

Words from the Chair



John R. Vile

The Political Science Department opened the new year with another full-time faculty member but still with classes bursting at the seams. Enrollment is undoubtedly getting a

presidential election year bump that is fairly common for the major, but it also appears to be reflecting an increasingly steady demand for departmental classes and for classes at the University in general. Enrollment appears also to have been positively affected by the lottery scholarships that are now available to in-state students with appropriate grades and standardized test scores.

Many of you will know that in January 2004 MTSU opened the Paul W. Martin Sr. Honors Building, the new home of the first Honors College in Tennessee. The department is doing its part to expand offerings in the Honors College to take advantage of the new facility.

You will see that faculty members and students in the department continue to be busy. Faculty members continue presenting papers and publishing books and articles. Students have distinguished themselves in Mock Trial, Mediation, and Model U.N. competitions.

Some of you may know that MTSU undertook major curricular reforms over

the past year. Except for the major in Political Science with teacher licensure, students can now complete all programs within the department with 120 hours of coursework (most had previously required 132 hours). Consistent with requirements in other public colleges and universities throughout the state, the General Education requirement at MTSU now requires six hours of social/behavioral science rather than three. This has undoubtedly also contributed to the department's increased enrollment.

On a sadder note, the department lost two alumni on the battlefield since last year's newsletter. They were Ken Ballard and Pierre Piche.

The department is once again exploring the possibility of initiating a master's degree in political science. The Tennessee Board of Regents put an earlier proposal on hold but now seems receptive to this idea. Given our prior experience, I hesitate to get any hopes up, but we would certainly like to hear from individuals who might be interested in pursuing such a program were we able to initiate it.

We continue to appreciate those of you who are sponsoring individual scholarships or who have donated money to the department over the last year. You might know that one standard that used in many college and university rankings is based on the percentage of alumni who contribute to the institution each year. We certainly consider your contributions as testimonies to the value that

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Welcome to John Maynor

We are pleased to welcome Dr. John Maynor to the department. Dr. Maynor earned his B.A. in political science from Millsaps College, his M.A. in political philosophy and comparative politics and government from George Washington University, and his D.Phil. from the University of York. He has been teaching in Great Britain since getting his degree and has published a book titled *Republicanism in the Modern World* as well as a number of articles. Visitors to the department should be able instantly to recognize Dr. Maynor when they hear the only professor who speaks with a Southern English accent!

Dr. Maynor and his wife have a new baby boy, Elias, who was born on April 3.

In addition to introductory classes, Dr. Maynor will be helping Dr. Robb McDaniel by picking up the increasing load in political theory and the senior seminar. Enrollment in these and other classes are at a record high.



John Maynor

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you place on the education that you received here, and we do our best to see that such contributions are spent in the ways you ask. We have especially appreciated unrestricted contributions, which often allow us to meet special needs that arise but for which we have no allocations.

I very much appreciate the responses that we continue to receive from our newsletter. Unfortunately, I often file your responses away in a single folder and only review them prior to writing a newsletter. I see that a number of you asked for information. I apologize for not responding. I will try to keep better individual track of your responses over the next year.

John R. Vile, Chair
Department of Political Science

Legal Help Wanted!

MTSU will hold its annual Invitational Tournament on November 12 and 13. As in the past, we desperately need alumni with law school experience and/or law degrees to help judge what has become the largest such invitational tournament in the nation.

Please e-mail either Dr. John Vile at jvile@mtsu.edu or Dr. Clyde Willis at cewillis@mtsu.edu if you are available to help.



Byrnes Wins Seat on School Board

Dr. Mark Byrnes won a seat on the Rutherford County School Board in early August by winning 39% of the vote in Zone 6 among four rivals, the next highest of whom won 33% of the vote. Byrnes, who has three children, noted that he isn't taking his post with a "preconceived agenda" but that he hopes to be "a good team member on the board." Mark, who spent a good deal of time putting up yard signs and visiting constituents door-to-door, found that the experience of campaigning gives him a unique appreciation for others who have won posts in Tennessee government.



Journalist Anne Garrels Addresses Political Science Class

Dr. Anne Sloan began her opening day of The Political Status of Women in the World with a guest appearance by Ms. Anne Garrels, who spoke on the role of women in Iraq. Garrels has been a foreign correspondent for National Public Radio since 1988 and has received numerous awards and recognitions including the Alfred I. duPont-Columbia University Award and the Overseas Press Club Award. The author of *Naked in Baghdad* (2003), Garrels also spoke at the University convocation.

Tennessee Supreme Court Visits Campus

Members of the Tennessee Supreme Court visited the campus last fall as part of the SCALES project to hear arguments in a case that was attended by students from area high schools as well as students in selected political science classes.



Tribute to Department's Fallen



MTSU ROTC cadet corps members shovel dirt as they plant a tree in remembrance of Capt. Piche.

Captain Pierre E. Piche (2000), a native of Vermont, died in combat in a helicopter crash in Iraq on November 15, 2003. An excellent and mild-mannered student, the year he graduated he earned the highest score of any political science student on his exit exam. He was commissioned that same year and

attended the Infantry Officer Basic Course at Fort Benning, Georgia. During the offensive phase of Operation Iraqi Freedom, he provided direct support maintenance to the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, later supporting them on their trip to Mosul. During his service, he won the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, and the National Defense Service Medal. Piche was trained in Airborne and Air Assault. He is survived by his wife, Cherish Piche, his mother, Lisa Johnson, and his father, Peter Piche.

Lieutenant Ken Ballard (2002) was killed by small arms fire on May 30, 2004, in Najaf, Iraq, where he was serving with the 1st Armored Division. He came to MTSU on a Green to Gold Army Scholarship and participated in ROTC and on the Model U.N. team. He was a Special Forces tank commander and a platoon leader who had been serving in Iraq for just over a year. A native of California, he had previously served in Bosnia, Macedonia, and Germany, and he had won a Bronze Star for Meritorious Service. His fraternity brothers at the Sigma Phi Epsilon house held a memorial service in his honor. Dr. Anne Sloan delivered a eulogy in which she described Ken as "bright, brash, very funny, and sometimes irreverent." Ken is credited with saving the lives of men in two platoons the day he was killed, and he has been recommended for another Bronze Star for his action on that occasion. He was buried in Arlington Cemetery.



