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NOTEWORTHY

Armour has zest for success

When studying the life of Marine Corps Capt. Vernice Armour (B.S. '97), it's best to ask, "What has she *not* accomplished?" Armour, of Stafford, Va., was the first African-American female pilot in the Marine Corps and first African-American female combat pilot in U.S. military history. She has appeared twice on *The Oprah Winfrey Show* and on *The Tyra Banks Show* in February. She also was featured as the March 2007 cover story in the NAACP's *The Crisis* magazine.



Armour

Armour's resume includes being the second woman on the Metro Nashville Police Department's motorcycle squad, 2001 Camp Pendleton Female Athlete of the Year and running back for the San Diego Sunfire women's pro football team. Armour, who was among those honored at the African-American Alumni Awards Ceremony (story, Page 4), plans a June exit from the Corps.

Manyok receives national award

Mabior Manyok (B.Univ.S. '05), one of the "Lost Boys of Sudan," was given the President's Volunteer Service Award April 19 in Washington, D.C., for his



Manyok

work with the government of Southern Sudan. Manyok received the Gold Award, the highest honor. He was 9 when the civil war pitting the Islamic regime of Omar al-Bashir against the mostly Christian and tribal black African natives began in 1983. After fleeing to refugee camps in Ethiopia and Kenya, Manyok applied to the United Nations for refugee status, which enabled him to come to the U.S. in 1994. In October, Manyok, a naturalized American citizen, began helping the Government of Southern Sudan's Ministry of Environment, Wildlife and Conservation set up a computer database with equipment donated by the U.N. in the capital city of Juba.

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Photo by Andy Heidt

Breaking ground on new Health and Wellness Center

Dignitaries join in the ceremonial groundbreaking for the Campus Recreation Center expansion and new Student Health and Wellness Center Feb. 23. From left are project architect Larry Hart of Thomas, Miller and Partners LLC; Jerry Preston, executive director for the Office of Facilities Development, Tennessee Board of Regents; Dr. Bob Glenn, MTSU vice president for student affairs and provost for enrollment and academic services; Dr. Pat Spangler, Student Health Services physician; Charlie Gregory (B.S. '83, M.S. '86), director, Campus Recreation; 48th District State Rep. John Hood (B.S. '54, M.Ed. '74), D-Murfreesboro; 13th District State Sen. Bill Ketron (B.S. '76), R-Murfreesboro; MTSU President Sidney A. McPhee; 16th District State Sen. Jim Tracy, R-Shelbyville; and Rick Chapman, director, Student Health Services. Story, Page 3.

'Alumni House'

Painting adds pizzazz to office

By Randy Weiler jweiler@mtsu.edu

Recent MTSU graduate Denise Johnson spent four to five months during the 2006-07 academic year on a special project that is now in the reception room of the MTSU Alumni House.

It's an oil and acrylic painting of what Johnson simulated.

(See 'Painting,' Page 7)

May grad Denise Johnson's "Alumni House" painting sits above the mantel and fireplace in the Office of Alumni Relations.

Photo by MTSU News and Public Affairs



Photo by Michelle Stepp

New grads stroll down memory lane

May grads Jennifer Holder, left, Jose Becton and Cristol Camacho view an old yearbook while attending the Commencement Reception May 4. Story, Page 4.

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Alumni contribute \$36,000 to freshman scholarships fund

The MTSU Alumni Association Chapter Scholarship Program had another great year. Because of the generosity of alumni from Tennessee and across the country, the Alumni Association will be awarding \$36,000 worth of scholarships to incoming MTSU freshmen this fall. Each recipient will receive \$1,000 for the 2007-08 academic year to help cover college costs. Scholarships were awarded in Davidson, Lincoln, Rutherford, Montgomery, Williamson, Coffee and Wilson counties. Incoming freshmen from the states of Texas, Virginia and Georgia received scholarships as well. “We have the most supportive alumni around,” said Paul Wydra, assistant director for Alumni Relations. “Our alums know the importance of scholarships and what they can give to a new college student from their own area.”

The Alumni Scholarship Program gives alumni the opportunity to present scholarships to the winners each year. This creates a personal approach to the scholarship program, as alumni can actually meet the students who are awarded the scholarships in their areas or counties. For more information on contributing to the Alumni Scholarship Program or to be a presenter in your area, contact Wydra by calling 615-904-8199.

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Foundation Graduate Student Scholarships awarded from Senior Gifts Campaign

MTSU graduate students Rachel Fuqua (B.S. '05), second from left, of Nashville and Matt Killian (B.S. '05) of Morrison, Tenn., received the first MTSU Foundation Graduate Student Scholarships (\$1,000 and \$500, respectively) to further their educations. They are shown with Dr. Jim Rust, professor of psychology and their adviser, and Alumni Relations Director Ginger Freeman. These scholarships were funded through gifts from graduating seniors in 2005-06.



Photo submitted

4th generation alumnus Reed follows in footsteps of family members

From staff reports

Matthew “Matt” Reed is a May 2007 MTSU graduate. He graduated in three years with a 4.0 GPA at 20 years of age. Reed entered MTSU as a Presidential Scholarship recipient; was a member of Beta Gamma Sigma, a Jennings A. Jones College of Business honor society; and a member of The National Exchange Club.

You might think that these accomplishments are what make Reed stand out, but he has a very unique listing for his master’s application. You see, he is the fourth generation of his family to graduate from MTSU.

Inspired by his great-grandfather, grandfather and mother, Reed has benefited from this long tradition of MTSU graduates and shares similarities with each.

Henry Norman Blair (B.S. '54, M.S. '55), Reed’s great-grandfather, was a former teacher, principal and superintendent of Cannon County Schools.

The late Gayle Norman Blair (B.S. '59, M.S. '71), Reed’s grandfather, completed his undergraduate work in three years. He was a teacher at Central High and Riverdale High and



Reed



N. Blair

assistant principal and principal at Oakland High School, Reed said.

“My mom established the Gayle N. Blair Memorial Scholarship through the MTSU Foundation in honor of my grandfather after his death,” Reed said. “We currently award two scholarships, one for an Oakland graduate and one for a Cannon County graduate.”

Melissa Blair Wright (B.B.A. '80), Matt’s mother, serves as chief accountant and assistant city recorder for the City of Murfreesboro.

Reed’s other MTSU family connections include grandmother Shirley Reed Thomas, a former secretary in the history and philosophy departments, and an aunt, Cheryl Reed Womack (B.A., '98), who is an alumna.

Reed plans to continue the family tradition. He began to work on his master of business administration degree in May while working in the accounting field.

