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NOTEWORTHY

Hooper's film earns awards

In 30-plus years of public school education, Linda M. Hooper's principles for success are summarized this way: "Educating our children is the most important task we have. It is giving them the tools to make responsible, informed, compassionate decisions."

Hooper ('63) of Whitwell, Tenn., played a key role that led to "Paper Clips." An award-winning documentary released in 2004 by Miramax Films, the Paper Clips Project created a monument for the Holocaust victims of Nazi Germany. "The Paper Clips Project has been an affirmation of my beliefs: that education is absolutely essential to change; that evil must be constantly battled by education; that everyone must study the past so that we do not forget nor repeat our mistakes; and that there is a higher power guiding our destiny," Hooper said.

Actor Davies' advice: 'persevere'

Actor and alumnus Lane Davies' ('72) favorite roles have been as Macbeth or Cervantes on stage and as Mason Capwell for five years in the television soap opera "Santa Barbara."

However, Davies enjoys "giving back some of what I picked up when I was here," he said of his 1968-72 days as a student under the tutelage of Dorothy Tucker, Lane Boutwell and Clay Hawes.

An adjunct faculty member in the Department of Speech and Theatre,



Davies

Davies, who said that "live theater is my passion — it's what lights me up the most," returned to campus for an extended stay this fall to perform live theatre (in the role of Capulet in "Romeo and Juliet"), to present an open forum to discuss his career, and to teach. "I'm enjoying this aspect (teaching) and I'd like to do more," he said. His advice: "Perseverance."

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HOMECOMING 2007



Photo by J. Intintoli

(Above) Parade Grand Marshal Dr. Bob Womack ('48) enjoys the ride. A 1993 Distinguished Alumni selection, Womack is a World War II Navy veteran and MTSU Educational Leadership faculty member. "Dr. Bob" has worked at MTSU since 1957.

(Right) Alumni, students and fans cheer the Blue Raiders. MTSU fell to the Louisiana-Lafayette Ragin' Cajuns, who rallied for a 34-24 victory in front of 19,227 at Floyd Stadium.

Photo by J. Intintoli



Thousands enjoy events for alumni, students, fans

By Michelle Stepp mbstepp@mtsu.edu

Students, alumni, friends and administration celebrated a "Red, White and Blue Raider Salute" homecoming the weekend of Nov. 9-10.

This homecoming proved to be extra special, featuring numerous Veterans Day activities and celebrations honoring the U.S. military.

Alumni and friends kicked off the weekend with an afternoon golf tournament and then joined students by the new Soccer and Track Complex for the Chili Cook-Off.

The class of 1957 spent their afternoon reliving their campus days and exploring MTSU's progress on a bus tour of campus. A celebration and induction of the class of 1957 into the Golden Raiders Society capped off their first evening on campus.

Meanwhile, members of the Alumni Band began their weekend by hosting a complimentary community concert in the Wright Music Building.

The Black Alumni Society began the weekend with a special evening at the home of alumnus Darrell Freeman ('87, '90).

Saturday morning brought the excitement of homecoming day. Campus was buzzing with alumni and friends returning for a full day of family fun. The day began with a special

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MTSU endowment's 'remarkable growth' reflects smart management, increased support

By Tom Tozer ttozer@mtsu.edu

The MTSU endowment ranks right up there with the endowment at Harvard University. Well, in one aspect anyway — overall performance. While Harvard's endowment is in the billions (\$34.9 billion) and MTSU's is in the millions (\$34.9 million), both funds enjoyed a similar proportional increase during the past fiscal year.

MTSU's jump from \$29.8 million to its current figure is the result of a lot of hard work and smart asset management, and, as Joe Bales, vice president for

Development and University Relations, confirms, the increase shows that the MTSU Foundation is in excellent shape.

"The foundation really has had remarkable growth over the last two years," Bales noted. "For 2005-06, we had asset value appreciation of more than 13 percent. Add to that the gifts we received that year, and the total growth of our endowment put us in the top 25 percent of colleges and universities in the nation."

Bales added that this accomplishment occurred

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Keep an eye on your e-mail inbox for alumni updates

Coming soon directly to you: MTSU Alumni E-mail Updates. In an effort to provide alumni with up-to-date information on events and happenings, the Office of Alumni Relations will begin sending MTSU Alumni eRecord Updates each month.