African Studies Minor

Largely due to the fine work of Dr. Moses Tesi, the University now offers an interdisciplinary minor in African Studies. Other minors in which the department participates include African American Studies, Women's Studies, Global Studies, Early Modern European Studies, Great Books, Russian Studies (headed by Dr. Andrei Korobkov), and Film Studies.

Meet the Vice-President



Former vice president Al Gore Jr., son of an MTSU alumnus, met in the Honors College with about 20 political science students for an hour and a half lecture on Monday, March 15, and led a conversation on civic engagement and the environment. Largely due to the efforts of Dr. Norman Parks and Dr. David Grubbs, the University continues to serve as the primary repository for the papers of Al Gore Sr., who served for many years as a U.S. Senator from Tennessee.

American Democracy Project

Several members of the department are actively involved in the American Democracy Project, which is being sponsored by the Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost. Dr. Mark Byrnes is faculty coordinator for this project, which is designed to increase knowledge about and participation in politics among college-age students. The project has included a student voter registration drive in mid-September.

Academic Performance Award

For the fourth consecutive year, the department has received an Academic Performance Award for our graduates' outstanding performance on the 2003–04 major field test. We appreciate the seriousness with which our students have taken this test. The recognition comes with a much-needed \$2,500 for the department's travel budget.

STUDENT NEWS

Departmental Scholarships

Four students will be receiving Charles R. Ray scholarships for this fall. They are senior **Melanie McDavid**, junior **Mike Jackson**, sophomore **Stacy Badger**, and freshman **Brittany Mebane**. Brittany, the latest recipient, graduated from Gleason High School, where she was involved in numerous extracurricular activities and had a 4.0 grade point average.

This year's recipient of the Harry Horne International Relations Scholarship is **Amy Taylor** from DeKalb County High School. She has been interested in international relations since the seventh grade and hopes one day to work either as an ambassador or at the United Nations.

Departmental Awards

Five students received departmental awards at the annual Liberal Arts Awards Ceremony this year. **Aspen**

Stewart received the Norman Parks Award; **Patrick Chinnery** received the C. C. Sims Award; **Jennifer Gregory** received the John W. Burgess Award; **Katherine Legare** received the Jack Justin Turner Award; and **Ashley Haun** received the Meritorious Service Award.



Current Students

Jason Crook, a senior majoring in Political Science, attended a retreat in Vermont in June 2004 sponsored by Americans for Informed Democracy. Jason, who is a congressional staff aide for Representative Bart Gordon, is working on sponsoring a teleconference with a mid-Eastern university in October. MTSU is one of three universities in the nation (the others are the University of Chicago and the Univer-

sity of Iowa) that have been asked to sponsor this event.

Markisha Vaughn (2003) captured the novice division championship at Washington University's (St. Louis) Danforth Invitational Debate Tournament held November 14–16, 2003. Markisha also placed first in the individual rankings at the tournament.

Marshall Weber, a junior Political Science major in the Pre-law concentration, spent last year studying at the Lorenzo d'Medici Institute in Florence, Italy, under the auspices of Fairfield University. As part of an international relations course, he took a trip to Brus-

sels to see the European Union Parliament. **Fatima Badreddine**, a sophomore pre-law student, took a course in British security and foreign policy over the summer in London in conjunction with a Kentucky consortium.

Jeremy Allen, a senior International Relations major and AFROTC student, presented the colors at a leadership luncheon given by the Nashville Chamber of Commerce on August 31 hosting General Richard B. Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Allen had the opportunity to talk personally to General Myers at this event.

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Senior **Shana Hammaker** presented a paper at the Third International Student Symposium this summer in Prague. In addition to the department, the Office of Sponsored Programs and the dean of the College of Liberal Arts supplied financial support for this trip. She has written the following short essay on her experience.

Giving a Student Paper at an International Symposium

When I left the U.S. for the Third International Student Symposium in Prague, I was a frightened, untraveled American student whose only experience with international relations came from a textbook. In Prague, I met with other American students who were equally inexperienced as well as equally curious about the world. I met Czech students who regarded us with as much interest and curiosity as we regarded them. I also met other truly amazing individuals who each had something to teach me about life and about the world: a young Afghani woman who had fled Kabul several years ago when the Taliban discovered that she had been running an illegal school for women from her home; a professor of political science and former anti-Communist dissident; and the director of the study symposium, Agnieszka Critchlow, who grew up in Communist Poland before American citizens adopted her. She

created the International Student Symposium in order to provide an environment in which students from all cultures and walks of life could come together and learn—about each other, about politics, and about the world.

That is precisely what I experienced at the symposium in Prague this summer. Ordinarily obsessed with American politics, for the week that I was in Prague I was immersed in European politics. Through discussions with other students, with professors, and with a variety of diplomats, I learned the very basics of the incredibly complex relations between European Union (EU) member states as well as between the EU and the nonmember states. Removed from the geographical, cultural, and political isolation of the United States, I became a global citizen. The International Student Symposium has changed me forever.

—Shana Hammaker

Students Attend National Nominating Conventions

Three political science students attended the Democratic National Convention that met in Boston in July. They were **Antwon Bailey**, senior; **Christy Holden**, junior; and **Bobby Bush**, freshman.

Three students with connections to the department also attended the Republican National Convention in New York in late August and early September. They were **Justin Owen**, senior; **Ashley Elizabeth Graham**, senior; and **Tyler Smith**, a senior Mass Communication major with a Political Science minor. Below are short, edited reports from two of the attendees.

Report from the Democratic Convention!

Fellow officers of the College Democrats and I were privileged to attend the 2004 Democratic Convention in Boston, along with several other thousand college students. In addition, the MTSU College Democrats attended the Gains Training Program, designed to heighten and professionalize our political skills.



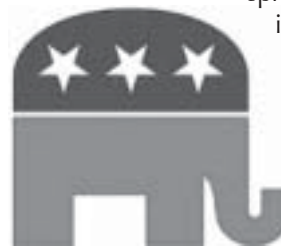
Perhaps the most valuable lesson I learned in Boston was the ability to facilitate a quintessential College Democrat chapter with the resources to implement activities such as canvassing, phone banking, and getting out the vote, which are essential to furthering one's political beliefs. We also learned the value of teamwork. We learned what we can accomplish when we utilize our respective strengths to make our organization stronger. We learned that teamwork involves working with those who agree on big issues while negotiating lesser issues in a manner that is sensitive to all.