“Being a fourth-generation MTSU graduate is pretty cool,” he said. “When I was considering where to go to school, my mom made sure to point out that I would be breaking the chain if I went somewhere else! Perhaps this was her way of trying to make sure I did not move away, but I am certainly glad I stayed.”



G. Blair



Wright

Alum earns \$336K for Vandy postgrad work

By Brittany Skelton

Matthew Bullington, a 20-year-old recent graduate of Middle Tennessee State University was awarded a full scholarship to attend Vanderbilt University, where he will simultaneously earn a Ph.D. and a J.D.

In addition to being one of only three students enrolled in the program, Bullington’s scholarship is \$336,000 for six years. He has been awarded \$36,000 per year to cover tuition and fees and an \$18,000 per year stipend.

“I have been very blessed,” said Bullington.

Bullington, a Murfreesboro resident of 10 years, graduated from MTSU in December of 2006 with an honors degree in economics. He received offers from both the law and graduate schools at other universities, including the University of Tennessee and George Mason University in



Bullington

Virginia. The program at Vanderbilt, however, will allow him to complete both a Ph.D. in economics and a law degree in only six years.

Bullington earned his bachelor’s degree in 3½ years. He also completed more than 30 additional credit hours and was actively involved on campus.

“I’ve taken two years of Mandarin just for fun,” said Bullington. “I have really pursued my education wholeheartedly.”

In his spare time, Bullington was a Student Government Association senator, served on the SGA traffic court, and was actively involved in three honor societies, among several other extracurricular activities. He also worked as a tutor for Disabled Student Services and the MTSU athletic department.

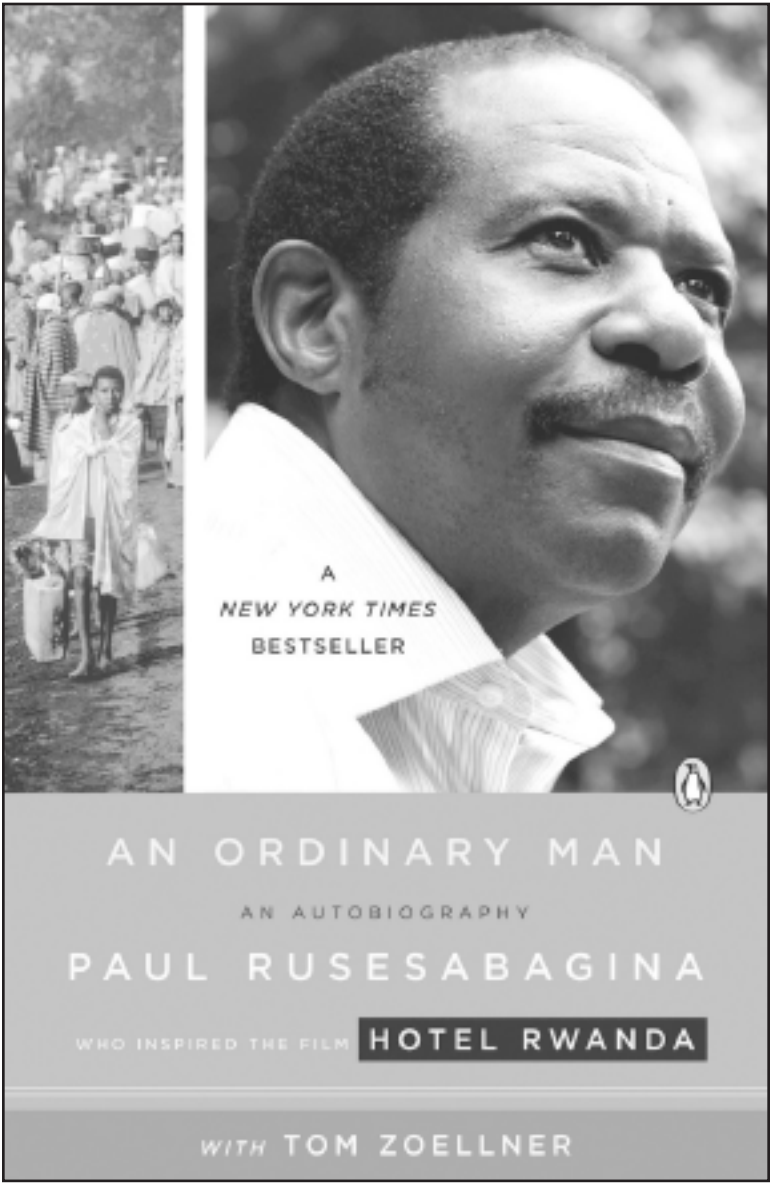
Bullington says he plans to stay in the Nashville area to pursue a career and eventually wants to teach at the university level.

Brittany Skelton is a May 2007 graduate of MTSU with a degree in mass communication.

Homecoming 2007

Watch for all the details on www.mtalumni.com

An Ordinary Man author to appear Aug. 26



Rwandan hero will be Convocation speaker; book continues summer reading program

From staff reports

MTSU's 2007 Summer Reading selection is *An Ordinary Man* by Paul Rusesabagina, who is scheduled to be the guest speaker during Fall Convocation.

An Ordinary Man is the autobiography of the Rwandan hotel manager who saved the lives of 1,268 of his countrymen during the 100-day genocidal madness in 1994 that left nearly 1 million people dead. Rusesabagina turned the luxurious Hotel Milles Collines into a refuge for Tutsi and moderate Hutu refugees while fending off their would-be killers with diplomacy and deception.

The rest of the world learned more about Rusesabagina in the 2004 film "Hotel Rwanda," which was nominated for three Academy Awards, including one for actor Don Cheadle, who portrayed him. In *An Ordinary Man*, Rusesabagina tells the story of his childhood, retraces his accidental path to heroism, revisits the 100 days in which he was the only thing standing between his "guests" and a hideous death, and recounts his subsequent life as a refugee and activist, working to uphold his vow, "Never again." A recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the National Civil Rights Museum's 2005 Freedom Award, he now lives in Brussels, Belgium.

Incoming freshmen will be expected to have read the book before fall classes start Aug. 27. All University 1010 classes will discuss *An Ordinary Man*.

Academic Support Director Laurie Witherow is actively recruiting faculty from other academic departments to use the text. She's eager to hear suggestions now from professors on the best use for the book in their classes; she can be reached at lwitherow@mtsu.edu or at 615-898-2339.

Rising seniors from eight Rutherford County high schools also will write essays on the book, which then will be read in the amphitheater of the Paul W. Martin Sr. University Honors Building.

