems.

Problem-based learning aims to build a bridge between what happens on campus and what occurs in real life, according to Dr. Terry Goodin, an assistant professor in MTSU’s Womack Family Educational Leadership Department and a First Tuesday Series presenter.

“Problem-based learning connects real life to learning in tangible situations,” Goodin explained.

The new teaching approach is being used across the United States in similar teacher-education redesign plans. The PBL approach restructures the teaching process to make it a more meaningful, practical experience for students rather than simply learning and reciting facts. The process was first used in medical schools, where students worked to understand and solve real patient cases for class, and it continues to be a problem-based curriculum.

Problems are used to stimulate students’ creativity and initiate real-life applications. Students end up with higher levels of comprehension, development of critical thinking and social skills, Goodin said, adding that the process seems to reflect the way the mind actually works.

In response to the growing interest in PBL, the Tennessee Board of Regents has implemented a Teacher Education Redesign program, which is being developed at East Tennessee State University, Tennessee Tech, the University of Memphis, Tennessee State, Austin Peay and MTSU. As a result, MTSU is working with these institutions, along with Vanderbilt University and the University of Tennessee, to discover the best PBL practices and applications.

MTSU is playing a leading role in the TBR’s education-redesign program through its Ready2Teach program, formerly known as the Teaching Quality Initiative. The TQI pilot program, launched in fall 2008, focused on using PBL to help prepare future educators to meet the needs of 21st-century learners. Ready2Teach emphasizes real-world learning activities and offers an extended-residency program for prospective teachers at the undergraduate level.

The First Tuesday three-session series involved approximately 45 participants who learned about the new teaching style, including a practical application of PBL during the final session.

Goodin said the series received an enthusiastic response from the attendees, and organizers plan to bring a guest speaker to campus next spring to provide more information about PBL.

What changes can educators expect to see as a result of PBL training over the next five years? “I think a lot of our professors use PBL kind of informally,” Goodin said, “because what we try to do a lot of times is link learning to practice and give students an experience in doing something with the knowledge that they are given through their course, which is the underlying premise of PBL. “I wish … to formalize what we are doing informally, so we can study it and find out what the best practices and best ways of using PBL are at the college level.”

To discuss real-life situations in the classroom that are encountered in the workplace is an incredible tool for both teachers and students, he said, adding that colleges will be sending candidates into the work force who will feel more prepared because of their education, so why not start now?

For more information about problem-based learning at MTSU, visit the LT&ITC website at www.mtsu.edu/ltanditc/problembasedlearning.shtml or contact Goodin at tgoodin@mtsu.edu.

LT&ITC gives problem-based learning a fresh focus

Women and Gender Studies offering graduate certificate

by Gina K. Logue
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Professionals seeking to gain an advantage in a tight labor market can add another credential after their names with a new interdisciplinary graduate certificate offered by MTSU’s Women’s and Gender Studies Program.

“The 18-credit-hour program is an opportunity for professionals in areas such as health care, education, legal and social services and in the nonprofit sector to acquire expertise on women’s and gender issues that can help them advance in their careers,” says Dr. Newtona “Tina” Johnson, Women’s and Gender Studies director.

Starting in spring 2011, students can gain advanced training in the areas of feminist theory and methodologies and in-depth knowledge of gender inequality, along with an understanding of the intersection of gender and other forms of social identity and positioning, such as race, age, ability, and religion, nationality, ethnicity, sexual orientation and socioeconomic class.

The program will expose students to new ways of thinking about women and gender that interrogate and expand the processes by which knowledge about humanity is acquired, interpreted and transmitted,” Johnson says. “Students will have the opportunity to research these new ways of thinking and apply the knowledge to their personal and professional lives.”

The certificate can be a stand-alone credential for non-degree-seeking students or an additional credential for students who are enrolled in MTSU graduate-degree programs.

Core requirements constitute nine of the 18 credit hours to obtain the certificate. They are Feminist Theory (WGST 6000), Feminist Methods (WGST 6010) and either an internship (WGST 6020) or Directed Reading and Research (WGST 6021).

“People who are already working professionals not aiming for a graduate degree might prefer the internship, whereas students who are thinking of an academic career might want to do more research,” says Johnson.

Nine hours of electives may be chosen from at least two different departments that offer approved electives, including English, history, psychology and sociology/anthropology. At least three credit hours of electives must be taken at the 6000 level. Electives must be 5000-6000 or 7000-level courses that meet WGST criteria for course selection. They also must be approved by the WGST curriculum committee, taught by graduate faculty and approved by the graduate council.

