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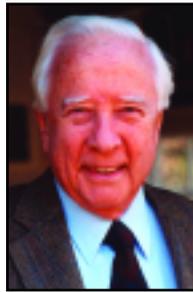
Author McCullough to lecture

by Lisa L. Rollins

Eminent historian and two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning author David McCullough will speak on "Qualities of Leadership" beginning at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, in MTSU's Tucker Theatre.

Heralded as a "master of the art of narrative history," McCullough's MTSU visit is a rare and welcomed event, organizers confirm.

"Dr. McCullough does not often venture onto the lecture circuit, as a matter of choice and disposition," observed Dr. John McDaniel, dean of the College of Liberal Arts. "Having him visit MTSU for a talk this fall is, then, not only a feather in our collective cap but an



McCullough

unexpected and surprising one as well."

A two-time winner of both the National Book Award and the prestigious Francis Parkman Prize, McCullough's work has been honored with accolades such as the National Book Foundation's Distinguished Contribution to American Letters Award, the National Humanities Medal and the New York Public

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Bonus, raises awaiting final OK from TBR

by Gina E. Fann

On the heels of a 2 percent salary increase for MTSU employees for 2006-07, "good budget management" should give workers a one-time bonus of \$500 on their Oct. 31 paychecks.

MTSU is using available funds to once again provide the bonuses to all full-time employees on the university's payroll as of June 30, 2005.

"Due to good budget management at your university, I have requested that the Tennessee Board of Regents consider this plan," university President Sidney A. McPhee said.

The plan, which still awaits final approval from the Tennessee Board of Regents at its Sept. 28-29 meeting, provides the flat bonus of \$500 per full- or part-time employee or 1 percent of the employee's salary, whichever is greater.

Participants in the university's post-retirement service programs also will receive the bonus.

This university-funded bonus will be in addition to a state-funded \$350 one-time bonus for higher education employees with three or more years of service as of Oct. 1, 2006. A percentage of the state bonus also will be paid to permanent part-time employees proportional to their assignments.

"Providing bonuses to our faculty, staff and administration is simply one way of showing our gratitude for the dedicated service they provide for our students and to the university community as a whole," McPhee said. "We'll continue to work with the Legislature to ensure that our good

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Science!



GETTING CARBONATED—Sophomore physiology major Mandy Shadix, junior nursing major Janine Williams and sophomore biology major Nida Shirazi react to their experiment with Diet Coke and Mentos candies outside McHenry Hall Sept. 5 during a Women in Science & Engineering event. Five teams competed to create the most imaginative "carbonated display" with the chemical reaction.

photo by Kelsey Smith

Fall phonathon under way

The Office of Development's annual fall giving phonathon began Sept. 18, said coordinator Lucie P. Murphy.

Students will call alumni "to inform them of the latest developments from MTSU and their respective colleges and ask them to make a gift to the university," Murphy said. The schedule includes calls

through Sept. 28 to alumni in the College of Education and Behavioral Science; Oct. 1-20 calls to Basic and Applied Sciences; Mass Communication calls Oct. 22-26; Jones College of Business Oct. 29-Nov. 9; and Nov. 12-21 calls to Liberal Arts grads.

Students interested in working during the spring 2007 phonathon may call 615-898-2728.

IN BRIEF

RAIDER DONORS WRECKED TECH OFF THE FIELD, TOO

MTSU not only skunked Tennessee Tech 44-0 on the gridiron Sept. 14—the Blue Raiders thoughtfully donated almost twice as much blood to help heal their (and the rest of the region's) wounds. The blood drive competition between the longtime rivals netted a total of 436 pints for the American Red Cross, with the MTSU community rolling up its sleeves for 286 pints and Tech donating 150 pints. MTSU donors gave Sept. 12 and 13, while Tech participants donated blood Aug. 30-31. MT Athletics and the Student Government Association sponsored the competition.

TURN YOUR EYES TO THE SKIES FOR 1ST FRIDAY STAR PARTY

First Friday Star Parties continue on campus Friday, Oct. 6, with "The Ring Nebula and Future of the Sun" as the topic of discussion beginning at 6:30 p.m. in Room 102 of the Wisner-Patten Science Hall. The lecture, which is free and open to the public, will be followed by outdoor telescope observation at the observatory behind the Cope Administration Building (weather permitting). For more information, call 615-898-5946.

CAMPUS WELCOMES PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS FOR FALL VISIT DAYS

Fall Visit Days 2006 will continue Saturday, Oct. 7, and Saturday, Nov. 11, for current high-school juniors and seniors and transfer students who are considering a degree at MTSU. Each of the Saturday tours will begin at the Cope Administration Building at 10 a.m. Prospective students should register online by going to www.mtsu.edu/~admissn and may call 1-800-331-6878 or 615-898-5670 for more information.

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FAIR OCT. 10 FEATURES VENDORS, PRIZES

The annual MTSU Employee Benefits Fair is planned Tuesday, Oct. 10, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building. The event will feature more than 50 vendors, including health insurance, dental, life, deferred compensation, long-term disability and long-term care and more. Refreshments and door prizes will be available; employees won't need to be present to win. For more information, call 615-898-2929.

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Arts Talk targets careers for artists with disabilities

by Lisa L. Rollins

MTSU will be the site for Arts Talk, a statewide two-day conference and career forum specifically for artists with disabilities.

According to Lori Kissinger, MTSU speech and theatre instructor and a representative for the Tennessee chapter of Vision, Strength and Artistic Expression, also known as VSA arts Tennessee, the event is slated for Oct. 6-7 in the Business and Aerospace Building and is designed for disabled artists from every area of the arts.

"The conference is a career forum (that will) focus on professional development and career opportunities for artists with disabilities," Kissinger said of the conference, which is presented by the Tennessee Arts Commission and VSA arts Tennessee in partnership with the National Arts and Disability Center.

"We will have people on campus discussing social security issues, legal issues, portfolio development and more."

Lisa Hester, director of arts access for TAC, said the MTSU conference is the first of its kind in the state and its expected to attract at least 200 participants, including artists with disabilities, potential employers, career counselors and educators.

Billed as an event that will "allow people to discover their own potential," Kissinger said both she and Hester have high hopes for the state's inaugural Arts Talk.

"I like to see people become self-sufficient," Kissinger said. "All people want to feel independent, responsible, productive and needed, so I'm hoping this conference provides some skills and resources for individuals with disabilities to be able to find productive work in the arts."