Rusesabagina is scheduled to address attendees at Convocation on Sunday, Aug. 26, at 2 p.m. in Murphy Center. He also will sign copies of the book the night before, Saturday, Aug. 25, beginning at 7 at Linebaugh Library, 105 W. Vine St., Murfreesboro.

An Ordinary Man may be purchased on campus and at local bookstores. It's available in hardback and paperback, and online sellers also may have used copies. Faculty interested in using *An Ordinary Man* in their classrooms this fall may contact Sumer Patterson at the Academic Support Center (615-898-2339 or spatters@mtsu.edu) to receive a review copy for evaluation.

CALENDAR

Campus events

June

22-24 Tennessean Dressage Horse Show
8 a.m./Tennessee Miller Coliseum/615-898-2210/tndressage.com

July

4 University closed for holiday

12-15 USTRC Eastern Regional Team Roping
8 a.m./Tennessee Miller Coliseum/ustrc.com

21-22 Chris Cox Horsemanship
Time TBA/Tennessee Miller Coliseum/\$25/chris-cox.com

21-22 Annual Murfreesboro Antique Show
10 a.m.-6 p.m./Murphy Center/murfreesboroantiquescene.com

23 Annual Murfreesboro Antique Show
11 a.m.-4 p.m./Murphy Center/murfreesboroantiquescene.com

28-Aug. 4 International Grand Championship Pleasure & Colt Walking Horse Show
Tennessee Miller Coliseum/Show times and admission TBA/walkinghorseowners.com

August

11 Summer Commencement
10 a.m./Murphy Center/Free/mtsu.edu

26 MTSU Convocation
2 p.m./Murphy Center/Free/mtsu.edu

27 Fall 2007 classes begin

Note: All dates and times are subject to change.



Photo by Andy Heidt

MTSU staff, alumni and friends listen as plans for the Rec Center expansion are explained. Rec Center director Charlie Gregory (B.S. '83, M.S. '86), left foreground, and outgoing National Alumni Association President Bob Lamb (B.S. '69, M.S. '77), center foreground, are among those in the audience.

Rec Center expansion plans unveiled

From staff reports

University officials broke ground Feb. 23 on the \$17 million, 18-month expansion project to better serve students, faculty, staff and the surrounding community. Located on Blue Raider Drive the expansion will add 22,000 square feet of workout and meeting space to the Rec Center's footprint and create a brand-new, 17,000-square-foot Student Health and Wellness Center at the west side of the existing facility.

When completed in fall 2008, the Rec Center expansion will include a new entrance lobby, additional weight-room

space, a sport club/dance room, an expanded cardio area, an outdoor recreation equipment room, a group meeting room, a health-assessment room, a family changing room and a new first-floor office suite.

The new Student Health and Wellness Center, which will replace the existing 10,000-square-foot McFarland Health Services Building constructed in 1969, will include 22 exam rooms; administrative and provider offices; a pharmacy with remote drive-up access; X-ray and expanded lab services; an allergy, immunization and travel clinic to support International Experiential Learning Programs; observation and procedure rooms; and more.

4th Excellence in Aviation Party set June 16

The fourth annual Excellence in Aviation Scholarship Party will take place Saturday, June 16, at the home of Bruce Thomas (B.S. '97), 421 Beacon Hill Drive, Mt. Juliet, Tenn.

The party, which starts at 4 p.m. and

costs \$10 per person at the door, includes live entertainment, food, a silent auction and much more. Last year, the event raised more than \$20,000 in scholarships for MTSU students. To register, please call 800-533-MTSU (6878) or visit mtalumni.com.



Olivia Jones, left, of Chattanooga and her daughter, recent graduate Semenye Jones, attend the May 4 Commencement Reception.



Photos by Michelle Stepp

Office of Alumni Relations' secretary Kari Janetvilay, left, registers May 5 graduate Ryan Chittaphong and his mother, Celeste Ann, at the first-time reception.

1st Commencement Reception honors grads

From staff reports

Some 1,998 new alumni crossed the graduation stage this spring, and the MTSU National Alumni Association welcomed them May 4 with its first Commencement Reception.

Graduating seniors and their families were invited to the MTSU Alumni House to be welcomed as new members of the alumni association. Students also had the opportunity to introduce their families to their favorite professors, advisers and staff members.

"This is a way for the university community to come together and congratulate these students on

their accomplishments," said Ginger Freeman (B.B.A. '89, M.Ed. '92), director of Alumni Relations. It also gives us the opportunity to show the graduates that they will always be a part of MTSU and have a home at the Alumni House."

The new MTSU Alumni House on Middle Tennessee Boulevard has been open for just over a year. Graduates and their families had the opportunity to tour the house and take pictures on the grounds.

All university faculty and staff members were invited and encouraged to attend.

"We know students have a bond with the faculty and staff members that they work with on

campus, and they want to share these connections with their families," said Freeman.

"For many students, this is their first interaction with the alumni association, and we want them to become familiar with us, so that they will feel welcome to participate in future alumni activities," added Marla Frisby (B.S. '95), chair of the young alumni committee.

"This reception was a great introduction to the alumni association for the new graduates. We hope this tradition grows with each commencement and each new alumni member and their families will continue to be active participants in MTSU events," Freeman said.



Photos by Jack Ross

Honoree and Marine Capt. Vernice Armour (B.S. '97) receives an MTSU alumni pin from President Sidney A. McPhee as Mary Secrest and Vincent Windrow watch.



At left, Vincent Windrow (B.Univ.S. '90 and '91), left, Mary "Beanie" Secrest (B.S. '74, M.Ed. '78), former MTSU student Victor Caldwell and President Sidney A. McPhee visit during the African-American Awards Ceremony. Cedric Caldwell (B.M. '78, M.Ed. '79) was unable to attend. The Caldwell's were recognized for their music industry success.

African-American Awards Ceremony

2 students, 3 alumni recognized

From staff reports

April 20 was an exciting evening for the MTSU African-American Alumni Society.

Not only did two current students, Julie Paige and Catherine White, receive \$1,000 each from the Al Wilkerson Memorial Scholarship Fund, but notable African-American alumni also were celebrated for their outstanding contributions to their respective professions at the annual African-American Alumni Awards Ceremony.

Many MTSU notables, including President Sidney A.

McPhee, were on hand to support the occasion.

Sibling alumni Victor and Cedric Caldwell were honored for their considerable success in the music industry. Marine Capt. Vernice Armour, whose military success has been featured on national television, was feted as well. (See Page 1 for more about Armour.)

Lastly, the leadership baton of the society was formally passed from Mary "Beanie" Secrest to Vincent Windrow, who will serve a two-year term as president of the African-American Alumni Council.