Robert F. Kennedy once said, "Some people see things as they are and ask why; I dream of things that never were and ask why not?" I left Boston with this feeling. By listening to the inspiring words of Bill Clinton, John Kerry, and Max Cleland, I now feel as if I too have the power not just to ask why not, but, more important, to make dreams come true. America has the potential to do better, and with the experience we received in Boston, America will do better!

Bobby Bush

Report from the Republican Convention!

The fourth and final night of the convention was the most suspenseful and energetic, as Republicans from all across America heard the president lay out his plans for a second term. The president appeared just after 10:00 p.m. "Mr. Chair, delegates, fellow citizens: I am honored by your support, and I accept your nomination for president of the United States," he said as he opened to an eruption of cheers. He proceeded to outline his agenda for the next four years. He discussed his plan to continue improving our nation's education system, challenging the "soft bigotry of low expectation" that thwarts advancement in certain areas. He also recounted his economic success, clarifying his vision for more individual ownership and personal responsibility for retirement and health care plans. Bush reassured Americans that he would defend them against terrorism at all costs while spreading liberty and democracy abroad in order to preserve freedom here at home.



Overall, the Republican Convention was one of hope, focusing on the possibilities of the future rather than on the failed policies of the past. Now that both candidates have presented their visions to the American people, the issues themselves will be in the spotlight. The election promises to be one of the most important and vigorous in quite some time.

Justin Owen

Pi Sigma Alpha

MTSU's chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honor society, is advised by Dr. Robb McDaniel. The chapter has inducted a record number of students over the past year. Inductees, who are required to have 3.2 major GPAs and be in the top third of their classes, include the following: **Adedoyin O. Adeyeye, James M. Arnold, Thomas M. Beasley, Rebecca L. Benedetti, Jamie C. Bosch, Joy C. Carroll, Patrick W. Chinnery, Justin A. Coler, Stacey R.**

Couser, Christopher N. Davis, Luke E. Dickerson, Selena L. Flatt, Michael C. Gillespie, Vanya H. Greer, Kevin J. Griffith, Jennifer Gregory, A. Ensley Hagan, Ashley C. Haun, Stephanie M. Hill, Luke R. Kellum, Timothy M. Lord, Michelle P. McKinley, John C. Miller, Whitney L. Quarles, David P. Sprouse, Jared M. Stiefel, Vanessa J. Vaupel, and Ashley Wilson. Congratulations to one and all!

FACULTY NEWS

Dr. Mark Byrnes, who now has three children in area schools, succeeded in capturing a seat on the Rutherford County School Board in an election held in August. He is heading the American Democracy Project on campus, which is designed to increase student participation in political activities. In the spring of 2004, Dr. Byrnes had a noninstructional assignment to do research on a book on the lives of ex-presidents.

Dr. David Carleton served last year as president of the Tennessee Political Science Association. He continues to be actively engaged in legislative activity on behalf of gifted students within the state: serving on a committee appointed by Governor Bredesen, lobbying, drafting legislation, formulating a gifted education endorsement, and addressing groups of parents with similar interests.

Dr. Sekou Franklin served as a panelist at meetings of the Southwest Labor Studies Association, the Popular Cultural Association, and a seminar sponsored by the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Leadership Institute. He lectured at Villanova University and received a research grant from the William T. Grant Foundation for his study "Policing and Protesting Juvenile Justice Inequality." He has been appointed to the Executive Council of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists and to the Board of Directors of Human Values for Transformative Action.

Dr. Andrei Korobkov has published a monograph titled *State- and Nation-Building Policies and the New Trends in Migration in the Former Soviet Union* as part of the *Carl Beck Papers in Russian and East European Studies*. He has also published a chapter titled "The Post-Soviet Transition and the New Trends in Migration" in *Post-Communist Countries*

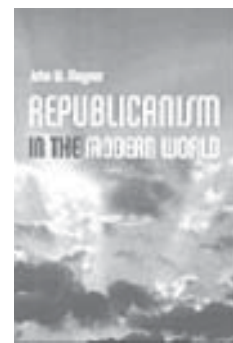
in the Globalizing World. His article "The Changes in the Migration Patterns in the Post-Soviet States: The First Decade" was accepted for publication by the *Journal of Communist and Post-Communist Studies* and will be published in the December 2004 issue of that journal. He presented papers in October 2003 in Russia, in March 2004 in Montreal, and in July 2004 in Salzburg, Austria. He also received a grant to participate in March 2004 in a conference in Washington, D.C., sponsored by the Kennan Institute for Russian and Post-Soviet Studies. He serves as the Post-Communist Studies program chair for the 2005 International Studies Association annual meeting. He is working on a book titled *Migration Aspects of the Post-Soviet Transition*.

Dr. Lisa Langenbach continues to advance departmental frontiers in teaching classes online, through correspondence, and as part of the Regents Online Degree Program. She received her Certified Online Instructor designation this past fall. She supervised twenty-one departmental interns over the last year. She has continued a variety of volunteer activities in schools in Franklin, Tennessee, and with the Boy Scouts and taught in the Merit Badge University, which was held on the MTSU campus.

Dr. Steven Livingston has continued editing *Global Commerce*. He presented a paper in February at the meeting of the Academy of Economics and Finance in Biloxi, Mississippi, and at the International Symposium on Globalization and Urbanization in Nashville. He served on a number of University committees and traveled to France as part of the Cherbourg-MTSU Internship Development and Faculty/Business Exchanges.

Dr. Robb McDaniel was selected as president of the Tennessee Political Science Association. About half the department's faculty members were able to attend his wedding to Elizabeth Jones (a department alumna) at the Gordon Lee Mansion in Chickamauga, Georgia, on May 22, 2004. Robb and Liz honeymooned on the West Coast.

Dr. John Maynor's book, *Republicanism in the Modern World* (Cambridge: Polity Press, 2003) was favorably reviewed in the June 2004 issue of *Perspectives on Politics*, published by the American Political Science Association. This might be a good time to get in line for autographed copies!

