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THE ALUMNI RECORD

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NOTEWORTHY

Gilbreath assumes VP role

As the new vice president at CB Richard Ellis' Nashville office, alumnus Clinton Gilbreath (B.S. '74) of Culleoka, Tenn., specializes in the exclusive marketing and sale of distribution centers, manufacturing facilities and unimproved Middle Tennessee properties. Since joining the company in 1997, he has represented major clients including Nissan North America, The Home Depot, LifeWay Christian Resources, Gibson USA and Bridgestone/Firestone, and recently represented General Electric in a site location for a new 600,000 square-foot facility in Cleveland, Tenn.

He said he's "involved in sale and lease negotiations, contingency resolution with a heavy emphasis in financial analysis of large industrial real estate transactions." His wife, Teresa (B.S. '74, M.Ed. '87), teaches reading at Whitthorne Middle School in Columbia.

Etheridge tackles Natchez Trace

Allen Etheridge (B.S. '87) became chief ranger for the 444-mile Natchez Trace Parkway in September 2006 after spending a number of years as field ranger and district supervisor at Everglades National Park in Florida.

Etheridge manages the day-to-day law enforcement operations of 30 rangers spread across the parkway's three state, "providing oversight to the interpretive programs and wildland firefighting operations (supervising about 50 employees)."

Etheridge has worked at many parks, some seasonally, including Death Valley, Wright Brothers National Memorial, Cape Hatteras, Gulf Islands and Assateague National Seashores, national recreation areas and others.

He and wife Shanna, who is a career biologist (biotech) with the National Park Service, live in Tupelo, Miss.



Etheridge

The north side of the nearly 24,000 square foot Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building addition runs along Blue Raider Drive near Faulkinberry Drive and is across from Tucker Theatre. Inside the \$5.5 million building, nursing students will benefit from five clinical laboratories (health assessment, two large medical/surgical labs with critical care and triage beds, an obstetrics lab and a computer simulation lab). All of the classrooms and the clinical labs have multimedia capability.



Photo by J. Intintoli

NURSING SCHOOL EXPANDS

\$5.5 million addition built through partnerships

By Randy Weiler jweiler@mtsu.edu

Alumni, both from inside and outside the MTSU School of Nursing, felt a great sense of pride when the program's facilities virtually doubled in size.

A standing-room-only crowd attended the Jan. 19 grand opening of the \$5.5 million, 23,717 square foot addition to the Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building.

"This building will allow us to accomplish many things for people who are ill and need a nurse," MTSU School of Nursing Director Lynn Parsons said to the audience, which included state legislators, community leaders, alumni and friends, and MTSU students, faculty, staff and administrators.

"On behalf of our entire faculty, staff and student

nurses, our future RNs (registered nurses) wish to convey a heartfelt thanks for the new addition and our entire building. Words can never adequately express our gratitude."

A number of alumni attended the grand opening.

"I think this is absolutely wonderful. It's awesome," said Liz Rhea (B.S. '55), herself a former medical doctor along with her late husband, Creighton.

"I think it's great. The university is moving forward," said Charlie Gregory (B.S. '83, M.S. '86), director of the MTSU Campus Recreation Center. (His building on the campus' east side will have a new addition to include health services.)

"We are excited about the expansion of the Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building and the opportunities we

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Switching to Green Power

Whitefield: MTSU 'proactive' in energy management

By Randy Weiler jweiler@mtsu.edu

Along with cutting energy costs and consumption, Green Power and Clean Energy are environmental initiatives MTSU is carrying into the 21st century, university officials say.

Green Power is power generated from environmentally friendly sources or in ways that do not degrade the environment (i.e., wind, solar).

In February, MTSU began making its first Green

Power purchases "more environmentally friendly but with a slightly higher cost," Joe Whitefield, associate director for MTSU Facilities Services, said, adding that the university will be buying 8,250,000 kwh with

\$220,000 raised through a new student Clean Energy fee that went into effect for the 2006-07 academic year.

Whitefield said TVA sells one block (150 kwh) of Green Power, with an additional charge of \$4



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Celebrating MTSU Excellence April 13

MTSU President Sidney A. McPhee and the MTSU Alumni Association personally invite you to the President's Celebration of Excellence on Friday, April 13, in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building.

This dinner event, held each spring, honors students and alumni for their outstanding accomplishments and service to the university.

Among those honored will be 2006-07 Distinguished Alumni Award recipients Joe Coleman (B.S. '76), Dr. Wayne Rollins (B.S. '75, M.B.E. '76) and the Young Alumni Achievement Award recipient Christopher Davenport (B.S. '00).

We encourage you to join us to show your appreciation for these outstanding members of the MTSU family.

What: President's Celebration of Excellence

When: Friday, April 13

Time: 6 p.m.

Where: James Union Building, Tennessee Room

Cost: \$20 per person

Dress: Business attire

RSVP requested by Friday, April 6. For more information and reservations, call 1-800-533-MTSU (6878) or visit mtalumni.com.

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Meet new alumni staff

Wydra offers 'new ideas, perspective'

By Randy Weiler jweiler@mtsu.edu

Paul Wydra enjoys working in a university setting. That's why he wanted to become an assistant director in the Office of Alumni Relations



Wydra

"I like the area (Murfreesboro and Middle Tennessee)," he said. "I wanted to get involved at the university level. I like interaction with students and alumni. I like to give back to the university and assist other alumni in helping out, too. MTSU is an up-and-coming university."

MTSU and Alumni Relations Director Ginger Freeman welcomed Wydra on board Dec. 4.

"We are excited to have Paul join our team," Freeman said. "He brings new ideas and perspec-

tive to the programs we have in place and will be able to build on the foundation placed before him."

Wydra's responsibilities will include geographical and professional chapter programs and events.

He said he plans on "getting the alumni chapter program more visible, getting alumni more active in their area and getting MTSU more visible. I want to see a lot of alumni chapters in Florida, Texas, Alabama and Georgia, places where we have a concentration of alumni."

Wydra, a native of Glen Carbon, Ill., which is about 15 minutes east of St. Louis, previously worked for Sigma Pi Fraternity International, headquartered in Brentwood, Tenn. He became a Sigma Pi adviser in October 2005.

He is a 2001 graduate of the University of Missouri-St. Louis, where he earned a B.S. in radio broadcasting.

Janetvilay 'excited' to be team member

By Randy Weiler jweiler@mtsu.edu

California native Kari Janetvilay is "very excited" to be working in the Office of Alumni Relations.

In her new job as secretary, she said, "I will be answering phones, and I will be the first face people see (in the office)."