The office recently partnered with Nashville-based e-mail engine Emma to provide a great looking and informative e-mails. These e-mail newsletters, along with special alerts, represent the beginning of an e-mail communications commitment to keep alumni up-to-date on happenings around MTSU.

We promise to always be respectful of your time and inbox and give you quick hits of information with easy access to more details.

Stay on the lookout for our first Alumni eRecord coming soon and make sure you add *alumni@mtsu.edu* to your address book or favorite senders list (to make sure we don't get stuck helplessly in your junk folder).

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Cleaning up the Harpeth

Williamson County alumni met for the second Raiders on the Harpeth River Cleanup. Volunteers included (from left) Paul Wydra, alumni relations assistant director; Alumni Association Board President Devin McClendon ('96); Chuck Bibeau ('98); Roy Mewbourne; Russell Henderson ('01) and Marc Rogers ('80).

Submitted photo



MTSU vs. MEMPHIS

Pre-Game Team Send-Off
Saturday, December 15, 2007
Renaissance Hotel
3:00 - 5:30 p.m.
\$10/person
For more info, visit:
www.mtalumni.com

Basketball Game

Saturday, December 15, 2007
Sommet Center
Downtown Nashville
Game time: 6:00 p.m.
For tickets call:
1-888-YES-MTSU

BLUE RAIDER BASKETBALL

Alumni's Wright enjoys new challenges

By Randy Weiler *jweiler@mtsu.edu*

New Office of Alumni Relations assistant director Rhonda Wright received a taste of one of her main job tasks, homecoming, when she was mentored this fall by associate director Michelle Stepp.

"I enjoy how homecoming brings students and alumni together," Wright said. "I was excited to jump into the mix and learn how the weekend comes together. I can't wait to plan next year's celebration."

Wright also will oversee alumni relations' inaugural Alumni Summer College next June.

"Alumni College will provide an opportunity for alumni to expand their horizons when they



Wright

return to campus and take classes without quizzes," she said. "Interesting subjects and a fun field trip are planned to both educate and entertain our alumni."

Wright, who has lived in Murfreesboro most of her life, came to MTSU from Middle Tennessee Christian School, where she was the director of admissions and public relations for 10 years.

A Lipscomb University alumna, Wright (B.S. '94) majored in organizational communications.

Although new to the university, Wright feels a sense of familiarity. Her office, which is next door to the newly named Sam H. Ingram Building, is exactly where she studied in Sunday school classes as a member of North Boulevard Church of Christ.

"It is thrilling to be a part of the thriving community that is MTSU. I am honored to serve its alumni and friends," said Wright, whose mother, brother and aunt hold MTSU degrees.

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during a period when there was a significant decrease nationwide in the percentage of alumni who contributed to their alma maters, especially among public universities.

"We went the other way," Bales said. "We've had a slow but steady increase. Even though we leveled off some last year, over the past few years we have seen an increase in alumni participation and an increase in total donors. I believe that's a sign that people are confident in what's going on at this university — and it's worth a personal investment."

While MTSU alumni giving is up, Bales also attributes the foundation's impressive report card to knowledgeable people who serve on the board.

"The foundation board and its finance committee, as well as the professional fund manager whom we utilize, all work together well and try to maximize what this endowment can bring to this university," he explained. "The other factor is that a couple of years ago the board changed strategically the way it managed the endowment. They looked at ways to stabilize the way we provided funds to the academic units and to balance the need for pay-out with the need to grow the endowment."

More than a \$1 million a year is now pumped into academic units in earnings from the endowment, which appear in the form of scholarships, faculty awards and student-support programs. Bales says the way MTSU manages its endowment and directs its fundraising programs mirrors the practices of the best colleges and universities in the nation.

"To cultivate more donors, we have placed development officers in all of the colleges in order

to create a better link between our alumni and friends and their particular areas of interest," Bales said. "When people donate, they can see exactly how that money will be used — they can see the results and understand the impact."

For years, the understanding was that a public university received most of its support from the state, some support from tuition, and morsels from contracts and grants. That reality has changed during the last 30 years, Bales noted, with decreasing state support, higher tuition and a slight increase in contracts and grants.