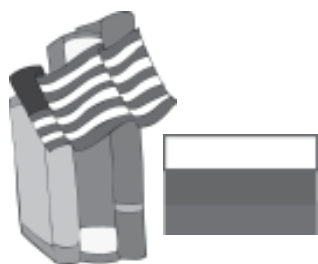


Dr. Mario Perez-Reilly is back to teaching after a semester leave for health reasons. He visited a daughter in Italy from June 14 to June 30 and collected materials on various Italian republics such as Lucca, Siena, Florence, and Livorno for his class in comparative European politics.

Dr. Anne Sloan attended a conference at the University of Minnesota for internationalizing the curriculum. She is serving both as an associate dean of Liberal Arts and as special assistant to the provost for international education. The special assistant position is part of an initiative on the part of President Sidney McPhee and Provost Kaylene Gebert to broaden the University's commitment to internationalizing the curriculum and providing more opportunities for MTSU students to travel abroad. Sloan was inducted into the Phi Kappa Phi honor society on April 27, 2004.

Dr. Moses Tesi continues to edit the *Journal of African Policy Studies*. He prepared a chapter on the Ivory Coast for a reference volume titled *Governments of the World*. In April he presented a paper at the Academy of African Business and Development Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. Tesi recently published an essay titled "Cameroon's Endangered Environment: Economic Policy and Forest Loss" in *Agenda Setting and Public Policy in Africa*, ed. by Kelechi A. Kalu (Burlington, VT: Ashgate, 2004).

Dr. George Vernardakis attended the annual meeting of the American Society

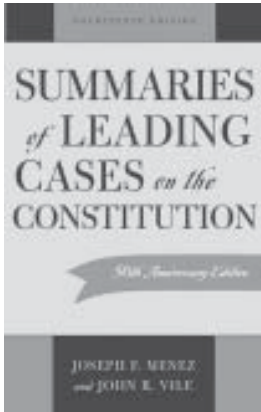


of Public Administration. He served over the past year as a member of the University faculty Career Achievement Committee and on the Academic Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate. He visited Cyprus over the summer.

Dr. John R. Vile published a number of essays and articles. Rowman and Littlefield published his *Summaries of Leading Cases of the Constitution* (coauthored with Joseph F. Menez) in March; this

was the fourteenth (fiftieth anniversary) edition of this long-established classic. Vile organized political science panels for a Faculty Leadership Conference that he attended in Alexandria, Virginia, in June. He participated in a scholars conference sponsored by the Center for Civic Education in California in January and addressed a high school faculty seminar on the U.S. Constitution in Chattanooga this July. M. E. Sharpe is publishing his three-volume *Civil Liberties in America* (coauthored with David Schultz), to which scores of scholars, including a number of members of the MTSU Political Science Department, have contributed this fall (it might even be available by the time this newsletter is published). He has recently submitted the two-volume *The Constitutional Convention of 1787: A Comprehensive Encyclopedia of America's Founding* to ABC-CLIO for publication on or before July 4, 2005.

Dr. Clyde Willis coached another Mediation team to fourth place at the annual national tournament at the John Marshall Law School in Chicago. He continues to supervise the activities of Mediation Services of Middle Tennessee, Inc. He and wife Irena took a trip to Russia to visit her family in early summer.



Former Faculty Members

Imogene Bolin continues the practice of law in Smyrna. Erin Walker, a senior political science major with a pre-law emphasis, is working in her office.

Dr. Everett Cunningham continues to keep track of current events. He took a trip to South America over the last year.

Dr. Frank Essex continues to reside in Murfreesboro.

Dr. David Grubbs joined a grandson on a trip to Germany over the summer, during which he did research on family genealogy.

Mrs. Vivian Parks, widow of Dr. Norman Parks, was hospitalized for a hip injury but is recovering nicely.

Dr. Jack Turner continues to split his time between houses in Tennessee and Kentucky.

Dr. Tom VanDervort is becoming increasingly adept at his woodworking; examples of his beautiful work were on sale at a craft's fair in Woodbury August 14–15. Tom continues to help with MTSU's Mock Trial program. The department extends condolences to Dr. VanDervort in the loss of two brothers, Carleton and Bob, over the summer.

Meet the Adjuncts!

The Department of Political Science depends chiefly on full-time faculty, but we also rely on adjuncts to teach specialized courses (especially in paralegal studies) and to meet demand in introductory classes.

Adjuncts for the fall include the following:

Jay Barger is teaching Legal Writing and Research. A department alumnus, he earned his J.D. from the University of Tennessee and is employed by Kious and Rodgers.

Carrie Beth Catron is teaching Law and the Legal System. An MTSU alumna, she earned her J.D. from the University of Tennessee.

David Hudson is teaching Legal Writing and Research. A graduate of Duke University and the Vanderbilt Law School, he is a research attorney with the Freedom Forum First Amendment Center at Vanderbilt. He has an extensive record of publications and speeches.

Michael Mc Donald is teaching Litigation. He is an MTSU alumnus who earned his master's degree from Southern Illinois University and his J.D. from the John Marshall Law School. He served for more than ten years as the administrator of elections for the Davidson County Election Commission.

Stacy Miller is teaching Family Law. She is a graduate of Northwestern University who earned a master's degree from San Francisco State University and a J.D. from the Nashville School of Law. She works with the Department of Children's Services.

Morgan Minch Desposito is teaching a Foundations of Government class. She graduated from Belmont University and earned a master's degree in international relations from Troy State University.

Steve Robertson is teaching two sections of Foundations of Government and a Women and the Law course. He is an alumnus of the MTSU Political Science Department and has done graduate work at Vanderbilt University.

Steve Saunders is teaching two sections of American Government and Politics and a section of American Foreign Policy. He has a bachelor's and a master's degree from Ohio State University and has extensive experience as a magazine editor. He spent a good bit of the summer fishing off the coast of Alaska. Steve is married to Dr. Anne Sloan.

Brandi Snow Bozarth is teaching Legal Courtroom Procedure. She is a Political Science alumna and earned her law degree from the University of Dayton. She is married to Shiva Bozarth, another department alum.