MTSU President Sidney A. McPhee, left, 2007-08 Al Wilkerson Memorial Scholarship recipients Julie Paige and Catherine White, and alumni Vincent Windrow and Mary Secrest enjoy the festivities. Paige and White were awarded \$1,000 scholarships.

2007 President's Celebration of Excellence lauds six alumni

From Staff reports

Six alumni were recognized during or after the 2007 President's Celebration of Excellence April 13 at the James Union Building's Tennessee Room.

Wayne Rollins (B.S. '75, M.B.E. '76) and Joe Coleman (B.S. '76) were honored with Distinguished Alumni Awards for 2006-07 and Christopher Davenport (B.S. '00) was saluted with the Young Alumni Achievement Award 2006-07 during the fourth annual event.

The night's festivities included Emmett N. Kennon Jr. (B.S. '38) receiving the President's Legacy Award, which is given to an individual whose accomplishments have made a significant impact on the history of MTSU and whose actions have served as an inspiration to others.

In addition, former Murfreesboro Mayor Joe B. Jackson (B.S. '49) received the John Bragg Distinguished Service Award from the Student Government Association.

Kennon, a Nashville native, came to the then-State Teachers College in 1934. He lettered in football and baseball for the Raiders; edited *Midlander*, the student yearbook; and worked on *Sidelines*, the student newspaper. After graduation, he worked in Nashville, but transferred to Neuhooff Packing Company's Chattanooga operation. There he met Rose Scott, who became his wife.

In recent years, the Kennons donated \$500,000 in the campaign to help rebuild Reese Smith Baseball Stadium and provided funds for what became the Emmett and Rose Kennon Sports Hall of Fame Building. Kennon, who was recognized as a 2002-03 Distinguished Alumnus and is a member and former president of the MTSU Varsity Club, was inducted into the Blue Raider Hall of Fame in 1997.

Jackson, often called "Mr. Murfreesboro" for his civic and community involvement, earned the Bragg Award, which is presented to an MTSU alumnus for outstanding leadership within the university and community.

The DeKalb County native entered Middle Tennessee State College in 1946, playing football, basketball and baseball. While associated student body



Joe Coleman (B.S. '76), left, and Wayne Rollins (B.S. '75, M.B.E. '76) display their National Alumni Association 2006-07 Distinguished Alumni Awards as Christopher Davenport (B.S. '00) shows his Young Alumni Achievement Award.

president in 1948, he organized the first campus blood drive and was the first donor. Coed Frances Hickerson, who later became his wife, was the second. Jackson received the National Alumni Association Distinguished Alumnus Award for community service in 1986.

The Distinguished Alumni Award honors alumni for exemplary professional achievement, leadership and/or service to the university and/or community.

Rollins is director of the MTSU Cooperative Education Program, which has grown from 16 to more than 120 co-op placements annually and earned the respect of many industry groups. He has taught MTSU business courses for more than 30 years and is considered a consummate volunteer, raising scholarship funds, advocating for the Blue Raider Athletic Association and helping with the annual Contest of Champion band events.

Coleman is chief executive officer and co-founder of Volume Transportation Inc., of Lithonia, Ga. His business grew from a few trucks and zero revenue in 1989 to more than 500 pieces of equipment, three divisions, the most advanced truck and trailer repair and paint facility in Atlanta and some \$60 million in revenue today. He is vice president and investor adviser for CURE Childhood Cancer, an Atlanta-based charity that raises more than \$1 million annually.

The Young Alumni Achievement Award recognizes a young alumnus for his or her professional achievement, outstanding leadership abilities and/or service to the university and/or community.

Davenport was one of the first two students to enroll in the Concrete Industry Management program in its infancy in 1996 and has the distinction of being the first graduate of the program. He later returned to Tennessee to work with Barnes Industrial Group after being hired by industry leader Degussa Admixtures Inc., in Cleveland, Ohio.

As president of the CIM Patrons, he helped raise \$100,000 in a golf tournament and led the effort to raise almost \$250,000 for the CIM building fund through an auction.

Suma Clark, director, Publications and Graphics, contributed to this story.



Photos by Jack Ross

MTSU First Lady Elizabeth "Liz" McPhee, left, and President Sidney A. McPhee present Emmett Kennon (B.S. '38) with the President's Legacy Award.

Young left MTSU for country music career

By Randy Weiler jweiler@mtsu.edu

Chris Young appears to have what it takes to be a country music star: ruggedly handsome good looks, a great voice to go with great lyrics for several hit tunes, and a wholesome, refreshing attitude that's mature beyond his 21 years of age.

Several years ago, Young, a Murfreesboro native and son of MTSU alumna Becky Harris (B.S. '84), spent a semester in MTSU's recording industry program, just as he did at Belmont University.

Fate would have it that he would not finish course requirements at either university. Instead, Young kept singing and playing his guitar until he competed in and won the nationally televised "Nashville Star," which led to an RCA recording contract. Then he hit the road, playing large and small venues all across the United States (200 to 250 show dates), including the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville.

"Obviously, there is a reason he keeps returning to perform on the Opry stage," said alumnus Pete Fisher (B.S. '87), vice president and general manager of the Opry and a 2004 MTSU Distinguished Alumni honoree. "I'm very proud of Chris and all he has accomplished. He is truly a special artist whom we enjoy having on the Opry from time to time."

"Chris, like so many great country music stars, is



Photo by Randy Weiler

Longtime Grand Ole Opry performer Jimmy C. Newman, left, chats with rising country music sensation Chris Young of Murfreesboro backstage at the Opry.

truly a genuine person. What you see is what you get. I've always said the best country music is when you have real people singing real songs about real life, and Chris Young is the real deal."

From June 7 to 10, Young will appear at the CMA Music Festival in Nashville. This tour stop will include

the sixth annual Chris Young Fan Club Party June 9. (View his upcoming appearances at chrisyoungcountry.com or myspace.com/chrisyoungmusic). His summer a series of fairs and festivals.

Young, who has had several hit songs including "Drinkin' Me Lonely," said his rise to stardom came from "doing a lot of free shows" and appearances.

"I would play in front of 30 people in coffee shops or get in with a house band," he said, adding that financially he was "either in the hole or breaking even" while "creating a loyal fan base" that has grown tremendously.

Sporting a black cowboy hat and cowboy boots, the 6-foot-4, Young said the "kind of person that I am" is what drives him. "Doing something better than what I did last week" has become his mantra.

While at MTSU and with the show dates increasing, he worked closely with Hal Newman, an assistant professor in recording industry. Young said the recording industry basics helped him learn about "copyright laws, publishing and the music industry in general."