Agreed Hester: "We will provide artists (with) the skills for creating effective communication tools such as creating resumes and biographies ... (and) there will be plenty of networking opportunities."

In addition to the career forum, the conference will serve as host for nationally recognized actress/writer/teacher Estelle Condra, who will deliver an Oct. 6 keynote address at 1 p.m. Condra is blind as a result of Retinitis Pigmentosa.

Also among the conference's highlights will be the Tennessee premiere of "The Goal," an award-winning film by filmmaker Darla Rae that stars MTSU alumna Laura Dodd.

After the free screening in Tucker Theatre, Rae and Dodd will participate in a question-and-answer session on the film.

For more information on Arts Talk, including free registration and programming, contact Kissinger at 615-826-5252 or visit the Web site at www.arts.state.tn.us.



Kissinger



Collage earns gold medalist certificate

by Amanda Hawkins

Collage: a Journal of Creative Expression, the student literary and arts magazine sponsored by MTSU's Honors College, has received the Gold Medalist Certificate from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association for its fall 2005 and spring 2006 issues.

Magazines submitted to the CSPA competition last spring were scored based on organization, content and design. Each section was then split into subcategories and given a point value.

Overall, *Collage* scored 925 points out of 1,000, earning a Gold Medalist rating. In the design category, the magazine captured All-Columbian Honors by receiving 345 points out of 350.

Panels of experts in journalism and journalism education judged all submissions to the CSPA. One judge said the art in *Collage* was "visually interesting, skillfully done and shows a good variety of medium."

Collage Editor-in-Chief Travisty Vasquez-Terry and adviser Marsha Powers said they're very pleased with the awards but add that they're seeking ways to improve upcoming issues of the magazine.

"We've implemented a new grading scale for *Collage*

submissions to meet the specifications for a prestigious student journal," Vasquez-Terry said.

"In regard to the selection process, *Collage* is not about what we, as a staff, like. It's about creating an outlet for displaying the best literature and art that MTSU students have to offer in an aesthetically appealing fashion, which accentuates the high-quality works we receive."

Other improvements are also being made, such as expanded staff- and faculty- taught workshops for staff members.

Powers and Vasquez-Terry, along with the rest of the staff, say they're dedicated to the success of the magazine and look forward to scoring even higher marks from the CSPA on future issues.

The CSPA was organized at Columbia University in New York City in the fall of 1924. The Medalist Critique was then organized in February 1925 to help improve student print production.

The judge's final comment on the *Collage* critique states, "The magazine looks fantastic. Your staff should be very proud of the work you've done here."

Amanda Hawkins is a senior majoring in journalism.

Pi Kappa Phi moves into new home

by Gina K. Logue

After some seven years as an Interfraternity Council organization without an official brick-and-mortar home, Pi Kappa Phi has moved to Greek Row, the contemporary housing for MTSU fraternities and sororities on Rutherford Boulevard.

The national Pi Kappa Phi was founded in 1904 at the College of Charleston in Charleston, S.C. According to the group's Web site, it boasts 126 active chapters and 11 associate chapters, more than 91 alumni chapters and more than 95,000 initiated brothers.

"They're consistently No. 1 or No. 2 among all MTSU fraternities in terms of grades," Gentry McCreary, director of Greek Life, says of the new chapter.

McCreary adds that the Pi Kapps meet all qualifications, including support from the national organization and local alumni, chapter size, and the ability to fill or almost fill the house. Local brothers estimate this semester's pre-rush total at 20 to 25.

A committee made up of representatives from the Division of

Business and Finance, the Division of Student Affairs, the Office of University Counsel and other university officials reviewed requests to fill the space vacated when Kappa Sigma's national organization revoked the local chapter's charter in January 2006.

"We were looking for chapter performance in terms of community service, GPA (grade point average), leadership, things like that," McCreary says.

He adds that the Pi Kapps have signed a one-year lease with an option to renew for a second year. While no extensive modifications will be made to the exterior of the house immediately, banners are being provided to cover stonework.

The Pi Kapps have spent the last several weeks painting and overseeing minor repairs to the house such as replacing locks and some minor plumbing. James David, the local chapter's treasurer, says he's excited about the move.



"It just means, hopefully, that we'll be able to grow, and we'll have a central meeting place where we can all go," David, a junior from Franklin, says.

House Manager Jimmy Miller, a sophomore from Phoenix, Ariz., also is looking forward to the Greek Row experience.

"It will just be a lot of fun to live with the brothers and establish relationships with other fraternities," Miller says.

The national service association with which the Pi Kapps are affiliated is Push America, a group whose purpose is to raise awareness of people with disabilities and to help improve their quality of life. Each spring, the fraternity teams with a sorority to conduct an "empathy dinner" during which able-bodied students must eat blindfolded with one arm behind the back or with a similar impediment.

Another Pi Kappa Phi service project is Push America's annual Bike Across America. The annual cycling excursion raises money for people with disabilities. The cycling team stayed with the local Pi Kapps during their stopover in Murfreesboro last year.

Alumnus addresses preservation needs

by Lisa L. Rollins

MTSU alumnus David Brown, executive vice president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, was the featured host and speaker for a Sept. 12 town hall meeting in Murfreesboro that focused on historic preservation.

A graduate of the MTSU historic preservation program and a former Murfreesboro resident, Brown met with local officials, civic leaders, educators, business owners, concerned citizens and interested property owners to explore how a balanced approach to historic preservation can yield immediate and long-term economic and cultural benefits to the region.

Patrick McIntyre, executive director of the Tennessee Preservation Trust, said Brown's local stopover brought "experience and real-world solutions to the bulldozers and developers who are now mindlessly



Brown

wiping the past from our landscape."

Dr. Carroll Van West, director for the Center for Historic Preservation, called Brown "the most illustrious alumnus of our nationally recognized historic preservation program at MTSU."

Following Brown's presentation, he fielded questions from those in attendance.

"He grew up in the East Main historic district," West said of Brown's devotion to preserving history, including the local landscape. "He brings a love of Murfreesboro and its citizens, but adds a healthy dose of realism and experience to the issue of balancing the past with the present."

CHP representatives report that Brown—who applauds local public-private successes in historic preservation, including the successful Main Street program in downtown Murfreesboro—"is very concerned about recent demolitions of National Register-listed properties in the county, including the Jenkins House."