Interns

Legislative

Dr. Mark Byrnes continues to supervise the legislative and related internship program. **Aspen Stewart** and **Julie Bandy** worked last year in the governor's office, **Andre Carpenter** worked in the house clerk's office, and **Whitney Quarles** worked for the Tennessee Board of Regents.

Additional students worked directly with state legislators. They were **Jonathan Appleby**, who worked for Senator Mae Beavers; **Holly Barnard**, who worked for Senator Jim Kyle; **John Miller**, who worked for Senator Doug Henry; **Lauren Nickas**, who worked for Representative Ben West; **Jason Searles**, who worked for Senator Jerry Cooper; and **Ashley Wilson**, who worked for Representative Leslie Winningham. Additional students who worked for state legislators included **Bridget Baggett**, who worked in the office of Senator Bill Ketron; **Crystal Baker**, who worked in the office of Representative Charles Sargent; **Brooke Ponder**, who worked in the office of Representative John Hood; **Erika Ruch**, who worked in the office of Representative Kent Coleman; **Richard Smith**, who worked for Senator Larry Trail; and **Sarai Spray**, who worked for Representative Curt Cobb.

Other Interns

Fall 2003

Dr. Lisa Langenbach has been responsible for supervising an increasing number of interns in a wide variety of placements. Fall interns included

Rachel Thompson, State of Tennessee Division of Water Pollution Control

Tiffany Krebs, Metro Nashville Public Schools, purchasing department

Jeff Peach, Smyrna town manager's office

Spring 2004

Interns who worked in the spring of 2004 include the following students and placements:

Sam Adams, Congressman Bart Gordon's Murfreesboro office

Shannon Babian, Tennessee Legislation Service

Robert Blackwell, Senator Lamar Alexander's Washington, D.C. Office

Abby Blanks, Tennessee Democratic Party, Nashville

Joshua Burlison, Williamson County Trustee's Office

Michael Cooper, Rutherford County Election Commission

Christy Holden, Tennessee Democratic Party, Nashville

Tim Lord, Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance

Ryan Lorimer, Governor Phil Bredesen's office and Deputy Governor's office

Amanda Newman, Congressman Bart Gordon's Murfreesboro Office

Alexander Timberlake, Deputy Children's Services for Rutherford County

Summer 2004

Interns supervised by Dr. Langenbach in the summer of 2004 included the following:

Kyle Bacon, United States Department of State, U.S. Embassy, Tokyo

Dylen Brown, Majority Whip Roy Blunt's office in the U.S. House of Representatives and the Washington, D.C., office of Senator Bill Frist

Justin Brown, State Representative Dennis J. Ferguson

Chelsea Nicholson, Congressman Bart Gordon's Murfreesboro office

Gary Schneider, Department of Veterans Affairs, Alvin York Center

Melanie Sisco, Williamson County Trustee's Office

Daniel Stegal, Rutherford County Regional Planning Commission

The Great Seal of the United States



Survey

Graduates in International Relations and Political Science Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro

The Department has decided to repeat its survey of last year. We are particularly interested in getting information from individuals who did not respond last year or in hearing of developments since that time. Your response will help the Department assess its current strengths and weaknesses and will provide information for our next newsletter.

Name _____

Address _____

What was your degree program?

B.A. International Relations B.S. International Relations B.A. Political Science B.S. Political Science

Degree concentration: None Pre-law P.A. M.A. M.P.A. Year you received your degree _____

Do you have a graduate degree? If so, which one(s)?

M.A. from _____ J.D. from _____

M.P.A. from _____ Ph.D. from _____

What is your profession?

Lawyer Judge
 Government official Lobbyist
 Elected official Businessperson
 Teacher Other _____

For whom do you work? Where? _____

What is your title or position? _____

What other positions have you held since receiving your last degree? _____

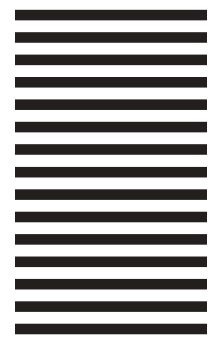
In retrospect, what were the strengths and weaknesses in your MTSU program? _____

Personal data. Happenings in your life since we last saw you: _____

Please feel free to add any additional comments that you think might be helpful: _____



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ALUMNI NEWS

Charles T. Ahlstrand (1967) earned his Ph.D. from Southern Illinois University and is director of career services at Emery-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, Arizona. He has three grown daughters; his wife is deceased.

Liz Alvey has been working in the state senate and graduated from law school in June 2004.

Michael Bailey (2004) reports that his first novella, *Immortal*, hit the online bookstores on August 5. It can be purchased on www.barnesandnoble.com for \$11.99 plus shipping and taxes. Michael describes the novella as "a sports-related dramedy based on two young men who grow up in the fictional setting of Chatwoods, Alabama."

Ken Ballard (2002), who was listed in our last newsletter as fighting in Iraq, was killed in action on May 30, 2004, by small arms fire in Najaf, Iraq. Ken was awarded the Bronze Star for valor on the night he was killed.

Jay Barger (1998), a graduate of the law school at the University of Tennessee, is offering a class in legal research and writing for the Political Science Department this fall. He wed Kelly Rouse (class of 2003) in May.

Johnny C. Barnes (1981) retired from the U.S. Postal Service in Nashville in February 2003.

Lisa Barwick (2003) is enrolled at Cooley Law School in Lansing, Michigan.

R. Ashle Baxter (1999) received a master's degree from American University and Ritsumeikan University in the spring of 2004. He is serving as a research associate on economics and East Asia for the Council on Foreign Relations in Washington, D.C.

Jere B. Beason (2004) is attending the Florida Coastal School of Law.

Brandon Booten (2002) is attending law school at the University of Memphis. He married April Richarson, another MTSU alum, on July 31 in Murfreesboro. His bride is a student at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis.

Brandi Snow Bozarth (1999) finished her law degree from the University of Dayton at Vanderbilt University. She is helping to coach MTSU Mock Trial teams, which she accompanied on a number of trips last year. She has begun work for the Office of General Counsel, Tennessee Department of Health.

Shiva Bozarth (1999), a graduate of the law school at Dayton University, is in private practice in Murfreesboro with Bullock, Fly, and Hornsby.

Dale Bradley (1988) is the technical director of the space and missile test division at the USAF Arnold Engineering Development Center.