"The fourth pillar that has really had to come into play is private philanthropy," he said. "A lot of people don't view the public university as a philanthropy. We've had to inform and educate our alumni on why we need to ask for money and how their giving can significantly impact an area that is important to them. If someone calls and says he or she would like to give to the university, my first question is, 'What are you interested in?' When people can see their money doing something that is important to them, they feel better about it."

Bales emphasizes that gifts both large and small fuel the vitality of private support.

"While we welcome and certainly appreciate large gifts, we know that small gifts can meld together and accomplish just as much as a major gift," he said. "We have a member of our staff who utilizes students to call annual donors because we want those donors to have personal contact from the university. We want people to understand that their dollars make a difference. If we can make people feel proud of their gift, then we have done our job."

CALENDAR

Campus events December

1st MTSU Symphony Orchestra
For more information, go to mtsu.edu/~music/calendar.html.

2nd-3rd “Messiah”
For more information, go to mtsu.edu/~music/calendar.html.

4th MTSU Symphonic Band
For more information, go to mtsu.edu/~music/calendar.html.

5th MTSU Commercial Music Ensemble
For more information, go to mtsu.edu/~music/calendar.html.

6th “’Twas the Brass Before Christmas” (MTSU Brass)
For more information, go to mtsu.edu/~music/calendar.html.

**14th National Alumni Association
Commencement Reception**
For more information, go to mtalumni.com.

15th MTSU Fall Commencement
9 a.m. and 1 p.m./Murphy Center/For more information,
go to mtsu.edu/~proffice/misc07/grad_dec2007.htm.

15th MTSU vs. Memphis Team Sendoff
For more information, go to mtalumni.com.

January

**19th-20th “Freed Voices” presented
by MTSU Dance Theatre**
For more information, go to mtsu.edu/~theatre.

**25th-26th MTSU Opera,
“The Magic Flute”**
For more information, go to
mtsu.edu/~music/calendar.html.

February

1st MTSU Wind Ensemble
For more information, go to
mtsu.edu/~music/calendar.html.

**1st Physics and Astronomy
First Friday Star Party**
For more information, go to
[mtsu.edu/~physics/
observatory.htm](http://mtsu.edu/~physics/observatory.htm).

**7th MTSU Jazz
Artist Series**
For more information, go to
mtsu.edu/~music/calendar.html.

15th-16th “Baby” presented by MTSU Dance Theatre
For more information, go to mtsu.edu/~theatre.

**17th MTSU Concert Chorale/
Middle Tennessee Choral Society**
For more information, go to mtsu.edu/~music/calendar.html.

18th MTSU Jazz Ensembles
For more information, go to mtsu.edu/~music/calendar.html.

20th-23rd “Baby” presented by MTSU Dance Theatre
For more information, go to mtsu.edu/~theatre.

21st MTSU Symphonic Band/Chamber Winds
For more information, go to mtsu.edu/~music/calendar.htm.l

23rd MTSU Symphony Orchestra
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25th MTSU Wind Ensemble
For more information, go to mtsu.edu/~music/calendar.html.

28th MTSU Women’s Chorale
For more information, go to mtsu.edu/~music/calendar.html.

For athletic events, visit goblueraiders.com.
For Tennessee Miller Coliseum events, visit
mtsu.edu/~tmc/schedule.htm.



Photo by Bryan Niven

Jeff Coffin of Bela Fleck and the
Flecktones will be featured in
the Feb. 7, 2008, MTSU Jazz
Artist Series.

Changing face of MTSU campus

By Randy Weiler jweiler@mtsu.edu
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Whether it’s the \$100 million-plus science building that may come by MTSU’s centennial year of 2011, the new Reese Smith Field for baseball or new Student Union, the complexion of campus always appears in a state of change.

The \$17 million expansion to MTSU’s Student Health, Wellness and Recreation Center is moving forward swiftly, campus officials say.

The old Reese Smith Field has been demolished. The new baseball park is expected to be finished next spring.

The university is in a 10-year renovation of dormitories. Students moved into renovated Womack Lane Apartments before the fall semester began. Work has begun on other apartments, with renovation expected to be finished by early 2008.

The silver dome for the new observatory was placed Oct. 27 ahead of schedule, and the entire

project should be ready to use in March. The observatory is located between Wiser-Patten Science Building and Smith Hall, and next to the Uranidrome.