For information, contact Johnson at 615-898-5910 or womenstudies@mtsu.edu or the College of Graduate Studies at 615-898-2840 or graduate@mtsu.edu.
HONORING THEIR SERVICE — Members of Rolling Thunder, above left, a nonprofit organization that honors prisoners of war and service members missing in action, install the POW/MIA flag at the MTSU Veterans Memorial at a special ceremony on Nov. 13. Above, MTSU Army ROTC cadets march in formation during the ceremony. They are, from left, Sonia Dosson, Tommie Lane, Jayson Cantrell, Melvin Taylor and Joshua Wilcox.  

photos courtesy of Cadet Capt. Keith C. Stewart

by Gina K. Logue

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The MTSU Veterans Memorial Committee planted a tree to honor all Vietnam-era veterans in a Nov. 13 ceremony near the memorial in front of the Tom H. Jackson Building.

A flag paying tribute to prisoners of war and personnel listed as missing in action was added to the new flagpole in an installation ceremony conducted by Rolling Thunder.

The memorial is a bipartite black granite wall engraved with the names of members of the MTSU community who have perished in the service of the nation. It is a living memorial constructed in the form of a plaza that can be used for classroom instruction, formal ceremonies or private contemplation.

A plaza seating area, featuring the names of family members and other loved ones who have served their country, are arrayed in rows between the wall and the Jackson Building. Proceeds from the ongoing sale of the pavers go into the memorial.

For more information about the Veterans Memorial or how to purchase personalized pavers, contact Robyn Kilpatrick at 615-390-5675 or rkilpatr@mtsu.edu.


by Randy Weiler

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MTSU Blueraider #1 produced a feat no other MTSU computer-science competition teams have ever achieved: winning the 2010 Association for Computing Machinery Mid-Central USA Programming Contest.

MTSU Blueraider #1 solved seven of nine problems in capturing first place Nov. 6 in the competition at Tennessee Tech University in Cookeville. The news quickly spread throughout the campus.

Team members include Matt Bradley and Michael Chasteen of Smyrna and Nathan Reale of Sevierville and Tom Richards of Germantown. Anthony Mills of Murfreesboro, Chris Brasington of Weatherford and Jayson Cantrell of Nashville also were on the winning team.

"MTSU Blueraider #1 finished ahead of runner-up Tennessee Tech’s Thrashing the Cache, which solved six problems, and third-place Belmont Brute Force, which solved five, as did fourth-place Tennessee Tech The Gunsmen. MTSU Blueraider #2 solved three problems and placed 17th overall out of the 22-team field. Team members include computer-science majors Anthony Mills of Murfreesboro, Chris Brasington of Sevierville and Tom Richards of Germantown.

"We only have five hours to solve as many problems as we can, as fast as we can," Chasteen said of the ACM contest. "In school, we usually have a week or two to do one program. We were split up the problems amongst ourselves and solved them on our own. This enabled us to rotate turns on the one computer we were allowed to use to type up our solutions and submit them. After we got the easy problems done, we started teaming up on the harder ones. And when one of us had a problem getting a solution to work right, the rest of the team would stop and help debug the code."

"They all did a wonderful job," Dong said. "We are extremely proud of how they performed. Only three teams in the whole region solved more problems. We have never been so close to the ACM-Intercollegiate Programming Contest World Finals."

The news quickly spread throughout the campus.

"We’re excited," said Dr. Chrisila Pettey, interim chairwoman for computer science. "This is the first time in 20-plus years that we’ve won. We’re competing against Tennessee Tech, the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, Belmont, East Tennessee State and others. Those are impressive schools to be competing against.”

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Dr. William F. Ford (Weatherford Chair of Finance) published an article, “The World’s Most Profitable Company,” in the November 2010 American Institute for Economic Research Bulletin. Ford’s article also was referenced in the Nov. 3 issue of The Wall Street Journal.

Dr. Jane Marcellus (journalism) has published Business Girls and Two-
Students bring home honors in mock-trial tourney

A n MTSU mock-trial team placed second in its division and MTSU students received the top number of individual awards at the Mid-South Invitational Mock Trial Tournament held at MTSU Nov. 12-13.

Sixty-four teams from colleges and universities as far away as California, Texas, Utah, Minnesota and Florida participated in the four-round tournament, which, after 20 years, is one of the longest continuously running invitational tournaments in the nation. In it, teams of six to eight students argue each trial over roughly three hours before two attorneys.

MTSU senior Rachel Harmon of Atlanta was named one of the tournament’s top attorneys. Senior Karen Lenoir of Antioch, Tenn., freshman Megan McClarty of Smyrna, Nashville junior Constance Grieves and freshman Lisa Starke of Eufaula, Texas, were included in their division’s top-10 witnesses.