Erin Bumbalough (2003), a former All-American mock trial winner, placed first in the appellate argument competition in law school at Ohio Northern University. Over the summer she worked as a teacher in Lead America for the Defense and Intelligence program. She has a job with the National Rifle Association for next summer.

Allison Vantrese Bussell (2001) completed her law degree at the University of Tennessee in May of 2004. She served as a research editor for the *Tennessee Law Review*. In August 2004 she began clerking for Joseph Hood, federal district judge, Eastern District of Kentucky at Lexington.

Abbe Cadle is an international trade specialist with the U.S. Department of Commerce in New York City.

Patrick Chinnery (2004), who served over the past year as editor of *Sidelines*, has been given a generous fellowship to further his study of political science at Syracuse University.

Brenda Rhoton Little Clark (1979) graduated from the Nashville School of Law and is in private law practice with an association of attorneys in Cummins Station called Parker and Crofford. She previously served as senior counsel with the office of the Tennessee Attorney General. She is married to songwriter Steve Clark. They have a 17-year-old son and a 6-year-old daughter.

Rosemary Frost Clark (1969) is associate counsel with the National Commerce Financial Corporation legal department in

Memphis. She adopted a little girl from Saratov, Russia, in August 2003.

Vickie Coe (2003) is enrolled at Cooley Law School in Lansing, Michigan.

Jestin Coler (2004) is working on a master's degree in business at MTSU.

Lisa Collins (2004) is attending the law school at the University of Houston.

Rashawn Crayton (2003) has finished two semesters of graduate school at the Bush School of Government at Texas A&M University and is scheduled to graduate this fall. Over the summer he interned at the Department of State in Washington, D.C.

Andre Crismon has completed his law degree at Vanderbilt University and is clerking for a federal judge in Washington, D.C.

Tiffany Dale (2000) is working for the Tennessee Department of the Treasury and is contemplating attending graduate school in political science and/or public policy.

Allen R. Daubenspeck (1999) served as a law clerk for Mee, Mee and Hoge as he attended Oklahoma City University School of Law. At last report he was planning to sit for the Tennessee bar exam in July 2004.

Kyle Dodd continues his study at the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University.

Jake J. Durham (2003) is an auctioneer and affiliate broker with the Durham Realty and Auction Co. in Murfreesboro.

Bard G. Fisher (1979, 1980) is director of personnel and development for Tennessee Secretary of State Riley C. Darnell. He served two terms as a commissioner for Coffee County, Tennessee.

Diane Lynn Owens Fraley (1992) is a teaching assistant at the University of Memphis, where she is working on a Ph.D. in history. She has been a high school history teacher for seven years and has been an adjunct instructor at several local colleges.

James (Jim) C. Free (1969) is president and CEO of The Smith-Free Group in Washington, D.C. He and his wife, Ann, live in Washington, D.C. Over the past year, his

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firm has been working on the energy bill, the medicine reform bill, all the intellectual property legislation, and much other legislation that has been before Congress. This has not prevented him from taking some time for golf and duck hunting.

Derrick Frisbee (1994) received his Ph.D. in history from the University of Alabama in 2004. He has been serving as a full-time temp in the Department of History at MTSU.

Brian Gilbert (2001) dropped by the office on August 3, 2004, for a visit. He is completing his Master of Divinity degree at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C., where he is an intern at the Dumbarton United Methodist Church. He has been working for the Methodist Federation for Social Action (MFSA) in Washington, D.C., but is taking a position as a children's coordinator for the Central Union Mission in that city. He continues to work on his ordination.

Phil Gombar (1996) graduated from the University of Memphis law school in 1999 and is an associate of Feeney and Murray in Nashville. He and wife Lisa Mills Gombar (1996, political science, MTSU) live in Smyrna with no kids and two dogs.

Bart Gordon (1971) is running for reelection as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives. He is now the ranking member on the House Science Committee.

Daniel Lyn Graves II (1991) is an operations supervisor with FedEx Freight in Nashville and is Commander of the 133rd MDAD, Tennessee Army National Guard. He is a student at the Nashville School of Law.

Ensley Hagan (2004) is attending law school at the University of Memphis.

Chris Hannah (2004) is working for First Air, a fixed-wing-based operation, at Addison Airport in Dallas, Texas. In addition to flying multiengine planes, he will be managing First Air operations at the airport.

Amanda Leigh Hartley (2002) is attending law school at the University of Louisville.

Alfred L. (Buddy) Hatchcock (1969) is a public defender in Tennessee's Ninth Judicial District.

Ashley Haun (2004) is attending law school at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Chris Holder (1998) finished his law degree at the Oklahoma City University School of Law and is an associate with Kious and Rodgers in Murfreesboro.

Chip Hoover (2002) is working as an account executive with Martin and Zerfoss Insurance in Murfreesboro.

Dawn Johnson (2002) is attending law school at Vanderbilt, where she is helping coach students on the undergraduate mock trial teams. She is on the *Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law* and the moot court team and is serving as a clerk for the Vanderbilt chapter of Phi Alpha Delta.

DeAnna Jones is working as an office manager at a fire protection, engineering and design firm in Huntersville, North Carolina, just outside of Charlotte. She is hoping to begin graduate school in the spring.

Liz Jones (2001) married Dr. Robb McDaniel in May 2004. She is working on a master's degree in English at MTSU and teaching her first course this semester.

William Sutton Jones (1982) is an executive vice president of Cavalry Banking in Murfreesboro. He is past president (2002) of the MTSU Foundation and treasurer of the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce.

Daniel Kooman (2003) is attending Whittier Law School in Costa Mesa, California.

Charles Lamb (1967) earned his Ph.D. in political science at the University of Alabama and is an associate professor of political science at the University of Buffalo, SUNY. He has recently published a book titled *Housing Segregation in Suburban America Since 1960* (Cambridge University Press, 2004). Most readers will know that this is quite a prestigious press. Congratulations!

Scott Langford (1995) is senior pastor at the Waycross First Church of the Nazarene. He earned a master's degree in political science at Emory University and served as a high school teacher at Forest Park High School in Forest Park, Georgia, from 1999 to 2003. He and his wife have two daughters: Amanda, 3, and Rebekah, 1.

Kevin Latta is continuing his study at the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University.