The CHP, Main Street Murfreesboro and the Tennessee Preservation Trust supported Brown's visit.

Geier suit dismissal means 'door open to all'

from Staff Reports

The civil-rights lawsuit addressing equality and diversity in Tennessee's higher education system has concluded after nearly four decades by creating and funding expanded program offerings and educational opportunities and recognizing scholarship statewide.

Parties in the case known as the Geier lawsuit—including the State of Tennessee, the federal government and Tennessee's higher education agencies—have agreed to ask a federal judge to dismiss the suit, Gov. Phil Bredesen announced Sept. 11.

"I'm proud to announce that Tennessee has met the challenge set by the Geier lawsuit to build a unitary public higher education system that truly offers equal access to all citizens," Bredesen said. "Now, we'll ask a judge to recognize something that we've long felt in our hearts: In Tennessee, the door really is open to all."

The 1968 lawsuit was filed by Rita Sanders Geier, a former law student at Vanderbilt University and instructor at Tennessee State University.

The federal court ruled that Tennessee had a dual system of higher education separately serving black and white students, leading to \$77 million worth of court-mandated changes to increase equality and diversity in colleges and universities in the Tennessee Board of Regents and University of

Tennessee systems.

In 1984, the courts developed a plan for equal funding and access, and in 2001, the parties developed the Geier Consent Decree, which prescribed a five-year plan to integrate the state's colleges and universities as well as increase overall enrollment. The decree was intended as a final stepping stone to rectifying the problems noted in the lawsuit.

'We've been planning for our post-Geier future.'

Dr. Sidney A. McPhee, MTSU president



MTSU has benefited from the Geier requirements by developing programs ranging from the Summer Discovery Institute for minority teenagers interested in speech and theatre and aerospace to sponsoring predoctoral fellowships and visiting professorships for outstanding scholars.

In addition, MTSU has one of the largest enrollments of minority students of any Tennessee school. The university has 4,160 minority students enrolled in fall 2006, slightly more than 18 percent of the total enrollment of 22,863. The number, which includes those of Asian, Hispanic, American

Indian and Alaskan descent as well as African-American, has more than quadrupled since the Geier ruling.

"We put together a team a year ago, and we've been planning for our post-Geier future," MTSU President Sidney A. McPhee said. "With Geier going away, there will be issues we haven't had to deal with. Our focus has been on minority students who are African-Americans. We'll still be doing that, but now we'll also be looking at how we'll be dealing with other minorities."

Bredesen reaffirmed his commitment to supporting diversity programs that had their genesis in Geier, as well as other initiatives to promote college enrollment and graduation among nontraditional students.

"In some ways, this journey is ended; we are concluding this lawsuit, and people are no longer barred from attending colleges and universities because of the color of their skin," Bredesen said.

"But in other ways, this journey stretches far out before us and won't be complete until we remove every kind of barrier that stands in the way of any Tennessean's dream to earn a college education."

In 2004, MTSU won the Tennessee Board of Regents' "Spirit of Geier" Award for its efforts to enhance minority opportunities in higher education, including coordinating and serving as host for the biannual International Conference on Cultural Diversity.

A world in black and white



NEW PHOTO EXHIBIT—MTSU's Baldwin Photographic Gallery in the McWherter Learning Resource Center is displaying an exhibit by Keith Carter, "A Certain Alchemy," through Oct. 19. The exhibit, which encompasses Carter's 30-year photographic career in 47 15-by-15-inch black-and-white gelatine prints, includes "Stars," at



far left, and "Caballos Blancos," left. Carter will present a slide show and lecture on his work at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 2, in LRC Room 221. Hours for the exhibit, which is free and open to the public, are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday. For more information, contact 615-898-2085.

Danner golf tourney tees off Oct. 4 for scholarships

by Randy Weiler

Golfers are preparing for the 13th annual Danner Invitational Golf Tournament on Wednesday, Oct. 4, at Nashville's Hermitage Golf Course.

Sponsored by The Neill-Sandler Foundation to benefit the Neill-Sandler Scholars at MTSU, up to 120 golfers will compete in the event.

Ray Danner of The Danner Company, MTSU President Sidney A. McPhee, tournament chairman Tony Rose, and Gary Neill and Mike Sandler of the Neill-Sandler Foundation are extending an invitation to golfers and participants who

"can provide opportunities to deserving individuals who might not attend college otherwise" and can "help make a difference in a life."

The tournament schedule starts at 11:30 a.m. with registration and practice. Lunch is at noon, followed by a 1 p.m. shotgun start and beverages and awards after the tournament.

The golf scramble entry fee will include registration, practice, a buffet provided by Crockett's Restaurant, cart rental, greens fee, player's gift pack, refreshments on the course, door prizes, drinks and awards.

There will be two flights and prizes for the top three teams in each flight.

Tournament prizes will be given for closest to the pin and longest drive. There will be prizes for holes-in-one at all four par-3 holes.

Entry and sponsor fees include a \$95 donation toward prizes, \$350 per person or \$1,295 team entry and hole sponsorship (paid by Sept. 30) and \$450 hole sponsorship.

Entry forms can be obtained by calling Amanda Bell at 615-604-7171. Completed forms and checks can be mailed c/o The Neill-Sandler Foundation, P.O. Box 2759, 2505 S. Church St., Murfreesboro, Tenn. 37133-2759.

Event sponsors include Bell Construction, The Danner Founda-

tion, Maggart & Associates, Frank E. Neal and Company, C.D. Norberg & Associates and SunTrust Bank/Brian Austin. *The Daily News Journal* provides media support.

Seventy-five students have been awarded Neill-Sandler scholarships since 1999. Each spring at the annual Neill-Sandler Strive for Excellence Banquet, up to 10 scholarships are awarded to students from Bedford, Cannon, Coffee, DeKalb, Franklin, Rutherford, Warren, Williamson and Wilson counties and Tullahoma City Schools.

For more information, call Bell at 615-604-7171 or Development and University Relations at 615-898-5818.

Calendar

Sept. 25-Oct. 8

TV Schedule

"Middle Tennessee Record"
Cable Channel 9
Monday-Sunday—5 p.m.
NewsChannel 5+
Saturday—1:30 p.m.

Every Monday night

**MTSU Guys & Dolls
Swing Dance Club**
Free dance lessons 6-7 p.m.,
open dancing 7-9 p.m.
Murphy Center Dance Studio A
For information, e-mail:
lindyfiend@gmail.com.