"Kari is going to make a great addition to Alumni Relations," Ginger Freeman, director, said. "She is the first person alumni and friends will speak to, whether calling in or dropping by. She brings a lot of organization and experience to the office."



Janetvilay

Janetvilay (B.B.A. '06) said she "was looking for a place where I could work for the next 20, 30 years until retirement, and I believe I found it. I'm with people I enjoy working with. I enjoy coming to work in the morning."

Janetvilay, who started Jan. 16, graduated cum laude while majoring in office management.

"I earned a four-year degree in three years, so I was busy," said Janetvilay, who was born in Los Angeles and grew up in the town of Bellflower.

Her job responsibilities will include assisting staff members "with reservations for their events and anything any one else needs," she said.

Janetvilay said she likes to "read a lot of books, poetry, a little bit of everything" and spend time with her husband, Bounthavy, and the couple's dog, Dickens.

ALUMNI MAKING WAVES



Photo submitted

U.S. Army 1st Lt. Michael A. Carrion (B.S. '04), foreground, is shown with schoolchildren in Abassi, about one hour from Kirkuk, Iraq, in April 2006. At the time, Carrion said he was responsible for a number of civil-affairs projects as well as his infantry platoon-leader duties. The soldiers would find out what supplies the schools needed and then provide them. He will head to the Captain's Career Course in March at Fort Benning, Ga.



Photo submitted

Lt. Col. Karen Johnston Neely (B.S. '88, M.S. '97), center, poses with her children Julie Anne, Jonathan and Daniel, following her Jan. 25 promotion pinning ceremony in the James Union Building's Hazlewood Dining Room. MTSU ROTC's first-ever female cadet commander (1987-88) will soon deploy to Iraq.

Wilkerson scholarship, awards event April 20

By Valerie Avent vaevent@mtsu.edu

The MTSU Al Wilkerson Scholarship and African American Awards Ceremony will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, April 20, in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building.

This awards ceremony honors both outstanding students and alumni in the African-American community.

The MTSU Al Wilkerson Scholarship, sponsored by The African American Alumni Council,



Wilkerson

has given \$3,000 in scholarships to minority students during the past two years.

The alumni recipients of the distinguished African American Alumni Award are individuals who have demonstrated achievement in their profession, community or university involvement.

CALENDAR

Alumni events

April

13 President’s Celebration of Excellence
6 p.m./James Union Building
Tennessee Room/\$20 per person/
1-800-533-MTSU (6878) or visit
mtalumni.com (more details, Page 2)

20 Al Wilkerson Scholarship and African American Awards Ceremony
7 p.m./James Union Building
Tennessee Room/\$10 per person/
615-898-2922 (more details, Page 2)

25 Outback Lunch Benefiting Rutherford County Scholarships
Time TBA/Outback Steakhouse,
1968 Old Fort Parkway/Tickets \$10/
615-898-2922

May

19 MTSU Alumni Day at Nashville Zoo at Grassmere
3777 Nolensville Rd., Nashville/
\$6 admission/615-898-2922/
(more details, Page 5)

Campus events

March

1 MTSU Wind Ensemble
7:30 p.m./Wright Music Building,
Hinton Music Hall/Free/615-898-2493

7-10 TSSAA Girls State Basketball Tournament
11 a.m.-10 p.m. March 7-9; times TBA
March 10/Murphy Center/
Admission charged/615-889-6740
or *tssaa.org*

9-10 Lone Star Rodeo
7:30 p.m./Tennessee Miller
Coliseum/Admission charged/
lonestarrodeocompany.org

12 Dewayne Pigg, oboe, Faculty Recital
8 p.m./Wright Music Building,
Hinton Music Hall/Free/
615-898-2493

13 H. Stephen Smith, tenor, and Caleb Harris, piano Faculty Recital
8 p.m./Wright Music Building,
Hinton Music Hall/Free/
615-898-2493

14-17 TSSAA Boys State Basketball Tournament
10:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m. March 14-16
and 3, 5 and 7 p.m. March 17/
Murphy Center/Admission charged/
615-889-6740 or *tssaa.org*

16-18 Tennessee Reining Horse Association NRHA and TNRHA Approved Show
8 a.m./Tennessee Miller
Coliseum/Free/*tnrha.org*

16-21 MTSU Guitar Festival
8 p.m. concert nightly/Wright Music
Building, Hinton Music Hall/Free/
615-898-2493

19-23 University Honors College Students’ Symposium and Showcase
8 a.m.-4:30 p.m./Paul W. Martin Sr.
Honors Building, second-floor
study hall/Free/615-898-2152



21 Susan Milan, flute, Guest Artist
6 p.m./Wright Music Building,
Hinton Music Hall/Free/
615-898-2493

22 MTSU Jazz Ensemble
7:30 p.m./Wright Music Building,
Hinton Music Hall/Free/
615-898-2493

23 David Northington, piano, “A Waltz Through the Life of Frederic Chopin,” Guest Recital
8 p.m./Wright Music Building,
Hinton Music Hall/Free/
615-898-2493

23-25 IHSA Show
TBA/Tennessee Miller Coliseum/
Free/615-898-8961

24 Spring Preview Day for Prospective Students
10 a.m./Cope Administration
Building/Free/615-898-5670

24 Clavierfest Student Piano Competition Finalists Concert
7 p.m./Wright Music Building,
Hinton Music Hall/Free/
615-898-2493

25 Douglas Humphreys, piano, Guest Recital
2 p.m./Wright Music Building,
Hinton Music Hall/Free/
615-898-2493

26 Stones River Chamber Players
7:30 p.m./Wright Music Building,
Hinton Music Hall/Free/
615-898-2493

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7:30 p.m./Wright Music Building,
Hinton Music Hall/Free/
615-898-2493

28 MTSU Flute Studio Recital
8 p.m./Wright Music Building,
Hinton Music Hall/Free/
615-898-2493

29 National Women’s History Month Documentary Films: “Ferry Tales” and “Covered Girls”
5 p.m./Paul W. Martin Sr. Honors
Building Amphitheater (Room 106)/
Free/615-898-2152

30-31 IBRA Barrel Race
Noon March 30 and 9 a.m.
March 31/Tennessee Miller
Coliseum/Free/*ibra.us*

30-31 “The Country Wife” by William Wycherly
8 p.m./Tucker Theatre/\$8/
615-494-8810