His advice to current students: "Going to everything ... anything and everything you can get your hands on. ... Tin Pan South, I was there. Go watch people play. Go to as many music events and CMA parties as you can. Commit to yourself to do as much as possible."

CLASS NOTES

1950s

Dr. Hershel P. Wall, (B.S. '57), Memphis, Tenn., has been appointed interim chancellor of the University of Tennessee Health Science Center. He is a professor and executive associate dean for admissions and student affairs, and has served as interim dean for the UTHSC College of Medicine, Memphis since November 2005.

1960s

Woody Bomar (B.S. '67), Nashville, Tenn., has returned to independent music publishing with the formation of Green Hills Music Group LLC.

George S. Clinton (B.S. '69), Tarzana, Calif., received the prestigious Richard Kirk Award for outstanding career achievement at the performing rights organization's Film & Television Awards. He is a composer for BMI in Los Angeles.

Bill Hoffman (B.S. '68), Goodlettsville, Tenn., has retired from business as a plumbing contractor.

1970s

Fred Allen (B.B.A. '76), Little Rock, Ark., has been elected as an Arkansas state representative.

Leilani Mahr Barna (B.S. '77), Winchester, Va., is the assistant project manager and lead technical writer for Project Developers, Inc.

The Hon. David Kennedy (B.S. '72), Hermitage, Tenn., was re-elected presiding judge for the 20th Judicial District in 2006.

Lyndi McNulty (B.S. '73), Westminster, Md., is the owner of Gizmos Art, serves on the board of directors for Kiwanis, the Association of Retarded Citizens and the Greater Westminster Development Corporation. She is also chairperson for the local holiday parade.

Robert D. Ogg Jr. (B.S. '78, M.S. '87), Sterling Heights, Mich., has been promoted to the rank of brigadier general in the U.S. Army and is serving as the deputy program manager, Future Combat Systems at the Detroit Arsenal in Warren, Mich.

Joe Max Williams (B.S. '70), Columbia, Tenn., has retired as executive director of the South Central Tennessee Development District after serving in that capacity for 28 1/2 years.

1980s

Kelley Afghari (B.S. '83), Sacramento, Calif., is vice president/media director for the Sacramento office of U.S. International Media.

Ralph Forsythe (B.B.A. '81, M.B.A. '97), Montgomery, Ala., has been named senior vice president and chief accounting officer for Alfa Insurance.

J. Todd Foster (B.S. '82), Waynesboro, Va., is the managing editor for the *Bristol Herald Courier* in Bristol, Va.

Bob Jacobs (B.S. '82), Fairfax, Va., has been selected as the new NASA deputy assistant administrator for public affairs.

Robert G. Rose (B.S. '89), New York City, is the CEO of AIM TV, a division of Artist and Idea Management, Ltd., and executive producer of all AIM TV programming.

Patty Kelley St. Clair (B.S. '88), Nashville, Tenn., has been named to the Special Olympics Tennessee board of directors and will serve as public relations chair.

Phillip M. Summers (B.B.A. '80), Corona, Calif., is vice president for the Southern California distribution and supply chain division of Ameri-

sourceBergen Corp.

Roy Vaughn (B.S. '82), Brentwood, Tenn., founding partner of Katcher Vaughn & Bailey Public Relations, has been elected chair of the executive committee of the Counselors Academy section of the Public Relations Society of America for 2007.

1990s

Karen Austin (B.S. '96, M.A. '05), Murfreesboro, is the associate director for the MTSU Career and Employment Center.

Shane Berryhill (B.S. '98), Chattanooga, Tenn., has had his novel, *Chance Fortune and The Outlaws*, selected for inclusion in the New York Public Library's Books for the Teen Age 2007.

Amy Allen Evans (B.S.N. '97), Alexandria, Va., has been a registered nurse for 10 years and is working on a master of nursing degree.

Joel Frey (B.S. '96), Irving, Texas, has published his book, *Two Sides of a Cypress Wall: The True Story of a Reluctant College Graduate*. He works in the Dallas/Fort Worth-based public relations office of Travelocity.

Sonya Hayes (B.B.A. '91), Antioch, Tenn., has published her first book, *Stuck in the Middle*.

Lindsay Howell (B.S. '98), Fletcher, N.C., is the director of community relations for Pardee Hospital in Hendersonville, N.C.

Robert F. Mattix (M.B.A. '93), Old Hickory, Tenn., has received his certification from the Association of Insolvency and Restructuring Advisors.

Julie Danhauer Nowak (M.A. '98), Midlothian, Va., is a benefits consultant in Richmond, Va., and has started her own aromatherapy products company called Botanical Buddies (*botanical buddies.com*).

Marcelo Pennell (B.S. '97), Franklin, Tenn., has been nominated for Grammy Award as an engineer in the "Best Engineered Album, Non-Classical" category.

Woody Ratterman III (B.B.A. '95), Nashville, Tenn., is the vice president for Titan Lending Group.

Ken Youngstead (B.B.A. '94), Franklin, Tenn., has been named to the Special Olympics Tennessee board of directors.

2000s

Rebecca Belcher (D.A. '00), Kankakee, Ill., was named a Fulbright Scholar for the 2005-06 academic year and was a visiting professor for the University of Ouagadougou in Burkina Faso, West Africa. She serves as a professor of English at Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais, Ill.

Jill Roberson-Blatt, PA-C (B.S. 03), Murfreesboro, is working with Pfizer Corp. to develop programs for African-American women with HIV. Her goal is to open a women's and children's HIV clinic.

April Booten (B.S. '04), Murfreesboro, received her master of physical therapy degree from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in May 2006 and is employed at Baptist Hospital in Nashville, Tenn.

Brandon Booten (B.S. '02), Murfreesboro, received a Juris Doctor degree from the Cecil C. Humphrey School of Law at the University of Memphis and now practices with the Eric J. Burch Law Firm in Manchester, Tenn.

B. Curt Brackin (B.B.A. '03), Knoxville, Tenn., is a staff accountant at Clayton Mobile Homes corporate office

in Maryville, Tenn.

Lynn Caruthers (Ed.S. '06), Pulaski, Tenn., has been elected president-elect of the Tennessee Association of School Librarians.

Scott Gardner (B.A. '05), Bloomington, Ind., is attending law school at Indiana University.

Nyles Devin Hughes (B.S. '00), Murfreesboro, is a commercial pilot for ExpressJet Airlines.

Lili S. Kassae (M.S. '05), Nashville, is employed with the Metropolitan Government of Nashville as an IS Applications Analyst I.

Andy Karg (B.S. '06) and **Rich Karg** (B.S. '05), Murfreesboro, were selected from 500 entries to perform on "A Prairie Home Companion" in the National Public Radio show's "People In (their) Twenties Talent Show."