The new science (for biology and chemistry) and education buildings and new Student Union are in the design stages. Eventually, physics and astronomy and geosciences will gain additional space in Davis Science Building and Wiser-Patten, a campus official said.

The Student Union and educational building are expected to be built in the intramural field area next to the University Honors College. The Student Union will include an indoor and outdoor food court, expanded student organization area, student activities, retail (Phillips Bookstore).

Patti Miller, assistant vice president for campus planning, said Keathley University Center will receive “some modifications” and that Rutledge Hall will be renovated and have an addition to connect it with James Union Building to bring admissions, records, financial aid, bursar, scheduling and other offices to a central location.

Honoring a president emeritus, Dr. Sam H. Ingram

Dr. Sam H. Ingram, second from right, stands in front of the building that now bears his name in tribute to his years of service to MTSU as its 10th president (1979-90). Joining him for the Aug. 23 dedication ceremony at 2269 Middle Tennessee Blvd. are, from left, David Cullum (‘55), past president of the MTSU Foundation, the National Alumni Association and BRAA, current President Sidney A. McPhee and Tennessee Board of Regents Chancellor Charles Manning.



Photo by Andy Heidt

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

We are now accepting nominations for the

**2008 – 2009
Distinguished Alumni and Young Alumni Achievement
Awards**

The Middle Tennessee State University Alumni Association annually seeks and accepts nominations for the Distinguished Alumni and Young Alumni Achievement Awards. The selection is made from candidates who have distinguished themselves by obtaining a high level of service to their profession, their community and/or Middle Tennessee State University.

Nominations are sought for the following award categories:

*Distinguished Alumni – Professional Achievement
Distinguished Alumni – Service to the Community
Distinguished Alumni – Service to the University
Young Alumni Achievement Award*

To view nomination and selection criteria as well as obtain a nomination form:

- visit www.mtalumni.com for a downloadable version
- call the Alumni Relations Office at 1-800-533-6878 to have one mailed or faxed to you.

Nominations must be postmarked by April 1, 2008.
Nominations are valid for three years.

Any nominations postmarked after April 1 will be
carried over into the following year’s applications.



Pigskin Pregame hosts Terry and Lisa Haynes ('80), left, visit with head football Coach Rick Stockstill and his wife, Sara, and event committee member Liz Rhea ('55).



MTSU alumni enjoyed music, food and fun at the annual Pigskin Pregame. Attendees included (front row, from left) Julie Plummer ('01), Melissa Roberts ('99) and Gini Tallent, and (back row, from left) Kevin Lewis ('01), Brent Campbell ('02), Phillip Bowen ('99) and Dusty Brown ('01).

Photos by Don Wright

Pigskin Pregame

400-plus raise more than \$9,000 for Rutherford County Scholarship

From staff reports

On Saturday, Aug. 25, more than 400 people came together to support the Rutherford County Scholarship Fund during the annual Pigskin Pregame.

Thanks to the tremendous support of local sponsors, community members and alumni, the event raised more than \$9,000 for incoming freshmen student scholarships. It was truly a great night.

Generous homeowners and Pigskin hosts Terry and Lisa Haynes provided each guest with an evening of great music and fun, while Carrabba's Italian Grill fed the masses an Italian feast.

"We could not have asked for a better evening," said alumni relations assistant director Paul Wydra.

Pigskin Pregame is held each August to raise scholarships for incoming MTSU freshmen who are from Rutherford County. Every year, the event is planned and spearheaded by a local alumni committee.

"Like many events, this one could not have happened without such a strong volunteer committee. The Pigskin Pregame Committee made this event happen," said Wydra.

"They found sponsorships, sold tickets, helped finalize all of the details, and even helped set-up and clean-up. The committee played a huge role."

If you are interested in serving on the Pigskin Pregame committee for 2008 or want to donate to the Rutherford County Scholarship Fund, please contact Paul Wydra at 615-904-8199 or at pwylra@mtsu.edu.



Pigskin Pregame guests included (from left) host Terry Haynes, Harry Bain, Liz McPhee, Ann Bain and MTSU President Sidney A. McPhee.