April

1 IBRA Barrel Race
9 a.m./Tennessee Miller
Coliseum/Free/*ibra.us*

2 Honors Creativity and Exploration Seminar Featuring Nashville Opera Member Kelly Claus (brown bag lunch event)
12:40-1:55 p.m./Paul W. Martin Sr.
Honors Building Amphitheater
(Room 106)/Free/615-898-2152

2 Caleb Harris, piano, Faculty Recital
8 p.m./Wright Music Building,
Hinton Music Hall/Free/
615-898-2493

2-6 MTSU Scholars Week
University-wide research showcase
time TBA April 6/James Union
Building Tennessee Room/Free/
mtsu.edu/~research/scholarsweek.html

4 Honors Visiting Artist Lecture Series with Mirielle Hardy (1)
12:30 p.m./Paul W. Martin Sr.
Honors Building Amphitheater
(Room 106)/Free/615-898-2152

4-7 “The Country Wife” by William Wycherly
8 p.m./Tucker Theatre/\$8/
615-494-8810

5 MTSU Chamber Winds
8 p.m./Wright Music Building,
Hinton Music Hall/Free/
615-898-2493

6 Kiwanis/WHOA Walking Horse Charity Show
4 and 6 p.m./Tennessee Miller
Coliseum/\$5, children 6 and under
free/*walkinghorseowners.org*

9 MTSU Concert Band
7:30 p.m./Wright Music Building,
Hinton Music Hall/Free/
615-898-2493

10 Neill-Sandler Scholars at MTSU
6 p.m./Tennessee Miller Coliseum,
Miller Room/Invitation only (closed
to the public)/615-898-5756

11 Honors Visiting Artist Lecture Series with Mirielle Hardy (2)
12:30 p.m./Paul W. Martin Sr.
Honors Building Amphitheater
(Room 106)/Free/615-898-2152

11 MTSU Guitar Ensemble
8 p.m./Wright Music Building,
Hinton Music Hall/Free/
615-898-2493

12 MTSU Percussion Ensemble
8 p.m./Wright Music Building,
Hinton Music Hall/Free/
615-898-2493

13 MTSU Wind Ensemble
7:30 p.m./Wright Music Building,
Hinton Music Hall/Free/
615-898-2493

14 MTSU Jazz Artist Series featuring legendary trumpeter Snooky Young
7:30 p.m./Wright Music Building,
Hinton Music Hall/Free/
615-898-2493

15 MTSU Brass Ensemble
7 p.m./Wright Music Building,
Hinton Music Hall/Free/
615-898-2493

16 MTSU Women’s Chorale
7:30 p.m./Wright Music Building,
Hinton Music Hall/Free/
615-898-2493

17 23rd Annual Martin Chair of Insurance Invitational Scramble Golf Tournament
10:30-11:45 a.m. registration and
lunch; noon shotgun start/
Champions Run Golf Course,
Rockvale, Tenn./\$150 per person
entry fee/615-898-2673

18 MTSU Flute Choir
8 p.m./Wright Music Building,
Hinton Music Hall/Free/
615-898-2493

19-21 MTSU Dance Theatre’s Spring Dance Concert
Time TBA/Boutwell Dramatic Arts,
Tucker Theatre/\$8/615-494-8810

20 MTSU Commercial Music Ensemble
7:30 p.m./Wright Music Building,
Hinton Music Hall/Free/
615-898-2493

20-22 Spring Fling Paso Fino Horse Show
Time TBA/Tennessee Miller
Coliseum/Admission charged/
tpvfha.org

21 Spring Preview Day for Prospective Students
10 a.m./Cope Administration
Building/Free/615-898-5670

23 MTSU Clarinet Studio
8 p.m./Wright Music Building,
Hinton Music Hall/Free/
615-898-2493

24 MTSU Symphonic Band
7:30 p.m./Wright Music Building,
Hinton Music Hall/Free/
615-898-2493

27-28 MTSU Performing Arts Company Dance Show
7:30 p.m./Boutwell Dramatic Arts,
Tucker Theatre/\$5/615-898-5857

28 Southeast Horse Sale
10 a.m./Tennessee Miller
Coliseum/Free/
professionalauction.com

May

4 Military Science ROTC Commissioning Ceremony
11 a.m./Keathley University Center
Theater/Free/615-898-2470

5 Spring 2007 Commencement
10 a.m. and 2 p.m./Murphy Center/
615-898-2919

11-13 Quarter Horse Show
8 a.m./Tennessee Miller
Coliseum/Free/*tqha.org*

19-20 National Pole Bending Championship Show
Time TBA/Tennessee Miller
Coliseum/Free/
polebending.org

21-26 TSSAA BlueCross Spring Fling High School State Championships
Times TBA/Events at MTSU include
pentathlon (May 21), decathlon (May
21) and track and field (May 23-24)
Admission/615-889-6740 or *tssaa.org*

31 4-H Horse Show
Time TBA/Tennessee Miller
Coliseum/Free/615-898-6961
All times Central.
Events, dates and times subject to change.
Visit *mtalumni.com* or call 800-533-6878 for
updates.
Visit *goblueraiders.com* for MT sports.



Photos by J. Intintoli

The Jan. 19 ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building expansion included (front row, from left) TBR Vice Chancellor David Gregory, MTSU President Sidney A. McPhee, School of Nursing Director Lynn Parsons and Bob Mifflin, director of community partner Christy-Houston Foundation, and (back row, from left) State Rep. John Hood (B.S. '54, M.Ed. '74); Jim Stubblefield (B.S. '83), field representative for Sixth District Congressman Bart Gorgon (B.S. '71); State Rep. Jim Tracy; State Sen. Bill Ketron (B.S. '76); and Bob Thomas of the TBR.

Nursing

now have to educate even more students in the nursing profession," MTSU President Sidney A. McPhee said.

"Over three years ago, we developed a strategic plan that called for elevating the status of our nursing program to one of the premier programs in the country," McPhee added. "Our plan included expanding our facilities to accommodate more students, strengthening the curriculum, recruiting the best faculty and students for the program and providing increased scholarship support for our students.

"We have made great progress toward elevating the academic status of the nursing school: The curriculum has been enhanced, we have raised thousands of dollars for new scholarships, our applicant pool continues to grow both in numbers and in overall quality, and today's event reflects our commitment to improving the facilities and providing our students with a world-class teaching and learning environment.

"When you have a school that pays particular attention to state needs, that's growth for meaningful purposes," said David Gregory, an MTSU student in the 1970s who now is vice chancellor for the Tennessee Board of Regents. "And look across the state right now. There's no greater need than what is happening in the health-care arena, and nursing is probably leading that way.