Kellye McDowell (B.A. '05), Fairview, Tenn., is president of the Tennessee PKU Foundation.

Melissa Mikotowicz (B.S. '05), Nashville, Tenn., is a bookkeeper/auditor for Central Parking Systems in Nashville.

Douglas Moore (B.S. '02), Seymour, Tenn., has established House Whisperers Property Inspections LLC.

Bryan Nale (B.S. '02), Murfeesboro, is the branch manager for U.S. Bank at the Medical Center Parkway location in Murfreesboro.

Stacie Odeneal (B.S. '01), Loretto, Tenn., has passed the Tennessee bar exam and plans to open her own practice in Middle Tennessee.

Amanda Orrand (B.S.N. '01), Nashville, Tenn., is a certified registered nurse anesthetist.

Charles F. Travis III (B.S. '02), Murfreesboro, has been named the general manager/PGA Professional of Indian Hills Golf Club.

Baby Raiders

Ellie and Eliana Allen, born Nov. 14, 2006, to **Tommie** (B.S. '96) and **Craig Allen** of Nashville, Tenn.

Kendall Reese Barnes, born Nov. 2, 2006, to **Sandee Loveday** (B.S. '97) and **Gala Barnes** of Hyattsville, Md.

Owen Christian Blackburn, born Dec. 12, 2006, to **Wendy** (B.S. '92) and **Todd Blackburn** (B.S. '92) of Knoxville, Tenn.

Mikayla Noelle Blake, born Aug. 17, 2006, to **Shelly** (B.S.N. '94) and **Jude Blake** (B.S. '99) of Knoxville, Tenn.

Victoria Rose Browder, born Feb. 13, 2007, to **Paula George** (B.S. '01) and **Derrick Browder** of Kingsport, Tenn.

Avery Grace Cagle, born Oct. 26, 2006, to **Amy** (B.S. '97, M.A. '00, Ed.S. '01) and **Kevin Cagle** (B.B.A. '94) of Lascassas, Tenn.

Paula Elizabeth Coman, born March 11, 2007, to **Diana** and **Ben Coman** (B.S. '98) of Madison, Tenn.

Laura Ruth Cordell, born Nov. 16, 2006, to **Leann** (B.Univ.S. '01) and **Jeff Cordell** (B.S. '94) of Madison, Ala.

Drew Avery Denton, born Jan. 11, 2007, to **Alexis** (B.B.A. '97) and **Sam Denton** (B.B.A. '97) of Crossville, Tenn.

Emerson Malynn Edwards, born Nov. 30, 2006, to **Leigh** and **Christopher Edwards** (B.S. '98) of Franklin, Tenn.

Seth Addison Evans, born Feb. 7, 2007, to **Mandy** and **Zach Evans** (M.B.A. '04) of Franklin, Tenn.

Whitney Mae Fann, born March 17, 2007, to **Mendy** (B.S. '97) and **John Fann** (B.S. '98) of Hurlburt Field, Fla.

Elizabeth Frase, born Jan. 22, 2006, to **Tracy** and **Jonathan Frase** (B.S. '00) of Germantown, Tenn.

Calvin D. Gardner, born April 24, 2006, to **Shannon** and **Scott Gardner** (B.A. '05) of Bloomington, Ind.

Edward Davis Gentry III, born and left this world Aug. 29, 2006, to **Michelle** (B.B.A. '04) and **Davy Gentry** of Carthage, Tenn.

Leana Sueda Gore, born Dec. 27, 2006, to **Megumi** and **Andre Gore** (B.S. '03) of San Diego, Calif.

Mandy Keilani Grummons, born Sept. 14, 2006, to **Christina** (B.S. '06) and **James Grummons** of Spring Hill, Tenn.

James Alexander Herndon, born April 14, 2006, to **Misty** (B.S. '05) and **Jason Herndon** of Waverly, Tenn.

Christopher Shad Holloman, born Dec. 15, 2005, to **Tamara** (B.B.A. '00) and **Shad Holloman** of Murfreesboro.

Grant Hamilton Hughes, born Feb. 16, 2007, to **Christopher** (B.S. '96) and **Nyles Devin Hughes** (B.S. '00) of Murfreesboro.

Sean Michael Hutton, born Oct. 20, 2006, to **Sonya** (B.B.A. '95) and **James D. Hutton** of Carrollton, Texas.

Milena Kasimira Ivanov, born March 20, 2007, to **Sally** (B.S.N. '98) and **Krassimir Ivanov** of Wesley Chapel, Fla.

Bethany Jane Jackson, born March 11, 2007, to **Ann** (B.S. '97, M.Ed. '01) and **Chris Jackson** of Murfreesboro.

Ella Nicole Krapohl, born Sept. 12, 2006, to **Emily** (B.S. '03) and **Donald J. Krapohl** (B.S. '97) of Sharpsburg, Ga.

Connor James McCreight, born Sept. 1, 2006, to **Heather** (B.S. '96) and **James McCreight** of Murfreesboro.

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

Chandler Grace Meacham, born Feb. 15, 2007, to **Nicole** (B.S. '97, M.Ed. '01) and **John Meacham** of Tokyo, Japan.

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

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

Hallie Olivia Nowak, born Oct. 25, 2006, to **Julie Danhauer** (M.A. '98) and **Steve Nowak** of Midlothian, Va.

Sara Elizabeth Patterson, born March 1, 2007, to **Kim** and **Andy Patterson** (B.S. '93) of Puryear, Tenn.

Jeffrey Logan Paty, born Dec. 1, 2006, to **Michelle Morgan** (B.Univ.S. '06) and **Jeff Paty** of Nashville, Tenn.

McKenzie Elizabeth Pierce, born Feb. 27, 2007, to **Jamie** (B.B.A. '99) and **Charles Pierce** (B.B.A. '00) of Murfreesboro.

Emma Rose Rogers, born Sept. 25, 2006, to **Lanette** (B.S. '01) and **Keith Rogers** (B.S. '00) of Antioch, Tenn.

Cadence Long Russell, born April 2, 2007, to **Patience Long** (B.S. '01) and **Brian Russell** (B.M. '00) of Antioch, Tenn.

Eli Manivong Sengkhounmany, born Jan. 29, 2007, to **Chay** (B.S. '98) and **Ouday Sengkhounmany** of Smyrna, Tenn.

Julie Rae Sherrod, born Jan. 8, 2007, to **Jennifer** (B.S. '99) and **Chris Sherrod** (B.B.A. '01) of Smyrna, Tenn.

Daniel Olabanji Stephen, born Jan. 25, 2007, to **Rhonda** (B.S. '95, M.S. '96) and **Godwin Stephen** of Covington, Ga.