Through Oct. 6

**Art Department Alumni
Exhibition**
8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-
Friday, Todd Gallery
For information, contact:
615-898-2505.

Sept. 25

Monday, Sept. 25
Honors Lecture Series
Dr. Anantha Babbili, "New
Media and Natural Disasters:
Freedom and Responsibility"
3-3:50 p.m., HONR 106
For information, contact:
615-898-7611.

**Faculty Flute Recital:
Deanna Hahn-Little**
8 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
No admission charge
For information, contact:
615-898-2493.

Sept. 26

Tuesday, Sept. 26
**Association of Faculty &
Administrative Women
Fall Membership Luncheon**
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., JUB
Hazlewood Dining Room
Cost: \$15 per person
For reservations, e-mail
ktodd@mtsu.edu.

Sept. 28

Thursday, Sept. 28
**Linguistics Club of MTSU
Guest Lecture**
"American Slang: The Lingua
Franca of the Electronic Age,"
Dr. Connie Eble of UNC
Noon, Jackson Building
For information, contact:
linguist@mtsu.edu.

Thursday, Sept. 28
**WHOA International
Grand Championship
Walking Horse Show**
7 p.m. daily, Miller Coliseum
Admission: \$5 per person,
free for children 6 and younger
For information, visit
www.walkinghorseowners.com
or contact: 615-494-8822.

Sept. 29

Sept. 29-30
MTSU Comedy "Hay Fever"
by Noel Coward
7:30 p.m., Tucker Theatre
Admission: \$8
For information, contact:
615-494-8810.

Friday, Sept. 29
Economic Outlook Conference
8:15 a.m.-1:15 P.M., JUB
Tennessee Room
No admission charge
For information, contact:
615-898-2764.

**Women's Soccer
vs. South Alabama**
7 p.m., Blue Raider Field
For information, contact:
615-898-2450.

Sept. 30

Saturday, Sept. 30
**Blue Raider Football
at University of North Texas**
6:05 p.m., Denton, Texas
For information, visit
www.goblueraiders.com
or contact: 615-898-2103.

Oct. 1

Sunday, Oct. 1
**"MTSU On the Record—
Estelle Condra"**
Guest: Estelle Condra
7 a.m., WMOT 89.5-FM
Podcast at www.mtsunews.com

Oct. 2

Monday, Oct. 2
Honors Lecture Series
Dr. Cheryl Ellis,
"Natural Disasters: A Public
Health Perspective"
3-3:50 p.m., HONR 106
For information, contact:
615-898-7611.

Yom Kippur
begins at sundown

Monday, Oct. 2
**Faculty Clarinet Recital:
Todd Waldecker**
with Caleb Harris, piano
8 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
No admission charge
For information, contact:
615-898-2493.

Oct. 3

Tuesday, Oct. 3
**JAWC Career/Professional
Development Brown Bag**
Noon-1 p.m., BAS SunTrust Room
For information, contact:
615-898-2193.

**Rutherford County
Legislative Debate**
Candidates for state Senate
District 16 and state House
Districts 34, 48 and 49
7-9 p.m., BAS State Farm Room
For information, contact:
615-898-2351.

Oct. 4

Oct. 4-10
MTSU Comedy "Hay Fever"
by Noel Coward
7:30 p.m., Tucker Theatre
Admission: \$8
For information, contact:
615-494-8810.

Wednesday, Oct. 4
**Danner Invitational Golf
Tournament**
11:30 a.m., Hermitage Golf
Course, Nashville
Entry fees: \$350 individual,
\$450 hole sponsors
For information, contact:
615-604-7171.

Oct. 5

Thursday, Oct. 5
MTSU Women's Chorale
7:30 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
No admission charge
For information, contact:
615-898-2493.

Oct. 6

Oct. 6-13
Sukkot (Feast of Tabernacles)
begins at sundown Oct. 6

Oct. 6-7
Arts Talk career conference
for artists with disabilities
For information, visit
www.arts.state.tn.us
or contact: 615-826-5252.

Friday, Oct. 6
**Recording Industry alumni
reception**
3 p.m., Hilton Downtown
Nashville
For information, contact:
615-898-2225.

**Art Department Alumni
Exhibit Closing Reception**
4-7 p.m., Todd Gallery Lobby
No admission charge
For information, contact:
615-898-2505.

First Friday Star Party
"The Ring Nebula and Future
of the Sun"
6:30-8:30 p.m., WPS Room 102
No admission charge
For information, contact:
615-898-5946.

**Blue Raider Football
vs. University of Louisville**
7 p.m., LP Field in Nashville
For information, visit
www.goblueraiders.com
or contact: 615-898-2103.

Oct. 7

Oct. 7-8
**2006 Parelli Natural
Horsemanship**
Tennessee Miller Coliseum
Admission charged
For information, visit
www.parelli.com
or contact: 615-494-8961.

Saturday, Oct. 7
Fall Visit Day
10 a.m., Cope first-floor lobby
Open to prospective students
and families
For information, visit
www.mtsu.edu/~admissn
or contact: 615-898-5670.

**Presidential Concert Series:
"Requiem" by Frigyes Hidas**
**MTSU Wind Ensemble and
Concert Chorale**
7:30 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
No admission charge
For information, contact:
615-898-2493.

Oct. 8

Sunday, Oct. 8
**"MTSU On the Record—
Helping Student-Athletes"**
Guest: Jim Rost
7 a.m., WMOT 89.5-FM
Podcast at www.mtsunews.com

'MT Record' starting celebration early

Mark your calendar. In five years MTSU will celebrate its centennial, and the News and Public Affairs staff has decided it's not too early to take note of such a milestone.

Starting with the October edition of "Middle Tennessee Record," the university's monthly video magazine, a new segment called Centennial Countdown will join the lineup.

"The first segment will have some photos and information about the buildings and events that marked the opening of our institution in 1911," John Lynch, producer of "Middle Tennessee Record," said, "Each month we'll feature some old photos or other items of historical interest."

"We'd like to thank the staff at the Gore Research Center for their enthusiastic support in this project. They have given us access to their collection of interesting pictures and memorabilia. Betty Rowland, executive secretary for the Center, has been especially helpful in making suggestions and helping gather materials."

Center Director Dr. Lisa Pruitt said the Gore Center staff is "excited to be a part of the

Centennial Countdown. Since we help to preserve the university's history, we are keenly aware of the great tradition of educational excellence that has been handed down to the present generation of students, faculty and staff. We want to see the uni-

versity's history celebrated, but we also want to see that history serve as a foundation for even greater achievements in the future."