School of Nursing Director Lynn Parsons expresses her appreciation for the financial support for the new addition and how it will help the program grow.

"Just like you have seen Middle Tennessee step up in the role of teacher education in the past, you are seeing Middle Tennessee step up in the area of nursing and allied health professions to meet a particular state need."

Parsons said up to 66 students in the general program and another 150 in an accelerated LPN to B.S.N. program annually can benefit from five clinical laboratories (health assessment, two large medical/surgical labs with critical care and triage beds, an obstetrics lab and a computer simulation lab). All the classrooms and clinical labs have multimedia capability, she added.

McPhee and Parsons acknowledged community partner Christy-Houston Foundation and its director, Bob Mifflin. The president also acknowledged federal support shown by former Sen. Bill Frist, Sen. Lamar Alexander, and Congressman Bart Gordon (B.S. '71).

Thomas, Miller & Partners LLC of Nashville was the building designer.



In the new 20-bed clinical laboratory, senior Samantha Linton, foreground, demonstrates how to perform tracheotomy care while Tracy McCauley, left, assistant professor in the School of Nursing, and seniors Kelley Fitzpatrick, Rachael Palermo and Brooks Hereford observe.

It's (H)all in the family

Harrelson's online nursing degree keeps tradition alive

By Randy Weiler jweiler@mtsu.edu

Carolyn Hall Harrelson went a roundabout way to become the sixth person in her family to obtain an MTSU degree.

Harrelson (B.S.N. '06), who attended MTSU from 1972 to 1973, was the last of William (B.S. '48) and Louise Beasley (B.S. '48, M.Ed. '71) Hall's four children to graduate from MTSU. She earned an online degree in nursing.

"I had a really good experience with the online program," Harrelson, who lives in Centerville, Tenn., said. "I couldn't have done it if it had not been online. I'm very grateful MTSU had the online program."

Previously, brothers Michael Hall (B.S. '75) and Andy Hall (B.M. '81, M.Ed. '91) and sister Evelyn Hall-Forbes (B.S. '78) earned MTSU degrees. All four Hall children also earned degrees from other colleges and universities.

A work commitment with Maury Regional Hospital in Columbia prevented Harrelson from attending Dec. 16 commencement services in Murphy Center. Her fall online coursework was interrupted by the death of her father Oct. 18.

Harrelson entered MTSU in the fall of 1972 to study English and history, but soon married and transferred to Vanderbilt University, earning a bachelor's degree in business administration and accounting in '75.

This degree served her well until she happened to live "in a neighborhood with a lot of older people," she said. "I liked going and helping those folks. It was a lot more satisfying than bookkeeping and accounting."

In 1994, she earned her associate of applied science degree in nursing from Columbia State Community College and has been in nursing ever since.

Carolyn and her husband, David, have a daughter, Clea, of Centerville, and a son, Ansel, a freshman at Rochester Institute of Technology in New York.

Harrelson's parents, who attended MTSU when

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Photo submitted by Hall family

At the 50th anniversary for William (B.S. '48) and Louise Hall (B.S. '48, M.Ed. '71) in 2001, children and fellow MTSU alumni (back row, from left) Andy Hall (B.M. '81, M.Ed. '91), Evelyn Hall Forbes (B.S. '78), Carolyn Harrelson (B.S.N. '06) and Mike Hall (B.S. '75) joined in the celebration. William Hall died Oct. 18, 2006.

per block, and the net cost is 2.67 cents per kwh. It will cost about \$44,000 to buy a one-month supply of Green Power, he added.

Longtime alternative fuels expert Dr. Cliff Ricketts, professor in the agribusiness and agri-science department, already has been utilizing solar panels on campus for his own projects since March 2004.

“Green Power is the sleeping giant in the future of the transportation industry,” Ricketts said.

Whitefield said a turbine generates about one-half of the energy needed by the campus; the rest comes from TVA and the Murfreesboro Electric Department.

The campus consumes 75 million kilowatt hours in a year, with 37 million kilowatt hours purchased from TVA and Murfreesboro Electric, he added

“We’ve had an energy program for awhile,” said Whitefield, whose second-floor office is located in the Central Utility Plant/ Cogeneration Plant near the Reese Smith Baseball Field. “The Cogeneration Plant is an efficient way to go. We’ve been energy conscious since the mid-1990s.”



Whitefield

projected to become the largest Green Power Switch customer in the state of Tennessee. For a regional perspective, Duke University is the only other college in the Southeast that uses more renewable energy.”

Green power sources harness power from the sun (solar panels), wind (turbines) and earth (energy from methane gas).

Recent alumnus Brandon Armstrong (B.A. '05) has a passion and heart for “environmental activism.” He was among those who led the charge to get fellow students to vote in 2005 on the Clean Energy Initiative during a Student Government Association election. With 89 percent in favor, the students voted overwhelmingly for the initiative.

The vote on the initiative included a new fee of \$8 per student per semester so that MTSU may purchase renewable energy instead of fossil fuels, Armstrong said, adding, “Students are even willing to tax themselves to make it happen.

“By supporting this initiative, MTSU students have shown their dedication to a clean energy future by tak-



MTSU Photo Services file photo

For several years, longtime professor Cliff Ricketts has used solar panels to harness energy that TVA purchases.

‘MTSU is projected to become the largest Green Power Switch customer in the state of Tennessee. For a regional perspective, Duke University is the only other college in the Southeast that uses more renewable energy.’

— From Sept. 9, 2006, Living Green special advertising section of *The Tennessean*

ing responsibility for where their energy comes from.”

“The first big initiative to require funding was created by the students,” Whitefield said. “It was a self-imposed fee to promote the Green Power program ideals and initiatives. The students deserve a ton of credit.

“We (university) don’t have the funding mechanism.”

The \$8 student fee includes \$5 for Green Power and \$3 local initiatives that include energy efficiency/conservation, alternative fuels (transportation), renewable energy (installation of solar panels) and sustainable (recycling or anything environmental), Whitefield said.

Armstrong, who was the 2005 President’s Award recipient, said he is a volunteer with a statewide organization, Tennessee Alumni & Students for Sustainable Causes, and added that he travels to environmental conferences and college and university campuses to promote his cause. He said he wants to know if other alumni share similar feelings toward the environment.

Zoo day is May 19

MTSU Alumni Day at the Nashville Zoo at Grassmere is coming Saturday, May 19.

All MTSU alumni, friends and families will enjoy a fun-filled day at the zoo, with a free lunch compliments of the MTSU Alumni Relations office. The cost of admission will be \$6 per person. Lunch will be from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Watch for upcoming details on mtalumni.com.