Three MTSU mock-trial teams participated in the two-division event. One MTSU team came in second overall with a record of 7-1 by capturing two ballots against Bellarmine University, splitting ballots with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, gaining two balls against Southern Methodist University and winning both ballots against Rhodes College. The team included students Harmon, Nathan Sengupta, Kayla Crabtree and Ryan Williams as witnesses. That group carried two ballots against Georgia Tech, had a win and a tie with Rhodes College, lost two ballots to North Alabama and won two ballots against a second team from Georgia Tech.

MTSU’s third mock-trial team included Grieves, Katlin Beck and Heather Haggard serving as attorneys and Jessica Setz, Maricene Schuff, Lisa Starke and Andrew Dellinger serving as witnesses. That team had a 5-3 record, winning both ballots against Fresno State University and Georgia Tech, losing two ballots to Bob Jones University and splitting ballots with the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

The tournament is directed by Dr. John R. Vile, dean of MTSU’s University Honors College, in conjunction with fellow coaches Brandi Snow, Shiva Bozarth and Kevin Rayburn, who are local attorneys and MTSU mock-trial alumni, and Pam Davis, the administrative assistant in the Department of Political Science.

The MTSU team that placed second included students Harmon, Nathan Sengupta, Kayla Crabtree and Ryan Williams as witnesses. That group carried two ballots against Georgia Tech, had a win and a tie with Rhodes College, lost two ballots to North Alabama and won two ballots against a second team from Georgia Tech.

The second MTSU team brought home a 5-2-5 record and included David Haggard, Lee Whitwell and Samantha Farish as attorneys and Karen Lenoir, Kristin Johnson, Lexi Sengupta, Kayla Crabtree and Ryan Williams as witnesses. That group carried two ballots against Georgia Tech, had a win and a tie with Rhodes College, lost two ballots to North Alabama and won two ballots against a second team from Georgia Tech.

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Well done—Members of MTSU’s Mock Trial Team celebrate their second-place finish at the Mid-South Invitational Tournament.

Facility/Staff Update

Conferences

Dr. Judith Iriarte-Gross (chemistry, GRITS Collaborative Project) attended the first National Girls Collaborative Project Collaboration conference Oct. 20-22 in Washington, D.C. She facilitated a session on “Encouraging Parent Involvement in Girls’ Science Learning” presented by Dale McCready of The Franklin Institute. Iriarte-Gross also was an invited panelist for the plenary session “Sharing Strategies—Voices from the Collaboratives.” The GRITS Collaborative Project also was highlighted at the Conference Showcase during the conference.

Dr. Jason D. Johnson (mathematics, science) hosted the fourth annual Middle Tennessee New Mathematics Teacher Conference at MTSU Oct. 9. The conference was designed to support local new math teachers in grades six through 12.

Donations

Dr. Robert B. Blair (business communication and entrepreneur- ship, Center for Economic Education) received a framed international currency collection from Janice Bosman, president of the International Society for Business Education, after her retirement from teaching this summer. The collection is on display in the Center for Economic Education Library and includes currency from Argentina, Aruba, Belgium, Canada, China, France, Germany, Japan, Mexico, the Netherlands, the Philippines, Singapore, Sweden, Trinidad and Tobago and the United Kingdom.

Grants

Dr. Carroll Van West (Center for Historic Preservation) served as co-chair of the Tennessee Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission, which coordinated the Tennessee sesquicen- tennial Nov. 12-13 in Nashville. Events included a workshop on interpretation, special projects and exhibits sponsored by the Tennessee State Library and Archives and the MTSU Center for Historic Preservation.

Events

Dr. Jette Halladay (theatre), Tony V. Johnston (agribusiness), Robert B. Blair (BCEN), Stephen D. Morris (political science) and Gerald Morton (concrete industry management) received a $6,350 International Education Fee Funding Opportunities/Faculty Development Through Education Abroad Opportunities grant to fund an interdisciplinary exploratory trip to Honduras to investigate international experiential/ service-learning program opportuni- ties for MTSU students and faculty. The project will begin in early 2011.

Passages

Ms. Barbara Jean Albert (Facilities Services) passed away Nov. 9. She is survived by her son, Irvin Albert, Jr., three daughters, Connie Anderson, Connie Landers and Tawana Albert; and many other relatives and friends. Ms. Albert was employed by MTSU from April 1996 until her retirement in March 2002.

Presentations

Drs. Hugh Berryman (anthropol- ogy, Forensic Institute for Research and Education) and John Hahnfner