Lynch added, "We don't limit our sources to just the Gore Center. We encourage alumni and friends to send us any items of historic interest. This could include photos, athletic programs, newspaper clippings, even old videotapes. All original items will be handled with care and returned promptly."

"Middle Tennessee Record" can be seen on Cable Channel 9 daily at 5 p.m. The program is also available to 500,000 homes in 36 counties through NewsChannel 5+, where it may be seen on Saturday afternoons at 1:30.

The program also is available via streaming video. To view the program via the Internet, go to www.mtsunews.com and click on "Middle Tennessee Record."

You'll need to have RealPlayer software installed on your computer to view the streaming video. A link to this free software is posted on the "Middle Tennessee Record" page.



Oct. 3 debate showcases legislative candidates

MTSU, through its participation in the American Democracy Project, and the League of Women Voters will sponsor a forum for Rutherford County legislative candidates from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3, in the State Farm Room in the Business and Aerospace Building.

Faculty, staff and students as well as the general public will be welcomed. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m., and all guests must be seated by 6:55. Guests arriving late will be admitted only during breaks between each debate.

The program also will be aired live on Comcast Channel 9.

As of this writing, not all candidates have confirmed their attendance. It's anticipated, however, that the four sessions will include:

- State Senate 16th District: Bill Ketron (R), Vince Springer (D);
- House 34th District: Mary Esther Bell (D), Donna Rowland (R);
- House 48th District: Joe Carr (R), John Hood (D); and
- House 49th District: Kent Coleman (D), Oscar Gardner (R).

"This forum will provide voters a chance to familiarize themselves with the candidates and the issues in this important election," said event coordinator Dr. Mark Byrnes, professor of political science.

The audience will not be permitted to display banners or signs or hand out literature or other items of any kind inside the auditorium. In addition, photography and recording by guests will not be allowed inside the room. There will be a special location for members of the print and electronic media.

Dr. Bob Pondillo, professor of electronic media communication, will be the moderator.

Warm welcome



LOOKING FORWARD TO FALL—Jose Becton, left, a senior organizational communications major, talks with Dr. Tom Cheatham, dean of the College of Basic and Applied Sciences, and Crickett Pimentel, director of Student Support Services, at the TRiO table during the annual Department Fair in the Keathley University Center. The event lets students learn more about services offered by MTSU departments and meet the people who provide those services, such as the federally funded TRiO programs (McNair, Talent Search and Student Support Services) that help first-generation, low-income and disabled students enter college and successfully graduate.

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fiscal management will translate into good fiscal news for our employees."

MTSU also is asking the TBR to approve additional salary increases to take effect in January 2007, but since they won't be across-the-board increases, not all employees will receive one, and the amounts received will be affected by intervening across-the-board increases since January 2005 when the last compensation plan increases were made.

MTSU's current plan provides faculty salary increases based on a newly expanded peer group and professional and classified employee increases based on the 2005 market data plan approved by the Board in June 2004.

In addition to the 2 percent salary

increase and bonuses for the 2006-07 fiscal year, state legislators approved 401(k) matches of up to \$40 per month and increased the maximum number of eligible years of service from 25 to 30 years for longevity payments. (Longevity payments will remain at \$100 per year of service.)

Increased revenues also allowed state legislators to approve the first new operating funds for Tennessee higher education since 1998.

At MTSU, that meant \$15 million for preplanning and infrastructure work on the new science building.

The facility will provide a new home for biology and chemistry at a total cost of more than \$100 million.

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Library's Literary Lion Award.

McCullough's most recent title, *1776*, which entered *The New York Times'* bestseller list at No. 1 in June, has been called "brilliant," "gripping," "a masterpiece," "lucid" and "a classic." His previous title, *John Adams*, has sold more than 2 million copies and remains one of the most widely read and critically acclaimed American biographies of all time.

"David McCullough is often regarded in academic circles as 'America's Historian,' an unofficial title now embraced by a growing number of the country's reading public as well," McDaniel noted. "McCullough's highly readable works on our founding fathers have put him on numerous bestseller lists, with good reason: he tells the national narrative, our nation's unique 'story,' with uncommon clarity and insight."

A native of Pittsburgh, McCullough graduated from Yale with a degree in English literature. During the course of his career, he has served as an editor, essayist, lecturer, and teacher and is a familiar presence on public television, including time as host of "The American Experience" and as a narrator for numerous documentaries such as "The Civil War" and the motion picture "Seabiscuit."

McCullough's books include *The Johnstown Flood*, *The Great Bridge*, *The Path Between the Seas*, *Mornings on Horseback*, *Brave Companions* and *Truman*. A gifted speaker, McCullough also is one of the few private citizens to address a joint session of Congress.

MTSU's Distinguished Lecture Fund and the Office of the Provost, as well as the Departments of History and Political Science, the Teaching American History Grant, the College of Liberal Arts, and the College of Education and Behavioral Science have provided funding for McCullough's Oct. 24 lecture.

Although the lecture is free and open to the public, seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis. A 15-minute question-and-answer session will be followed by an 8 p.m. book signing in the theater lobby.

For more information regarding McCullough's lecture, please call Connie Huddleston, events coordinator, at 615-494-7628.

Fall enrollment not quite 23K, but still record

by Randy Weiler

MTSU submitted a final head count of a record 22,863 students attending fall 2006 semester classes to the Tennessee Board of Regents, according to Dr. Sherian Huddleston, assistant vice provost, enrollment services.

This represents a 1.4 percent increase in the number of students attending this fall, meaning there are 309 additional students on campus, Huddleston said.

"We're still growing," said Dr. Bob Glenn, vice provost for enrollment and academic services and vice president for student affairs. "It's a little lower than what we would've liked. For budget purposes, we were hoping for a 3 percent increase. But on a

	2006 fall semester totals	2005 fall semester totals
Head count	22,863 (1.4% increase/309 students)	22,554
Full-time equivalent	19,355 (1.1% increase/217 students)	19,138
First-time freshmen	3,373	3,208
New transfers	1,991	1,996
Returning students	15,633	15,475
Re-enrolling students	1,213	1,258
Freshmen	5,866	5,367
Sophomores	4,154	4,022
Juniors	4,169	4,191
Seniors	6,357	6,371
College of Graduate Studies	2,220	2,165

practical basis, we're happy to be at 1.4 (percent)."