The Zoo is located at 3777 Nolensville Road.

For further questions or to R.S.V.P., please contact the Alumni Office at 615-898-2922 or 800-533-MTSU (6878).

There will be food and fun all afternoon, so bring the family and enjoy a great day at the Nashville Zoo!



Alumni board nominations sought

The Office of Alumni Relations is now accepting nominations for members of the Alumni Association Board of Directors for 2007-2008.

Membership requirements include attending all board meetings, held three to four times per year. Potential board members also should be willing to support the activities of the Office of Alumni Relations within their hometown communities and provide assistance when possible.

The deadline to nominate is Friday, March 30, and interested individuals should contact the Alumni Office for a nomination form by calling 1-800-533-MTSU (6878) or visit mtalumni.com.

MTALUMNI.COM

Aerospace alumni await scholarship party on June 16

Aerospace alumni are invited to attend the 4th annual Excellence in Aviation Scholarship Party.

Last year, the event raised more than \$20,000 in scholarships for MTSU students.

The event, which will be held on Saturday, June 16 in Mt. Juliet, Tenn., will cost \$10 per person, and includes live entertainment, food, a silent auction and much more.

For more information, please contact Bruce Thomas (B.S. '77) at 615-403-3855 or bruce@mtsuexcellenceinaviation.org.

Hall

it was referred to as State Teachers College, have been loyal Blue Raider athletic, Golden Raider and Band of Blue supporters. Longtime educator Louise Beasley Hall moved to Adams Place last fall. (Harrelson’s uncle and Louise’s brother, Horace Beasley, is

professor emeritus in music.)

Michael Hall is an attorney and bluegrass music promoter in Redwood City, Calif., near San Francisco.

Evelyn Hall-Forbes (M.S. '82 from Vanderbilt), has had a career in

the medical library field at Vanderbilt, St. Thomas and General hospitals and will return to Baptist Hospital Library for several months this spring. She is a full-time mother to daughters Rachel and Hannah Forbes and lives in Fairview with her

husband, Jim Forbes (B.S. '73).

Andy Hall is a music teacher and band director at Dawson Springs (Ky.) High School. He and his wife, the former LeeAnne Burke (B.S. '80), have a daughter, Mallory.

CLASS NOTES

1950s

Edward Young (B.S. '57), Colorado Springs, Colo., retired from Macy's in January 2007.

1960s

John D. Carr (B.S. '64), Bowling Green, Ky., recently was inducted into the Kentucky Bowling Hall of Fame.

Edwin Jordan (B.S. '67, M.A. '76), Murfreesboro, retired from the public school system after 31 years of service as a teacher and administrator. In August 2006, he was elected county commissioner for the 13th District of Rutherford County.

1970s

Phil Campbell (B.S. '76), Jackson, Tenn., has written and published a book, "Ready, Set, Go Synergy Fitness," and was featured in the *Los Angeles Times* regarding his "Sprint 8" program.

Dan Coleman (B.S. '74), Whites Creek, Tenn., has been included in the 2007 edition of Marquis "Who's Who in America." He is a senior partner in J.D. Coleman and Associates, LLC of Washington.

David Mitchell (B.S. '73), Franklin, Tenn., has been named by Gov. Phil Bredesen as commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Safety. The safety department also houses the office of homeland security.

William B. Rankin (B.S. '74), Pompano Beach, Fla., has completed the final module of the Embry Riddle/North Central University Ph.D. program. He is one of the first in the country to hold a doctorate in business administration with an aviation aerospace management specialization.

1980s

Leland Blair (B.S. '88), Morgantown, W.Va., is a visiting assistant professor of acting for the division of theatre and dance at West Virginia University.

Diane Brooks (B.S. '86), Greenville, Miss., is an elementary school teacher.

Cindy Hazen (B.S. '81), Nashville, received her Certified Personnel Consultant designation in October. This certification is achieved by fewer than 10 percent of professional recruiters.

Sheryl Holtam (B.S. '84), Fairview, Tenn., has been promoted to general counsel for the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. She has served as an attorney with the agency for 18 years.

Jeffrey A. Kaiser (B.B.A. '86), Sarasota, Fla., has been named the new southeast regional trust executive for the private banking division of Bank of America.

Mark King (B.S. '86), Bloomington, Ill., was selected as the property owner of the year by the McLean County Apartment Association, and won a plowing competition at the 112th Annual Big Rock Plowing Match. He also was the 2006 Illinois State Backgammon champion.

Paul Ladd (B.S. '87), Nashville, received the best news interview and best coverage of infant and maternal health issues award at the 2006 Nashville Achievement in Radio Awards.

Lt. Col. Carolyn Sharpe (B.B.A. '82), Woodbridge, Va., has been promoted to the rank of colonel. She is assigned to the Pentagon, Joint Chiefs of Staff and Program Budget and Analysis Division as a defense resource manager.

Toni Holmon-Turner (B.S. '86), Memphis, Tenn., recently was appointed as the special assistant for media relations for Memphis Mayor Willie W. Herenton, and serves as chief

spokesperson for the mayor and handles all media requests.

John "Chip" Walters (B.S. '85), Murfreesboro, has been recognized by the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association as its distinguished service honoree and contributor. He is media and public relations director for the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration in Shelbyville and former MTSU athletic marketing and promotions director from 1994 to 2003. He also serves as a color analyst on the Blue Raider Network.

1990s

Cindy Ducker Brindley (B.S. '96), Lascassas, Tenn., received her Tennessee teacher certification in 2004 and is teaching family and consumer science at Wilson Central High School.

Monica Fuller-Boswell (B.S. '93, M.S.T. '01), Estill Springs, Tenn., was named in the 2005-06 "Who's Who Among America's Teachers."

Sara Chambers (B.A. '93), Juneau, Alaska, has been elected to the Juneau City and Borough Assembly.

Stephen Philip Erwin Jr. (B.S. '98), Ward, Ark., recently was promoted to U.S. Air Force captain and just returned home from his fourth deployment to Iraq.

Maj. Scott Hamilton (B.S. '94), Fort Bragg, N.C., has completed courses in civil affairs qualifications, advanced regional analysis and special operations language training and is enrolled in political science and business administration master's programs. His paper on using alternative agriculture methods to establish micro-economy and using these systems to help establish peace, economic growth and stability in the Caucasus region has been accepted for presentation at the annual International Black Sea Symposium. He is with the 97th Civil Affairs Battalion (Airborne), 95th Civil Affairs Brigade, U.S. Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg.