Lauren Elise Tyler, born Nov. 19, 2006, to **Kelly** (B.S. '03) and **John Tyler** of McEwen, Tenn.

Olivia Leigh Vafeas, born Jan. 18, 2007, to **Nancy** (B.S. '91) and **Dimitrios Vafeas** of Sarasota, Fla.

Meredith Regan Warner, born Dec. 6, 2006, to **Stephanie** (B.S. '97) and **Charles Warner** of College Grove, Tenn.

Mary Elizabeth Wright, born Oct. 14, 2006, to **April Wright** (B.Univ.S. '02) of Hermitage, 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.

1930s

Minnie Shasteen Wagster (B.S. '36), Fayetteville, Tenn., died April 7, 2007.

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MTSU's future remains exciting: Lamb

As my term as president of the National Alumni Association comes to an end, I would like to say that it has been a privilege to represent our 86,000-plus alumni during the past year.

The last 12 months have been characterized by continued growth and progress. It has been an honor to work with the university administration and faculty, as well as the dedicated and professional staff in the alumni office. A special thank-you goes to our alumni director, Ginger Freeman, who works tirelessly to keep our association “on track” and moving forward.

Our National Alumni Board of Directors, comprising more than 30 loyal alumni volunteers and including alumni from seven different decades, is owed a debt of gratitude from all of us. They have traveled many miles to attend our meetings to make the business decisions necessary to operate the Association. Interest in serving on the Alumni Board appears to be at an all-time high. We had many more applicants for new board members than could be appointed, but a strong group of 15 new mem-



Lamb

bers will be added at our next meeting. If you are interested in serving in the future, please let our staff know.

I would like to remind all of you that we are only four short years away from the university's 100th birthday. There will be a considerable amount of planning and hard work during this time to ensure that our centennial celebration will bring proper credit and recognition to our university. I ask all of you to rededicate your commitment to our alma mater. Not only will your financial support be needed, but your active involvement and participation in campus events is paramount. If you are unsure of how to get involved, call the Alumni Office for suggestions.

MTSU will mark its 26th annual Salute to Veterans Nov. 10. This year's event should be bigger than ever, since all branches of active, reserve and National Guard armed services will be honored. More information will be forthcoming.

We have much to be proud of and even more to look forward to. Please join me in supporting our incoming alumni board president, Devin McClen-don (B.S. '96). You soon will discover that Devin will bring a high degree of energy, knowledge and dedication to fulfill his duties. Also, a very special thanks to our immediate past president, Sandra

Trail, for her guidance, advice and friendship spanning some 25 years.

I want to welcome the nearly 2,000 new graduates from May's commencement to our ranks. Please keep our Office of Alumni Relations informed of your most current address so we can keep in touch as you continue life's journey.

Middle Tennessee's future will continue to be exciting, and our alumni are a vital part of that success. Please use the resources available to stay informed. Visit our beautiful campus often. Join us for campus events, be it a football game or a dedication ceremony for one of our new buildings. Your participation and involvement will help keep us “Tennessee's Best.”



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.

Painting

ply calls “Alumni House,” and it's drawing praise from all those seeing it for the first time.

“People seem happy with it,” Johnson (B.F.A. '07) said of the reaction she has received from folks who have seen the painting and then discover she is the artist. “Nobody in my circle (of friends and acquaintances) knows about it. My parents love it. They gave me the most advice. They were the most excited.”

Her parents, Lynn and Sharon Johnson of Marshfield, Wis. (formerly of Spring Hill, Tenn.), viewed the finished painting before they moved back to Wisconsin.

“Alumni House” was viewed publicly for the first time during the Commencement Reception May 4. The MTSU National Alumni Association-sponsored event drew graduating seniors and their families.

Denise Johnson, who graduated summa cum laude with a 3.939 GPA, majored in art with a concentration in studio art.

She said the Alumni House project “took a long time” to complete. She added that she had done “several portraits — including fancy poses for horses — but never a house.”

It was the first time she worked at this scale and detail. “There were so many geometric lines,” she said, adding that she spent a lot of late nights painting—up until 4 and 5 in the morning—and had to be at her part-time job at Starbucks by 5:30 a.m.

The project originated when art depart-

ment chairwoman Jean Nagy sent an inquiry to faculty. Sisavanh Phouthavong-Houghton, an assistant professor of art who works with upper-division students, had a student in mind.

“She (Houghton) said, ‘Hey, you can do this,’” Johnson said. “She knew I had been doing commissioned work. I came and talked to them (Alumni Relations staff members). I took some pictures and made some sketches, just to get a feel for it and get a lot of different angles. I spent a lot of time walking near the property, mostly from across the street (Middle Tennessee Boulevard).”

Johnson said the “hardest part was getting all of the columns—the perspective and straight lines.” She said she worked on the painting both in the art department studio in Todd Hall and her home.

Of her immediate future, the new alumna said that “graduate school is in the scope” of things that would enable her to teach art.

“The ideal situation would be to make enough money to live off what I make with art,” she said.

For now, she plans to switch from the Murfreesboro Starbucks to the Franklin store and continue working and painting.

Her “best friend” and sister, Dawn Garcia (B.S. '03), studied political science at MTSU and attended Vanderbilt School of Law. She plans to retake the bar exam to become a Tennessee attorney, Johnson said.

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In Memoriam

1940s

Katherine Mason (B.S. '40), Gallatin, Tenn., died March 31, 2005.

Harold White ('44), Carthage, Tenn., died March 25, 2004.

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

1950s

Thomas David Eskew (B.S. '53), Cary, N.C., died March 20, 2007.

William Ferrell Sr. (B.S. '50), Murfreesboro, died March 15, 2007.

Warren Helmers (B.S. '57), Arlington, Tenn., died Feb. 6, 2007.

Robert Webster (B.S. '50), Nashville, Tenn., died Nov. 3, 2003.

Mitchel Wright (B.S. '52, M.A. '54), Franklin, Tenn., died April 1, 2006.

1960s

Stanley Ira Hardison (B.S.

'69), Marietta, Ga., died Nov. 21, 2005.

Jimmy Harvey (B.S. '66, M.Ed. '69), Lebanon, Tenn., died March 18, 2007.

Claude G. Hopkins (B.S. '61, M.A. '66), Taft, Tenn., died January 2007.

1970s

Dennis Phillips (B.S. '73), Franklin, Tenn., died March 9, 2007.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Allen assumes dual role

Dr. Michael D. Allen assumed the duties of vice provost for research and dean of the College of Graduate Studies on March 1, MTSU President Sidney A. McPhee announced. Allen had served as associate vice president for Research at Texas Tech University since 2000.