Late spring and early summer projections indicated MTSU would pass 23,000 students.

"Twenty-three thousand is like 22,000, and we did pass 22,000," Glenn said. "We didn't pass 23,000 this time, but we'll pass that milestone by in the near future."

Glenn added that he, Huddleston and others would "spend the next months to look at the data in a detailed way to see what conclusions can be

drawn" on why the projected numbers started slipping in August.

Huddleston said the late registration process was "tightened" because the university has implemented a new software computer process, meaning students had to "get more signatures and more approvals" to register late.

Also, new transfer students did not have to attend CUSTOMS orientation sessions and could register for classes after being advised.

Federal Reserve CEO to keynote conference

by Tom Tozer

William Poole, president and chief executive officer of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, will be the keynote speaker at this year's Economic Outlook Conference at MTSU, which will be held Friday, Sept. 29, in the James Union Building's Tennessee Room.

Registration at the door will begin at 8:15 a.m. The conference will adjourn at 1:15 p.m.

Event sponsors are the Jennings A. Jones College of Business, Weatherford Chair of Finance and the Business and Economic Research Center.

The conference, which is free of charge, is targeting bankers, business owners and managers, community officials and leaders, business and economics faculty and students, and others interested in the future growth of the midstate region.

Poole, who will speak at 9 a.m. on "Data Dependence," assumed his current post in 1998. He directs the activities of the bank's head office in St. Louis as well as its three branches in Little Rock, Louisville and Memphis. He represents the bank on the Federal Open Market Committee and chairs the Conference of Presidents' Information Technology Oversight Committee.

Prior to his post with the Federal Reserve Bank, Poole was the Herbert H. Goldberger Professor of Economics at Brown University, arriving there in 1974 and twice serving as the economics department chair. Before that, he served on the faculty at Johns Hopkins University from 1963 to 1969 and was inducted into its Society of Scholars in 2005.

At 10:30, Dr. David Penn, BERC director, will provide a

midstate/regional economic update.

At 11:15, Dr. Jim Burton, dean of the Jones College, will present Mark Pirtle, local businessman, real estate developer and friend of MTSU, with the Jennings A. Jones Champion of Free Enterprise Award.

The annual honor recognizes a business leader who exemplifies the ideals of free enterprise through any combination of entrepreneurship, governmental involvement, participation in civic and charitable affairs, and education.

Among his many accomplishments, Pirtle was named Businessperson of the Year in 1996 and is past president of the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce and the MTSU Foundation. He is active in the Blue Raider Athletic Association and is a



Pirtle

longtime board member of the Boys and Girls Club.

Joining the rostrum for the luncheon address will be perennial favorite Dr. Donald Ratajczak, Regent's Professor of Economics Emeritus at Georgia State University and nationally known economic forecaster.

Ratajczak served as director of the Economic Forecasting Center at Georgia State University for 27 years. In 1994, he received the Blue Chip award for forecasting accuracy during the four previous years. He appears regularly on CNBC and writes a weekly column for *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*.

"The Economic Outlook Conference has become an MTSU tradition because it delivers what it promises—substance, expertise, and an opportunity for business and industry professionals to share common concerns," Burton said.

For more information about the conference, call 615-898-2764.



Poole

Defining 'new propaganda'

Ethics lecture set Oct. 5

from Staff Reports

How do you make sense of the blurry lines between and among news, information, persuasion, entertainment and advertising in most current media?

Dr. Jay Black, Poynter Jamison Chair in Media Ethics, emeritus, at the University of South Florida—St. Petersburg and former director of the Program for Ethics in Education and Community, will offer some guidelines in a special guest lecture Thursday, Oct. 5, at MTSU.

Sponsored by Ethics and Excellence at the College of Mass Communication, Black's lecture is scheduled from 6 until 7:45 p.m. in Room 104 of the Bragg Mass Communication Building.

"Much of what passes for news is laden with what Dr. Black calls 'the new propaganda' generated by special interest groups," said Dr. Thomas Cooper, ethicist-in-residence at MTSU.

"He will initially describe and analyze the new and often deceptive media mosaic, making note of relevant semantic and ethical dilemmas, and then outline possible remedies for media consumers and practitioners."

Black, editor of the *Journal of Mass Media Ethics* since 1984 and author or co-author of 10 books on media and society, media issues and media ethics, has presented some 500 academic and public papers, seminars and workshops and has been an expert witness in two dozen media ethics cases.

"My fundamental 'argument' is that propaganda is inevitable, that it is not just what the 'bad guys' do, that contemporary society relishes propaganda [and] that media cater to our 'closed-mindedness' as willing recipients of propaganda," Black explained.

"If we're not careful and sophisticated consumers and producers of media fare, there can be serious repercussions for public opinion, community building and self-governance."

In 1997, the Freedom Forum named Black as co-winner of the national journalism professor of the year award. He holds a doctorate in journalism and sociology from the University of Missouri, a master's degree in journalism and English from Ohio University and a bachelor's in English from Miami (Ohio) University. Black also worked as a reporter and copy editor at four newspapers in Ohio and Missouri.

For more information about the lecture, e-mail Cooper at twcooper@comcast.net.

'If we're not careful ... there can be serious repercussions.'

Dr. Jay Black
'Journal of Mass Media Ethics'



Dean lauds CBAS success, anticipates bright future

by Randy Weiler

College of Basic and Applied Sciences Dean Tom Cheatham lauded 2005-06 achievements and said he anticipates a bright future during a "state of the college" address Sept. 7.

The future will include a new science building to house CBAS's biology, chemistry, computer science, mathematics and physics and astronomy departments and geosciences from the College of Education and Behavioral Science.

Led by "building shepherd" and biology professor Steve Wright, a two-year planning and design stage is under way for "three to four years for construction that will put us to 2011, and it has been our goal to have it by the 100th anniversary of MTSU and be a part of that celebration," Cheatham said.

A location for the science building has not yet been determined. "The near-completion of the nursing facility [also] is a highlight," Cheatham said. "We won't officially be using the building until the spring semester. They've been ahead of schedule from the beginning. It has been a very well-run project."

The completion of the naked-eye observatory (physics and astronomy) between Cope Administration Building and Wisner-Patten Science Hall and completion of the maintenance hangar (aerospace) at Murfreesboro Airport were other exciting building projects, he said.