C. Brent Keeton (B.S. '99), McMinnville, Tenn., and **Greg B. Perry** (B.B.A. '91), Murfreesboro, have opened Keeton and Perry, PLLC Attorneys and Counselors at Law in Manchester, Tenn.

Blake Kelley (B.S. '91, M.Ed. '94), Nashville, is in his fifth year with Marlowe Law Office, working primarily with personal injury, contract, criminal and domestic cases. In addition, he is serving his ninth year as a consulting teacher for Sumner County Schools.

Angela Layton (B.S. '99), Joelton, Tenn., is the communications manager for the Tennessee Medical Association and oversees the newly created TMA Physician Leadership College.

William M. "Bill" Maples (B.S. '96), Alexandria, Va., has been promoted to the rank of major with the U.S. Marine Corps, and is now deployed to Japan after three tours in Iraq.

Denise Wheeler Mayo (B.S. '99), Liberty, Tenn., is a medical department professor for Remington College in Nashville.

Dr. Cheryl Sington (M.Ed. '96), Fort Myers, Fla., has opened Sington Consulting and serves as an educational consultant.

Dr. Jeff Spurlock (M.S. '97), Troy, Ala., is an assistant professor of journalism at Troy University and has been selected for the university's 2007 Chancellor's Fellow program.

Art Taylor (B.S. '92, M.Ed. '06), Murfreesboro, was named chief operating officer for Hermitage Hall Residential Treatment Center in Nashville.

Kent Thune (B.S. '91), Mount Pleasant, S.C., recently formed his own

financial planning firm, Atlantic Capital Investments LLC.

Peter Tuttle (B.B.A. '95), Nashville, is a sole tax practitioner and is expanding his practice to provide other financial products and licensed insurance sales.

C. Nathan Walker (B.S. '93), Medina, Ohio, was promoted to senior vice president of sales for MTD Products.

Jim Zboja (B.B.A. '94, M.B.A. '99), Canton, Mich., joined Eastern Michigan University as an assistant marketing professor.

2000s

Elizabeth Dixon (B.S. '00), Lewisville, Texas, is an airworthiness directive compliance analyst for Southwest Airlines in Dallas.

Rachael McLean Fahnestock (B.F.A. '04), Long Beach, Calif., has completed her first semester in the master of fine arts program at California State University, Long Beach, where she is studying sculpture.

Greg Feucht (B.S. '06), Blacksburg, Va., is a medical student at the Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Janelle Fey (B.S. '02), Omaha, Neb., has accepted a position teaching journalism at Freemont High School.

Katie Holmes (B.B.A. '06), Brownsburg, Ind., has accepted a marketing associate position with BAA Indianapolis, the management company for Indianapolis International Airport.

Gretchen Kelly (B.S. '01), Murfreesboro, graduated from the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine and now practices in Murfreesboro.

Britnee Morvai (B.S. '05), Ellijay, Ga., has been promoted to marketing and human resources director at Bank of Ellijay and handles all marketing, human resources and shareholder investments for the bank.

Daniel Nicholson (B.B.A. '01), Murfreesboro, has opened his own motorcycle accessory and customization business called Cycle Concepts LLC.

Abigail Rose Schiller (B.S. '01), Merion, Pa., has been elected to the Philadelphia Bar Association's Executive Committee of Young Lawyers Division. She is an associate in the litigation department of Obermayer Rebmann Maxwell & Hippel LLP.

Michael Shirley (B.S. '06), Murfreesboro, is the new 4-H specialist for the Rutherford County Extension Office.

Dorothy Smith (C.R.T.2 '91, B.S. '04, B.S.W. '04), Murfreesboro, received her master of social work degree in June 2006 from Spalding University in Louisville, Ky.

David Stafford (B.S. '00), Gallatin, Tenn., received a \$12,000 grant/scholarship from the Supreme Council of Scottish Rite Masonry to complete his doctorate and conduct his doctoral research at Tennessee State University.

Ginger Swann (B.S. '04), Lewisville, Texas, is the editor for *Hope for the Heart* in Dallas.

Dawn Tittle (B.S. '03), Union City, Tenn., has been appointed director of training with First State Bank in Union City.

Jeremey Williams (B.B.A. '05), Millington, Tenn., has been promoted to accounting manager/office manager for Central Parking Systems.

Baby Raiders

Elizabeth Leigh Batey, born Feb. 13, 2006, to **Kari** (B.S. '88) and **John Charles Batey III** (B.S. '73) of Murfreesboro.

Avery Joan Basler, born Nov. 29, 2006, to **Julie** (D.A. '01) and **Steven Anthony Basler** (B.B.A. '01) of Burns, Tenn.

Maryann Katherine Brindley, born April 12, 2006, to **Cindy** (B.S. '96) and **Rickey Brindley** of Lascassas, Tenn.

Chloe Isabelle Casteel, born July 4, 2006, to **Robbie** (B.S. '99) and **Heath Casteel** of Clarkrange, Tenn.

Rylee Faith Clark, born Sept. 18, 2006, to **Amy** (B.S. '01) and **David Clark** of Beech Grove, Tenn.

Jackson Lee Coble, born Feb. 24, 2006, to **Ashley** and **Nicholas Coble** (B.A. '03) of Murfreesboro.

Brian Tracy Craig, born Jan. 19, 2005, to **Marlies** and **Reginald Craig** (B.S. '84) of Old Hickory, Tenn.

Kara Abigail Funderburk, born May 24, 2006, to **Erin** (B.S.W. '01) and **Jacob Funderburk** (B.S. '95, M.S. '97) of Murfreesboro.

Mackenzie Alyse Holmes, born Sept. 22, 2006, to **Jessica Holmes** (B.Univ.S. '06) of Hermitage, Tenn.

Luke Allen Kelly, born Oct. 26, 2006, to **Alicia B.** (B.S. '02) and **Paul A. Kelly** (B.S. '03) of Fort Rucker, Ala.

Cooper and Kennedy McDonald, born Sept. 5, 2006, to **Jennifer** (B.Univ.S. '01) and **Jason McDonald** of Hermitage, Tenn.

Allison Claire McMahan, born Feb. 20, 2006, to **Vicki** (B.S. '86) and **Ken McMahan** of Nashville.

Audrey Marie Meguiar, born Oct. 12, 2006, to **Brigid** (B.S. '05) and **Matthew Meguiar** (B.B.A. '04) of Brentwood, Tenn.

Molly Grace Messer, born Oct. 9, 2006, to **Susan** (B.S.N. '02) and **Carson Messer** of Summertown, Tenn.