Paul Lawrence (1997) is finishing a master's degree in political science at the University of Virginia and helped Dr. Vile over the summer in compiling and editing original documents for Vile's encyclopedia of the Constitutional Convention of 1787.

Jotrone R. Marable (2002) is working on a master's degree at MTSU.

Jay Michael works as a volunteer coordinator at a Unity Church in Nashville.

Leslie Murphy (1998) continues to promote Kentucky as part of her work with the Kentucky Department of Agriculture. Murphy accompanied a Southern U.S. Trade Association mission to Uruguay in May in order to learn about the Uruguayan wine industry and its potential as an export market for U.S. white oak, which is used in the wine-aging process.

Maya Nitis (2002) is working in Nashville at the YWCA Domestic Violence Center as a women's advocate.

Bobby Jo Panter (1986) is a registered nurse in Nashville. She is hoping to begin law school.

Larry Parlow (2002) is a first lieutenant in the 101st Airborne. He returned from a tour of duty in Iraq in February 2003. His sister, Cindy, was on the U.S. Soccer Team that competed in the Olympics in Athens, Greece.

John Partin (1997) completed his law degree at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and is an associate with Galligan and Newman in McMinnville, Tennessee.

Mat Pauley (2003) is continuing graduate study at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Phillip Perez Reilly is in the private practice of law in Nashville.

Karen Petersen (1998) is completing her Ph.D. in political science at Vanderbilt University. She published a research note titled "Re-examining Transnational Ethnic Alliances and Foreign Policy Behavior" in the Winter 2004 issue of *International Interactions* and is the senior author, with John Vasquez and Yijia Want, of an article titled "Multiparty Disputes and the Probability of War: 1816–1992," scheduled for publication this year in *Conflict Management and Peace Science*.

Captain Pierre Piche (2000) died in a helicopter crash on November 15, 2003, in Iraq.

Neal Pinkston (1997) earned his law degree at the University of Tennessee and is serving as an assistant district attorney in Chattanooga.

Glenda Hawkins Pipkin (1998) received her law degree from the University of Tennessee and is a staff attorney with Permanent General Companies, Inc., in Nashville. She and her husband, Marcus, have recently moved back to Murfreesboro.

Sara Rainwater received a master's degree in European Studies from the London School of Economics and Political Science in December 2003. She is living in northwest London and working as a specialist in U.S.-European Union relations at the European Foundation, Britain's leading Eurosceptic think-tank.

Charles Ray (1970) continues his generous support of the Charles R. Ray Pre-law Scholarship, given annually to one freshman, one sophomore, one junior, and one senior in the department.

H. Waid Ray (1984) stopped by the office on July 6, 2004. Since completing his law degree at Memphis State University, he has worked at the Regional Medical Center in Memphis and has been at Baptist Memorial Hospital since 1987, where he is the senior staff attorney with Corporate Legal Services. His wife, JoAnn, operates a medical management company. They have a fourteen-year-old daughter.

Amy E. Ridings (1993) is the legislative director for the American Humane Association, a nonprofit organization to help prevent abuse of children and animals, and she works from her home in Murfreesboro. She and her husband have a two-and-a-half-year-old child and four pets.

Steven Robertson (1981) has done graduate work in political science at Vanderbilt University. He continues to serve as an adjunct for the MTSU Political Science Department.

J. Mark Rogers (1974) has been appointed by Governor Phil Bredesen to fill the post of retiring Judge J. S. "Steve" Daniel as a circuit court judge for Rutherford and Cannon counties. The *Daily News Journal* of July 17, 2004, reported that a poll of the Rutherford-Cannon Bar Association shows that Rogers was the highest recommended of nine judges vying for the post. The same article quoted Governor Bredesen as saying, "Mark is an outstanding lawyer who is highly regarded by his peers in the bar and has been a vital member of the community in Murfreesboro and Rutherford County. I know he will serve with distinction and integrity as he takes on this important role." After earning his degree in political science from MTSU, Rogers earned a law degree at the University of Tennessee College of Law. He has been practicing law for 27 years and has been a member of the law firm of Rogers and Eischeid.

William F. Ross (1998) earned his M.C.P. from Georgia Tech in 2000 and is the principal planner at Ross and Associates Urban Planning and Plan Implementation in Calhoun, Georgia.

Kelly Rouse (2003) is working for State Farm Insurance in Murfreesboro. She married Jay Barger, another department alum, in May.

Nicole Lester Russell (1998) married Joe L. Russell III (1989) in July 2002 and graduated from the Nashville School of Law in May 2003. She is a law clerk for Karla C. Hewitt of Nashville.

Doug Sadler (2002) continues his study of law at Stetson University in Florida, where he made the honor roll. Congratulations!

Thomas Sanders (1988), who completed an M.P.A. from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, is a legislative performance auditor for the State of Tennessee, Office of the Comptroller, Division of State Audit.

Jude Santana (1994), a graduate of the College of Law at the University of Tennessee, is back in Murfreesboro, working in the district attorney's office for Rutherford County.

Keith Slocum, a graduate of the Nashville School of Law, is an associate with a bankruptcy firm in Nashville.

James Smith (2001) received his M.A. in public administration from the George Bush School of Government in May 2003 with a concentration in counterterrorism and intelligence. He is now teaching WMD/terrorism response under a Homeland Security grant at Texas A&M University.

Patrick Smith (1982) earned a J.D. from the Nashville School of Law and works as director of policy and legislation for the Tennessee Department of Education in Nashville.

Christine Southworth (2002) is in her third year at the Vanderbilt School of Law.

Eric Stewart is serving as a county commissioner in Franklin County, Tennessee, where he chairs the Long-range Planning Committee.

Michael William Sumner earned his Ph.D. from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and is a deputy assistant commissioner with the Office of Financing of the U.S. Treasury. He has published a number of articles on debt collection and other financial matters and is a regular speaker and panelist at securities industry conferences each year.

Charla Higgins Swanson (1998) is a paralegal in the antiterrorism section of the U.S. Attorney's Office in Memphis. Her husband, Leif Swanson (2000) is in dental school at the University of Memphis.

Stacey A. Terral (2000) passed the bar exam in July 2003 after graduating from

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the University of Tennessee College of Law. He served an internship with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Tennessee in Greeneville and is now an associate with Brewer, Krause and Brooks in Nashville.