Cheatham said he was extremely pleased that 12 college faculty received 2005-06 MTSU Foundation Awards. These included Drs. Vic Montemayor, Cliff Ricketts and Saleh Sbenaty for outstanding teaching; Dr. Ginger Rowell for outstanding achievement in instructional technology; Drs. Kim Sadler, Suzanne Prevost, Saeed Foroudastan and Karen Case for outstanding service; Drs. George Benz and Jeff Lablond for distinguished research; and Dr. Cindi Smith-Walters and Laura McCall for special projects.

Numerous other CBAS faculty were recognized for awards they received during the 2005-06 academic year.

Cheatham said nearly \$3 million in internal grants had been secured for the college.

He also extolled the virtues of the new MTSU Interdisciplinary Microanalysis Imaging Center operated by Drs. Andrienne Friedli (chemistry) and Marion Wells (retired biology professor), and said tours are available.

Construction continues to change campus face

by Tom Tozer

One recently completed "construction" project on campus was more horizontal than vertical and required no rivets or metal framing—yet it may have caught the attention of more people than any other project on campus on Aug. 31.

That's when the Blue Raiders defeated Florida International on the new synthetic PowerBlade turf in Floyd stadium. The \$800,000 surface was manufactured by Sportex and installed by Hawkins Development.

Shankle-Lind, LLC completed the Smith Housing renovation and is now starting on Monohan Hall at a cost of \$7.5 million and a completion date of July 2007. Following this project, renovation work will begin on Lyon Hall.

The residence hall renovation program brings existing buildings up to current life safety standards, building and Americans with Disabilities Act codes. Improvements also include the addition of sprinkler systems, elevators and replacement of the buildings' mechanical, electrical and plumbing infrastructure.

The Parking Services facade on East Main Street should be finished by the end of September. The rear parking area is now open; the front parking area is still under construction. The work is being done by LaVine Design & Construction.

Also in the works this semester:

- Phase I of the Parking and Transportation Plan is near completion, which includes the parking area across Rutherford Boulevard and the new entryway onto campus.

- The Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building addition should be open and ready for spring 2007 classes. Hardaway Construction is the contractor.

- Renovation of the new Alumni House and Office is finished, and the Alumni Relations officers have occupied their new headquarters.

- The Sports Club and Fields project along East Main Street is scheduled to be completed during the spring semester and will be used for rugby, soccer and other organizational sporting events. Olympian Construction is the contractor.

- Work by Shankle-Lind on the Middle Tennessee Building and Annex on MT Boulevard includes interior block work, metal framing and excavation for the elevator pit.

- Phase II of the Track Improvements project is in progress and will include concessions, restrooms, ticket office, press box, field house and an entry plaza. Tri-Star Construction is doing the work.

- Construction will start soon on a chilling plant addition to the Co-Generation building that will handle the heating and cooling needs of the new Student Health, Wellness and Recreation addition to the Campus Recreation Center.

Theatre, dance, opera take CenterStage for season

by Lisa L. Rollins

MTSU Theatre & Dance and MTSU Opera Workshop will join forces to present the 2006-07 CenterStage Series, a variety-filled season of classics that will include two theatrical productions, a musical, two operas, two dance shows and, for the first time, a children's production.

"This season offers the public a wide array of classic selections from the broad spectrum of theater history ... with something in it for everybody," says Jeff Gibson, assistant professor of speech and theatre.

The CenterStage Series will get under way at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 29-30 and Oct. 4-7 on the stage of MTSU's Tucker Theatre with Noel Coward's "Hay Fever," a 1924-era comedy of bad manners that visits the Bliss family.

As the "Hay Fever" story unfolds, Gibson says, "A pleasant country home becomes a chaotic and hilarious nightmare when each member of the family, unbeknownst to one another, invites a guest home for the weekend."



'IF PEOPLE DON'T LIKE IT, THEY MUST LUMP IT'—Theatre majors Leah Fincher, left, and Alex Vernon rehearse for the upcoming production of the Noel Coward comedy "Hay Fever," which opens Sept. 29 to kick off MTSU's 2006-07 CenterStage Series. Ticket information is available at www.mtsu.edu/~theatre or by calling 615-494-8810.

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The classic musical "Oklahoma!" will lead theatergoers of all ages into the fall season when it's presented at 7:30 nightly Nov. 10-11 and Nov. 15-18 in Tucker Theatre.

"The Rodgers and Hammerstein hit, which is one of the America's most beloved musicals, will surely be a treat for the whole family," observes Gibson.

Next door at the T. Earl Hinton Music Hall in MTSU's Wright Music Building, the season's first opera, "A Midsummer Night's Dream" by Benjamin Britten, will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 17-18.

Britten has set music to Shakespeare's 1595 comedy in an innovative performance that beautifully crafts the worlds of fantasy and love, Gibson notes.

MTSU Dance Theatre will round off 2006 by presenting an exceptional evening of grace and athleticism that features the choreography of international guest artists Gabriel Masson and Ivan Pulinkala, along with premieres by dance faculty and students, during its Fall Dance Concert at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 30-Dec. 2 in Tucker Theatre.

In spring 2007, the CenterStage Series will again ignite with "Mozart Onstage!" at 7:30 nightly Feb. 15-16 in MTSU's T. Earl Hinton Music Hall.

Described as an engaging evening of favorite scenes from the composer's greatest operas, this musical celebration will be performed by vocal students in the McLean School of Music.

Next, "Ramona Quimby" will come to life on the Tucker Theatre stage at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 24-25 in an entertaining adaptation of Beverly Cleary's beloved children's book series.

"Families who attend this production can follow 8-year-old Ramona through her adventurous third-grade year as she faces some of life's most difficult obstacles with courage and humor," Gibson says of the production, which has been dubbed "a treat for the whole family."

William Wycherley's "A Country Wife," complete with love, lust, deception, curious wives and jealous husbands, will be performed at 7:30 p.m. March 30-31 and April 4-7 in Tucker Theatre.

Gibson calls the 1675 Restoration comedy one of the funniest and most vulgar plays of its time.

"It was certainly risqué at its time, but by today's standards it's just flirtatious and full of innuendo," he explains. "Restoration theater, in general, has its own physical style, with fans and specific body positioning ... and the student actors will be learning those techniques for this production."

The series will conclude with the Spring Dance Concert at 7:30 p.m. April 19-21 in Tucker Theatre, emphasizing faculty and student choreography as well as special guest artists Chung Fu Chang and Zelma Badu-Young.