Abby Claire Morton, born October 2004, to **Kim** (B.S. '93) and **David Morton** of Franklin, Tenn.

Alexis Layne Nicholson, born Nov. 7, 2006, to **Sindy** (B.B.A. '01) and **Daniel Nicholson** (B.B.A. '01) of Murfreesboro.

Mason "Masie" Renee Owensby, born Aug. 3, 2006, to **Karie** (B.A. '04) and **Zach Owensby** (B.S. '04) of Lebanon, Tenn.

Garrett Andrew Pennington, born Oct. 26, 2005, to **Ashley** (B.S. '95, M.Ed. '00) and **Mark Pennington** (B.B.A. '96) of Knoxville, Tenn.

Nicholas Shane Potts, born Sept. 28, 2006, to **Christina** (B.S. '05) and **Frank Thomas Shane Potts** (B.S. '02) of Antioch, Tenn.

Hannah Rae Rauschenberger, born Nov. 12, 2006, to **Stefani** (B.S. '02) and **Brian Rauschenberger** of Columbia, Tenn.

Natalee Marie Rogers, born May 26, 2006, to **Vicki** and **Lee David Rogers** (B.S. '94) of Vero Beach, Fla.

Mason Wyatt Rucker, born Dec. 12, 2006, to **Diane Lea** and **Lonnie Rucker** (B.B.A. '01) of Scranton, Pa.

Isabelle Madalyn Sargeant, born March 17, 2006, to **Holly** and **Jeff Sargeant** (B.S. '90) of Canton, Ga.

Aaryn Achie and **Allyson Lee Suss**, born Dec. 8, 2005, to **Melissa** (B.S. '97) and **Rich Suss** of Clarksville, Tenn.

Sully Alvin Towe, born Oct. 27, 2006, to **Lindsey** (B.B.A. '01) and **Rex Towe** of Beech Grove, Ind.

Micah Finn Walker, born Aug. 30, 2006, to **Michelle S.** (B.B.A. '94) and **C. Nathan Walker** (B.S. '93) of Medina, Ohio.

Hunter Braxton West, born Nov. 10, 2006, to **Minya** (B.S. '02) and **John West** (B.B.A. '99) of Franklin, Tenn.

In Memoriam

Editor's note: MTSU and the Office of Alumni Relations extend deepest sympathy to the families and friends of alumni who have passed away.

1940s

James Armstrong (B.S. '41), Springfield, Tenn., died Dec. 30, 2006.

Elbert Sullivan (B.S. '49), Fayetteville, Tenn., died Oct. 6, 2006.

Harold Ray Yeargan (B.S. '47), San Antonio, Texas, died Sept. 30, 2006.

1950s

Mary Ellen Bryan (B.S. '59), Nashville, died July 7, 2006.

John Cooper (B.S. '53, M.A. '55), Hermitage, Tenn., died Oct. 31, 2006.

Col. James Frank Pack (B.S. '58), Winchester, Tenn., died Sept. 15, 2006.

(See 'In Memoriam,' Page 8)

University's momentum continues

The words “growth” and “change” often are used in various publications and by speakers at many events when describing what is going on at our university.

While these terms accurately describe the continuing dynamics of “Tennessee’s Best” university, another term has caught my attention. During the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the expansion of the Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building in January, David Gregory, vice chancellor for administration and facilities management with the Tennessee Board of Regents, used the term “momentum” during his address. I feel that term best describes what is going on at Middle Tennessee.

It is hard to say when this momentum started, but most of us will agree that it’s continuing to build. The late Dr. James E. Walker was certainly the impetus for much of the university’s progress in so many areas. Likewise, the continued strong leadership and vision provided by Dr. Sidney A. McPhee will produce results that will come to fruition for many years to come.

Our momentum is evident in all areas of campus, including ...

Since our last publication of *The Alumni Record*, our football team won a conference championship, competed in our first bowl game in the NCAA I-A era and has had a banner recruiting year. The Lady Raiders’ basketball team reached its first Top-20 ranking in some 20 years. Ground-breaking for a

beautiful new state-of-the-art baseball stadium will be held this spring following the current season. The new Track and Soccer Complex will be ready for this year’s TSSAA Spring Fling, much of it hosted again by Middle Tennessee.

The addition of nearly 24,000 square feet to the Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building, previously mentioned (also see Pages 1, 4), came at a cost of more than \$5 million. This was made possible by grants from the local Christy-Houston Foundation and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Campus Recreation and Health Services have broken ground on a 30,000 square-foot addition to the existing Campus Recreation Center. The addition, along with improvements to the current facility, will cost in the range of \$21 million.

A Veterans Memorial is being planned for campus. The general location is tentatively the area between the Tom H. Jackson Building (old Alumni Center), Kirksey Old Main and Rutledge Hall. It will be dedicated to all of the MTSU community who have served in our nation’s armed forces and specifically recognize alumni who made the ultimate sacrifice during their service. For a \$150 donation, your name or the name of a veteran of your choice can appear on a brick at the memorial. Last year, the MTSU Foundation awarded a Special Projects grant for \$5,000 as seed money to help make the memorial possible, but your help will be needed to make it a reality. For additional information, visit the Veteran’s Memorial Web site at mtsu.edu/veterans.

The university needs you to help us keep our momentum going. I hope you will return to campus

as often as possible to keep up with our amazing growth and progress. To be more directly involved, please consider submitting your name to serve on the National Alumni Association Board of Directors. Board members provide input and offer insight on alumni events and programming. It is composed of alumni of all ages representing many decades, so please take advantage of this opportunity.

Commencement is May 5 and we will add approximately 1,800 new graduates to our alumni roster. This means that we will total nearly 90,000 alumni before the end of the year!

I urge you to stay in touch with your Alumni Association. Update your address, e-mail or just let us know what’s been going on by visiting mtalumni.com, or drop by the Alumni House at 2259 Middle Tennessee Blvd.

I hope to see you on campus this spring.



P.S.: Remember that Distinguished Alumni and Young Alumni Achievement Award nomination forms must be postmarked by Monday, April 2. Information and forms can be found at mtalumni.com.

MTSU National Alumni Association President Bob Lamb received his B.S. in 1969 and his M.S. in 1977. He is a former president of the Blue Raider Club and Blue Raider Athletic Association and an MTSU Foundation Board member. He received the Distinguished Alumni Award in 2000. He is a managing broker with Bob Parks Realty, and he and his wife, Jeri, live in Murfreesboro, where Bob serves as chairman of the Murfreesboro planning commission.