Dan Throgmorton (1989), who has an Ed.D., is vice president of the Economic and Community Development Division of Chattanooga State Technical Community College.

Larry Trail (1974) is a member of the Tennessee State Senate representing the 16th District.

Ryan Trammel graduated from the Nashville School of Law, passed the bar on July 2003, and is now an independent contractor.

Skip Maurice Turrino (1972) earned a master's degree from the University of Memphis with an emphasis in vocational counseling. He is a grade IV water filtration technician with the city of McMinnville, Tennessee.

Virginia Vile (2002), a former All-American Mock Trial winner, placed first among her peers at the College of William and Mary in the 2L moot court competition at the Bushrod T. Washington Moot Court Tournament. She continues to serve on the law review, is a member of William and Mary's moot court team, is president of the William and Mary trial court team, coaches William and Mary's undergraduate mock trial teams, and works for a private attorney in Williamsburg. At William and Mary, she became the first student fellow of Court-

room 21, touted as the most technologically advanced courtroom in the world, after participating in a televised international mediation and arbitration in the spring. She worked over the summer at the offices of the New York City Law Department and attended the annual meeting of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America in Boston. She is engaged to marry Keith Wesolowski of Buffalo, New York (a graduate of Yale and William and Mary law), in March 2005 and plans to work in New York after graduating in May 2005.

Maria Weir, who has finished a master's degree in applied anthropology, worked with a research professor from the University of Maryland, Baltimore, on a project on sexual health among youth in Viet Nam. As part of this project, she visited Nha Trang in August. She is moving with her husband to Kansas City, Missouri, where he has accepted a job with the University of Missouri as an assistant professor of computer engineering. Maria will continue as a human rights fellow for the American Anthropological Association. She wants readers of the newsletter to know that her sister has just opened a coffee shop, the Crème Caramel Coffee Shop, on Memorial Street in Murfreesboro. Potential patrons may find further information about this shop,

which opened in July, at www.cremecaramelcafe.com/.

Jason Whatley (1993), a graduate of the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University, continues to practice law in Columbia, Tennessee. He and wife Lauren welcomed a third child, Mary Grace Whatley, into their home on July 14, 2004.

Darcy Rodgers White (1996) graduated tenth in her class from Boston University School of Law and is now doing corporate/transaction work in a large firm in Boston. She is married to George "Tom" White (1998).

Mary Katharine Harvey White (1993) earned her law degree at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and is an assistant district attorney assigned to prosecute all sex crimes in Williamson County, Tennessee. She married Bryan K. White from Summer Shade, Kentucky, in April 2003. He spent six months in Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom and was sent back in early 2004.

George "Tom" White (1998) is practicing law in Boston. He is married to Darcy Rodgers White (1996).

Tyrene White (1978), who earned her master's and Ph.D. at Ohio State University, is an associate professor and chair of the Department of Political Science at Swarthmore College. Her book *China Briefing, 2000* (East Gate Books, 2000) continues to be available for sale.

Brian Winfrey (2002) is in his third year at Vanderbilt Law School.



Mock Trial News

MTSU's invitational tournament held in November was the largest in the nation, with 62 teams from more than a dozen states. (This year's tournament will be held on November 12 and 13.)

MTSU teams also attended tournaments this year at Bellarmine University, at Rhodes College, at Samford University (where both teams qualified for nationals), and at national tournaments held at Eastern Kentucky University (see below) and at Des Moines, Iowa. At the latter tournament, Johnathan Brooks had the number-one score in the nation as a witness, scoring 18 (of 20 points) on one side and 20 on the other.

Two MTSU teams qualified for the National Mock Trial Tournament held at Eastern Kentucky State University in March this year. One team placed first in the tournament. The team consisted of **Lisa Collins, Patrick Chinnery, Johnathan Brooks, Tiffany Walters, Brittany Hayes, Andrea Walker, and Tina Nimarnik**. This team subsequently placed fifteenth in the National Championship Tournament in Des Moines.

The other team that qualified for nationals consisted of **Shawn Salem, Joel Bellis, Ashley Jones, Kristen Bradley, Jason Walker, Helen Caddes, and Ben Cooley**. It received an honorable mention at the National Mock Trial Tournament at Eastern Kentucky.



Mock Mediation Team Captures Second Place at Nationals

The MTSU Mediation Team took second place at the 2003 National Intercollegiate Mediation Association annual tournament at the John Marshall Law School in Chicago. The team, which is coached by Dr. Clyde Willis, consisted of eleven members. They are **Vickie Coe, Paul Fakes, Scott Griswold, Ashley Horn, Jonathan Lewis, Allan Lutes, Kimberly Mason, Melanie McDavid, Caressa Pugh, Richard Smith, and Michelle Williams**. After four years of competition at national tournaments, MTSU teams have now captured, first, second, and third places! **Vickie Coe, Scott Griswold, Ashley Horn, and Jonathan Lewis** all received All-American mediator awards, and Vickie Coe and Ashley Horn received All-American advocate-client awards.



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Model United Nations

The Model United Nations Team traveled to Washington, D.C., in late October for the 31st National Collegiate Security Conference at Georgetown.

Fatima Badreddine, Leah Beth Bean, Robert Blackwell, Dwaine Carruthers, Haley Clark, Paul Fakes, Shannon Gerrara, Ashley Graham, Ashley Haun, Ryan Lorimer, Alan Lutes, Jeremy Majors, Heather Moore, Kevin Stinson, and Candice Haynes represented MTSU. The head delegate was **Leah Beth Bean**.

In March, the team attended the Virginia Invitational Crisis Simulation at the University of Virginia. Team members included **Fatima Badreddine, Victoria Britton, Paul Fakes, Ashley Haun, Candice Haynes, Ryan Lorimer, John Schlicher, and Devin Stimson**. **Ashley Haun** served as head delegate. Dr. Anne Sloan accompanied the team on both trips.

Check Us Out!

Thanks to help from MTSU student Timmy Gibson and after a considerable lapse, the department has updated its Web site, which was originally designed by Paul Lawrence. Although we still have work to do, you can now get up-to-date information about faculty members and publications, course offerings, and more. We welcome any suggestions to make our site more accessible.

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