Young alumni enjoy wine-tasting experience



Middle Tennessee alumni Heather Hensley ('00, '05), Jerod Wade, Ashlie Way ('03) and Cheri Viar ('03) try different wines from Arrington Vineyards.



Young alumni had the opportunity to taste 12 different varieties of wine from Arrington Vineyards. Facing forward from left are Lisa and Jason Osborn ('05), April Keyser ('99) and Beth Bragg Jennings ('98).



After the tasting, alumni gathered on the patio overlooking the vineyard to enjoy food and fellowship.

Photos by Rhonda Wright



Young alumni recently gathered at Arrington Vineyards for a wine tasting and social networking event. Pictured near the fireplace are (front row, from left) Samantha Wooden, Wes Wooden ('04), Josh Burlison ('04), and (back row from left) Rachel Mowl ('07), Debbie Hope ('02), and Lisa Osborn and Jason Osborn ('05).

'A Red, White And Blue Raider Salute'



Photo by Jack Ross

The class of '57 was recognized during a Golden Raiders celebration Nov. 9 at the Kennon Hall of Fame. Among those pictured is Dr. Eugene Smith, center, former interim MTSU president. Others in the foreground include George Gardner, Ann Smith, Wayne Monks and David Singer.



Photo by J. Intintoli

Second-generation alumna Mary Mason McCauley ('85), center, chats with her alumni parents, Peggy and Curtis Mason (both '59), during the Mixer on Middle at the Alumni House.



Photo by Andy Heidt

(Right) Isaac Biwott gives MTSU Blue Raider items to Tammy Braden and her daughter, Ashlyn, 8, at the College of Basic and Applied Sciences tent in Tent City.

(Left) MTSU President Sidney A. McPhee joins the cheerleaders, Band of Blue and fans in cheering for the football team during the traditional Raider Walk before the game.



Photo by J. Intintoli



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Veterans and current military personnel were lauded before and during the game — and at halftime — with the annual Salute to Armed Services tribute. About 600 vets and military personnel attended the events



Photo by J. Intintoli

Thousands lined the Homecoming Parade route to watch 63 entries add excitement to the festive, fall day.

Homecoming

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service revealing the plans for the new Veterans Memorial close to the Tom Jackson Building (formerly the Alumni Center).

A crowd of 500 MTSU fans gathered at the Alumni House to secure their spots at the Mixer on Middle Parade-Watching Party, where they enjoyed a complimentary breakfast and reminiscing with friends.

Dr. Bob Womack ('40) led the parade as grand marshal in military style aboard a Humvee, and alumni parents and grandparents followed, proudly showing off their Baby Raiders.

Distinguished Alumnus Gale Prince ('57), as well as former homecoming queens and cheerleaders also represented alumni in the parade.

Former MTSU sports information director Jim Freeman ('69, '73) and fellow alum Chip Walters ('85) provided a Rose Parade-style commentary for the guests.

Alumni and friends participated in tailgating events including visiting with their colleges in Tent City and cheering on the team at the Raider Walk.

Veterans and their families were treated to lunch and complimentary football tickets in appre-

ciation of their service and sacrifice.

Other weekend highlights included the Al Wilkerson Scholarship Dance, the tailgate contest and, of course, the football game against Louisiana-Lafayette, where a video coin toss from Iraq kicked off the contest. (MTSU fell to the Ragin' Cajuns, 34-24.)

A fun-filled Blue Raider day was had by all. We hope to see you next year.

Visit mtalumni.com for upcoming events and year-round services for MTSU alumni and friends.

CLASS NOTES

1960s

Tom Brightwell ('69), Dahlonega, Ga., won first place in the Northeast Georgia open bench press competition. He placed first in the 60+ age group with a bench press of 340 pounds.

Phillip Claiborne ('65, '77), Nashville, is a Metro Nashville city councilman representing District 15.

Dr. Robert Clark ('60), Campbellsville, Ky., is the recipient of the 2007 Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award from Campbellsville University.

Johnny Grimes ('69, '73), Jasper, Tenn., is the director of secondary schools in Marion County.

Bill McKinley ('67), Williamsport, Md., is the new and first president of St. Maria Goretti High School after a 40-year career with Washington County Public Schools.

Nancy Sims Vandergriff ('65), Dunlap, Tenn., has completed a through-hike of the 2,175-mile Appalachian Trail.