"Dr. Allen brings a wealth of experience in strategic planning to help us reach even greater heights and fortify our research infrastructure," McPhee said. "Additionally, I want MTSU to be a destination of choice for the discerning learner who is seeking high-quality graduate programs and unique educational opportunities unavailable anywhere else in the state. Dr. Allen is coming to MTSU to lead a team of dedicated professionals to achieve that end."

Allen succeeds Dr. Robert F. Carlton, chair of the Department of Physics and Astronomy, who served as interim vice provost for graduate studies for the past year.

"MTSU is in a period of dynamic change, transitioning from a university that has focused primarily on undergraduate education to one that also emphasizes research and graduate education," Allen said. "I look forward to working with President McPhee and Provost (Kaylene) Gebert during this dynamic change."

Next graduation: Aug. 11

Summer commencement will be held starting at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, in Murphy Center; officials in the Office of Executive Vice President and Provost said. Faculty Senate President Tony Johnston will be the commencement speaker. All alumni and friends of MTSU are welcome to attend.

Grad studies finds new home

The College of Graduate Studies and Office of Research and Sponsored Programs have a new home. They have relocated to the Sam H. Ingram Building, 2269 Middle Tennessee Blvd. For more information, call 615-898-2840.

MTSU unveils sports complex

Just in time for the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association BlueCross Spring Fling, MTSU held a ribbon-cutting for the \$4 million Middle Tennessee Track and Soccer Complex. It is located at the corner of Greenland Drive and Champion Way on the north end of campus.

In addition to the state high school competition, it will be home to the MTSU track and field and soccer programs.

MTSU will serve as host for the 2009 Sun Belt Conference Track championships, the league announced.



Allen

Adding luster to Hall of Fame

By Randy Weiler jweiler@mtsu.edu

Along with lots of sports memorabilia, a \$325,000 appropriation has turned the Kennon Sports Hall of Fame into a venue where one can wax nostalgic about MTSU's rich athletic history.

The building is off to a great start for exhibiting sports memories dating to 1911, when the then-Middle Tennessee State Normal School was beginning the ascent to take it to the nearly 23,000 student body enrollment that MTSU boasts today.

At the forefront is an exhibit recognizing all 94 members in the hall of fame. A touch-screen kiosk highlights 2006 inductees Vince Hall, Dionne Rose and the late Jack Yearwood. Later this year, it will be updated with the 2007 inductees, who will be recognized Sept. 28-29.

Visitors must look up to see the major cost of the project: a big-screen TV. It can show live sporting events or videotaped programs. A memorable 75-minute photo and video presentation, edited by MT Media Relations' Bradley Lambert, can stop visitors in their tracks.

"There's no particular order (of photos)," said Jim Simpson, director of the Varsity Club. "It's just the history of MTSU athletics in pictures. A lot of athletes through the years are pictured here."

And video ... like the game-ending blocked field goal by the Raiders' defense to beat Vanderbilt, 17-15, in 2005; ... MTSU's 50-44 NCAA Tournament triumph against

Kentucky in 1982; ... Mike Buck's perfect shooting night against Florida State; ... the Lady Raiders' recent NCAA Tournament appearances.

You can find history by decades and an area that's "dedicated to coaches—guys who went to school here, played here, coached here and became athletic directors," Simpson said. The group includes Charles "Bubber" Murphy, Jimmy Earle, John Stanford and James "Boots" Donnelly.

Donnelly. Legendary MTSU and Olympic track and field Coach Dean Hayes joins Donnelly in their display case.

The building houses the four Blue Raiders' retired jerseys: #14, worn by quarterback Teddy Morris from the 1965 season; #40, worn by basketball player George Sorrell in '75; #2, worn by baseball player Danny Moore in '77; and #25, worn by basketball player Kim Webb in '87.

Also to be found: the 1960s golf legacy; the well-documented MTSU-Tennessee Tech totem pole, "Harvey;" areas

for pros and Olympic athletes; and much more. The building is used for hall of fame induction ceremonies, news conferences and athletic alumni gatherings, Simpson said.

The Kennon Sports Hall of Fame usually is open during normal business hours Monday through Friday, except holidays, when MTSU staff are present, and for special events. For more information, call 615-898-5632.



Photo by MTSU News & Public Affairs

Legendary track and field Coach Dean Hayes stands near a display case honoring both him and former athlete/coach/athletic director James "Boots" Donnelly (B.S. '65, M.Ed. '67).

Following the Lady Raiders' tourney quests

MTSU staff, alumni, players' parents and fans mix and mingle during the Lady Raiders' trip to the Sun Belt Conference women's basketball tournament. Later, in the NCAA Tournament, the Lady Raiders fell 73-59 to Marist to see their season end.



Photo by MT Media Relations

Hayes, alum Insell earn coaching honors

Veteran coaches Dean Hayes (track and field) and Rick Insell (women's basketball) continue to gain professional accolades.

Hayes, whose team earned its second successive Sun Belt Conference Outdoor Track and Field championship May 13 in Lafayette, La., was voted Sun Belt Coach of the Year for the 14th time.

Insell (B.S. '77) learned March 16 that he would be inducted into the National Federation of State High School Associations National Hall of Fame July 4 at the Desert Springs Marriott Hotel in Palm Desert, Calif.

Before coming to coach the MTSU Lady Raiders, Insell led Shelbyville Central High School to a record 10 state championships and 775-148 record (an .840 winning percentage).

Blue Raiders' 2007 football schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time (Central)
Sept. 1	Florida Atlantic*	Boca Raton, Fla.	TBA
Sept. 6	Louisville (ESPN2)	Louisville, Ky.	6 p.m.
Sept. 15	LSU	Baton Rouge, La.	7 p.m.
Sept. 20	W. Ky. (ESPN Reg.)	Murfreesboro	6 p.m.
Sept. 29	Florida Int'l*	Murfreesboro	TBA
Oct. 6	Virginia	Murfreesboro	TBA
Oct. 13	Memphis	Memphis	7 p.m.
Oct. 20	Arkansas State*	Murfreesboro	TBA
Oct. 27	North Texas*	Denton, Texas	6 p.m.
Nov. 3	Louisiana-Monroe*	Monroe, La.	6 p.m.
Nov. 10	Louisiana-Lafayette*	Murfreesboro	TBA
Nov. 20	Troy* (ESPN2)	Troy, Ala.	6 p.m.

Dates and opponents are tentative and subject to change.

Home games in bold.

* Sun Belt Conference game

Ticket information: 1-888-YES-MTSU or goblueraiders.com