For more information about tickets or individual shows, call MTSU's CenterStage Ticket Office at 615-494-8810 or visit www.mtsu.edu/~theatre/.

'When it rains, it really looks like a wetland'

by Gina E. Fann

If students at Murfreesboro's Mitchell-Neilson Elementary School find their studies occasionally interrupted by loud honks, croaks and hisses, they probably won't be surprised.

The giant concrete creations in the secret sculpture garden outside their classrooms look as if they could come to wiggly life just by adding water.

The plan began in the spring of 2006, when Dr. Debrah Sickler-Voigt's art education classes began seeking a community project to accomplish.

A former student who'd worked at Mitchell-Neilson, located about three miles west of MTSU, told them about the school's bus waiting area. There, what was intended as a courtyard area had become a drainage ditch where water often stands.

"We realized that we could use the opportunity to teach the kids about Middle Tennessee wetlands," Sickler-Voigt said. "We first thought we'd put a pond there, since it already was wet, but we learned that the area floods in heavy rains, so we had to go to Plan B."

A trip to the Discovery Center at Murfree Springs ensued, where the students met and fell in love with the center's critters—and retired HPERS faculty member Bertha Chrietzberg, a longtime community environmental

activist—while absorbing ideas about wetlands.

"They just freaked out over Emily the corn snake at the Discovery Center," Sickler-Voigt said of the youngsters. "They came back and immediately wanted to honor her by making a corn snake sculpture."

The project stretched over a semester, with help from a \$2,000 public service grant from MTSU, a \$500 Business-Education Partnership grant from the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce and a university Undergraduate Research, Scholarship and Creative Projects grant that funded some supplies and paid for senior Brooklyn McPherson to work as Sickler-Voigt's assistant.

Dr. Tony Halterlein, horticulture professor in the Department of Agribusiness and Agriscience, also offered his expertise, selecting the proper plants and designing the project's landscaping. MTSU students coordinated work days and answered questions from the children, and after weeks of effort, Emily the corn snake's namesake now stretches more than 20 lovely, lumpy feet.

She's joined by a bicycle-sized Canada geese couple and their goslings, a three-foot-tall beaver that cartoonist Matt Groening would envy, a tricycle-sized red-eared slider turtle with a slightly exhausted expression and a huge handsome frog about to leap off his giant lily pad.

"I'd worked on murals before but never a concrete sculpture garden before," the instructor said with a laugh. "It was a neat learning process, but we started out lumpy."

Volunteers from the Alvin C. York VA Medical Center came to the rescue, offering their construction and landscaping expertise and some good



WARTS AND ALL—Students at Mitchell-Neilson Elementary School paint a huge frog in the school's own "wetland," now home to Canada geese, shown at upper left, and other concrete creatures. MTSU art education students joined volunteers from the Alvin C. York VA Medical Center, Discovery Center at Murfree Springs and the St. Clair Street Senior Citizens Center to help.

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ol' grandpa wisdom for both the elementary and college students.

"The geese were difficult because of their necks," Sickler-Voigt said, "but one of the veterans, with a lot of concrete knowledge, Bill Rogers, helped us make them extra strong. He said he wanted to do that because he knew the kids would be pouncing on them first."

Indeed they have. The sculpture garden/wetlands project has become a focal point for the school, according to Principal Greg Lyles.

"It's really brought some aesthetic

beauty to the area, and the kids love it," Lyles said. "Even adults comment on how nice it looks. We'd still like to do some other things like putting mulch around the animals to keep the grass down, but this has truly added a lot to our school."

Sickler-Voigt wants to turn this type of project into a regular class to give her students experience and provide an outlet for children.

"It's cute, we loved it and we learned as we went along," she said. "And when it rains, it really looks like a wetland."



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Faculty/Staff Update

Awards

Dr. Robert B. Blair (business communication and entrepreneurship) received the Robert W. McLean Distinguished Associate Professorship for 2006-2007 at the Jennings A. Jones College of Business faculty meeting Aug. 25.

Elections

Dr. Don Morgan (health and human performance) was recently elected a Fellow of the American Academy of Kinesiology and Physical Education. The membership of this organization is limited to 150 Fellows who have made significant contributions to the fields of kinesiology and physical education. AAKPE is composed of active, emeritus and international Fellows; to be inducted, a person must be nominated by a current member.

Milestones

Grover Baker (librarian, Center for Popular Music) earned a Master of Science degree in information sciences from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville in August.

Presentations

MTSU geosciences professors and students will present their research at the upcoming 118th annual meeting of the Geological Society of America in Philadelphia Oct. 22-25. On the meeting's presentation agenda are:

- **Drs. Warner Cribb** and **Doug Heffington**, "Instrumentation-Based Geochemistry Assignments in Undergraduate Course Work: A Case Study of Success, Failure and Revision";

- Students **Larry Cole Jr.** and **Travis Estep** with **Drs. Mark Abolins** and **Laura Collins**, "Maps and Satellite Images for a 'Geology for Teachers' Course in Costa Rica"; and

- **Abolins** and **Estep**, "Validation of Previously-Mapped Lineaments in and Near Part of the New Madrid Seismic Zone, Arkansas, Missouri and Tennessee with Free Data from Global Image Archives."

Dr. Jamila L. McWhirter (music) presented her research on "Real Life Keyboard Skills in the Choral Music Education Classroom" as an invited panelist for the Aug. 4-5 Music Teachers National Association's National Group Piano and Piano Pedagogy Forum in Oklahoma City.

She also presented "Beyond Singing Alone and With Others: Getting More from Music with Your Choral Students" July 19-21 for the Missouri Choral Directors Association State Convention in Jefferson City.

Drs. Jack Thomas (vice provost for academic affairs), **William Badley** (assistant vice provost and director of general education) and **Sheila Otto** (academic enrichment) presented "Meeting the Needs of First-Year Students Through a Transformed Curriculum" July 25 at the Nineteenth International Conference for the First-Year Experience in Toronto.

Paul F. Wells (Center for Popular Music) presented a paper, "Historical Layers in the American Fiddle Tune Repertoire," at the Second North Atlantic Fiddle Convention, which combined an international academic conference with a music festival at the University of Aberdeen, Scotland, July 26-30. Wells also served as chair of one conference session and was host/moderator of "A Conversation with Jerry Holland," an open interview session with one of the featured performers.