Lamb

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**The Middle Tennessee State University Alumni
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**To view nomination and selection criteria as well as obtain a nomination form:
• visit www.mtalumni.com for a downloadable version
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Nominations must be postmarked by April 2, 2007.
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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Clinton, Ramsey address grads

Alumnus and composer George S. Clinton and Tennessee Lt. Gov. Ron Ramsey will serve as commencement speakers for the Saturday, May 5, graduation, university officials said in early February.



Clinton

Clinton will speak during the 2 p.m. commencement, and Ramsey will speak during the 10 a.m. service.

Clinton (B.S. '69), a Chattanooga native now living in Tarzana, Calif., with his wife, Charlotte, and daughter, Jessica, has professional awards that include a 2002 Grammy nomination and



Ramsey

six Broadcast Music Industry Awards. He earned MTSU degrees in music and drama. In January, Ramsey (R-Blountville) became the first Republican lieutenant governor and senate speaker since 1869. His career work has been as a real estate broker and auctioneer. He and his wife, Sindy, have three grown children.

MTSU partners with SUNO

MTSU entered into an agreement Feb. 6 to assist Southern University of New Orleans as the Louisiana school struggles to recover from Hurricane Katrina 1½ years after the storm pounded the Gulf Coast.

MTSU President Sidney A. McPhee and SUNO Chancellor Victor Ukpolo signed a memorandum of understanding which will enable the institutions to strive for collaborations in online instruction, faculty development programs, joint research, cultural and artistic programs, and cross-registration in selected academic disciplines.



Photo submitted

D.C. golf outing

This group played in an alumni golf event during the fall weekend of the MT Blue Raiders' game at Maryland. Participants included Joe Bales, left, MTSU vice president for development and university relations; Jim Stubblefield (B.S. '83), field representative for Sixth District Congressman Bart Gordon (B.S. '71); Jim Free (B.S. '69, M.P.A. '72), president and CEO of the Smith-Free Group in Washington, D.C.; and Bob Lamb (B.S. '69, M.S. '77), National Alumni Association president.



(Above) First-year Coach Rick Stockstill accepts the Motor City Bowl runnerup trophy and talks to the media. MT lost, 31-14, to finish the season 7-6.

(Right) Senior center Paul Cantrell of Canton, Ga., prepares to snap the football to quarterback Clint Marks during a play in the Motor City Bowl against Central Michigan. (Below) Blue Raider alumni and fans party at respective venues in Chattanooga and Murfreesboro.



Photo submitted

Bowling blast



Photos by Betsy Johns

Excitement was high as the Blue Raiders met Central Michigan University at the Motor City Bowl in Detroit. Many MT fans made the journey Dec. 26. Those who couldn't make the trip huddled around TVs in high anticipation of Raider history in the making.

Fans held bowl parties in their homes and at local restaurants. In Murfreesboro, the alumni office had a bowl-watching party at Kirkenburt's Smokehouse Grill. About 60 alumni, friends and fans gathered in their blue to watch the game while enjoying drink and food specials.

In Chattanooga, 35 alumni held a similar gathering at Buffalo Wild Wings. Despite the loss, everyone enjoyed being a part of MTSU's first Division I-A bowl appearance.

— **Patience Long**
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Photo submitted

BRAA piggybacks from MT success

By **Randy Weiler** jweiler@mtsu.edu

Building on the success of the MT Blue Raiders Motor City Bowl appearance, the nationally ranked Lady Raiders basketball team, the Sun Belt Conference champion volleyball team and other individuals and teams, the Blue Raider Athletic Association has kicked off the renewal phase for current members, associate athletic director Alan Farley said recently.

"Right now, there's so much excitement," Farley said. "We went to the bowl game, the women are ranked 17th, the volleyball team won the Sun Belt Conference tournament, and the track teams always are successful."

"It's a gift, but it's an investment. We're seeing student-athletes graduate, but they're also winning championships in their respective sports."

Farley said he is encouraging existing members to "renew and participate in the 110 percent club, giving 10 percent more than they did last year."

Alumnus Wayne Groce (B.S. '69, M.B.A. '75), a Murfreesboro resident and underwriting team manager at State Farm Insurance Companies, is the membership chairman, Farley said.

"Wayne has some good concepts to reach out to alumni and friends," Farley said.

It's Farley's job to "share the BRAA gospel" about

the organization's fundraising efforts for scholarships, facility improvements and overall improvement of the athletic department.

"There's a level and a place for everyone to participate, from \$100 to \$10,000," he said.

The BRAA will kick off its new member drive April 9, he said. Junior Raiders can join, too.

"It's very, very important to Blue Raider athletics," Groce said. "Our goal is to grow by at least 500 new members, and we're really going to work hard to do that."

Farley said the BRAA is working hard at "building chapters in surrounding areas." Specifically, he mentioned Bedford, Cannon, Williamson, Davidson and Sumner counties.

"We're starting to host things in those areas," he said. "Coaches and staff are becoming more accessible to fans and alumni in those areas."

Plans call for quarterly meetings in those areas "where they've (alumni and friends) reconnected with MTSU," Farley added.

The Shooting for Scholarships clay target event will be held starting at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, April 28, at Big Springs Clay Targets, which is south of Murfreesboro, just off U.S. 41.

For more information, call 615-898-2210 or visit the BRAA Web site on goblueraiders.com.



In Memoriam

1950s (cont.)

Ramon Huffines (B.S. '57), Wilmington, N.C., died Nov. 28, 2006.

W. Maddin Warfield Jr. (B.S. '53), Nashville, died Jan. 9, 2007.

Dr. Winfred L. Wiser (B.S. '51), Jackson, Miss., died Nov. 23, 2006.

1960s

Donald Adams (B.S. '61), Puyallup, Wash., died Oct. 29, 2006.

Grover Boyd (B.S. '67), Paoli, Pa.,

died May 21, 2006.

William Martin (B.S. '65), Symsonia, Ky., died Dec. 8, 2006.

James T. "Mac" McHugh (B.S. '63, M.A. '64), Lakeland, Fla., died Nov. 10, 2006.

1970s

Carl Fincher (M.A. '77), Arab, Ala., died Oct. 29, 2006.

Charles Ray (B.S. '70), Nashville, died Nov. 29, 2006.

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Sue E. Schwartz (M. Ed. '75), Mendota Heights, Minn., died March 13, 2006.

1980s

Donna Hammonds (M.A. '81), Kingsport, Tenn., died Dec. 2, 2005.

1990s

Cheryl Rose Maynard (B.S. '94), Sparta, Tenn., died June 2, 2006.