1970s

Phil Barnes ('79), Franklin, Tenn., has been named a partner and vice president with Crichton, Brandon, Jackson and Ward Insurance Agency in Nashville.

Michael Bartlett ('77), Murfreesboro, is the Murfreesboro assistant fire marshal.

Connie Blaney ('78), Tampa, Fla., is the founder of Liberty Manor for Veterans Inc.

Janice Hackett ('75), Mt. Juliet, Tenn., is executive vice president for the Hylant Group, an insurance brokerage and risk management consulting firm.

Billy Joe Mahaffey ('74), Ooltewah, Tenn., has been named regional manager of the year by Jostens.

Cathy Taylor ('76), Nashville, Tenn., is the new assistant commissioner for the Tennessee Department of Health's Bureau of Health Services Administration.

Wayne White ('79), Los Angeles, Calif., has been selected for the "2007 Esquire 100" by *Esquire* magazine.

1980s

Randy Brown ('80), Winchester, Tenn., is a United Methodist pastor.

Lynita Collins ('87), Bowling Green, Ky., is a recruitment and retention coordinator for Home Instead Senior Care.

George Hamilton Jr. ('80), Dunlap, Tenn., is with George Hamilton Land and Auction Company of Southeast Tennessee.

Julia Lawson ('87), Maryville, Tenn., recently received her specialist in education degree from Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, La. She is in her 20th year of teaching elementary school music in Maryville.

Richard Pugh ('80, '86), Los Angeles, Calif., is a senior auditor with the audit and advisory services department of the University of California, Los Angeles.

Col. Carolyn Sharpe ('82), Woodbridge, Va., is deployed to Baghdad, Iraq, as the deputy director of business management, Gulf region division, of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

David Shearin ('80), Nashville, Tenn., is chief financial officer for Horizon Travel Plazas LLC in Franklin, Tenn.

John Wilson ('81), Decatur, Ga., is International Baccalaureate District Coordinator for DeKalb County Schools.

1990s

Macey Agee ('94), Malibu, Calif., is a writer and part-time actor.

Elizabeth Anderson ('98), Nashville, Tenn., is working on a second master's degree from Austin Peay State University and is a teacher for the Diocese of Nashville.

Carol Barrett ('96), Knoxville, Tenn., is a stay-at-home mom.

Stephanie Bryant ('94), Little Rock, Ark., is noon anchor at the CBS affiliate, KTHV-TV.

James Carter ('91), Tullahoma, Tenn., is principal at West Middle School. He was selected as 2006-07 Tennessee Area 9 Principal of the Year and was a finalist for Tennessee Principal of the Year.

Terry L. Coyle ('90), Smithville, Tenn., is a producer/director/videographer/editor for Terry L. Coyle Productions.

Lori Ducey ('96), Memphis, Tenn., is director of public programs and docent services for the Memphis Zoo.

Bonita Fields ('90, '92), Louisville, Ky., is a learning consultant for Humana.

Jessica Florida ('99), Murfreesboro, is associate vice president of physician recruitment for HCA's TriStar Health System.

Brenda Jackson ('97), Lascassas, Tenn., has opened Lee Environmental in Murfreesboro.

Thomas Wade Patton ('91), Woodbury, Tenn., owns and operates Hollis Creek Antiques.

Vic Pryor ('93), Jacksboro, Tenn., is an attorney with PryorParrott, PC.

Marlene Sanders ('93), Nashville, Tenn., is manager of government affairs for Merck and Co.

Sherryl Sanders ('99), Brooklyn, N.Y., is a legal assistant.

Samuel Todd Shelton ('95), Nashville, Tenn., is director of marketing and communications for the American Red Cross.

Daniel Shimasaki ('95), Jonesboro, Ark., is a financial adviser with Morgan Stanley.

Clayton Snellgrove ('97), Murfreesboro, recently published his first novel, *The Ball Player*.

Rebecca Stone ('90), Lewisburg, Tenn., is employed with Amwins Brokerage of Tennessee.

Chad Welsh ('95, '98), Wilkes-Barre, Pa., is an assistant professor of biology at King's College.

Jared Wilson ('98), Clarksville, Tenn., is a United Methodist minister.

Monique Wilson ('92, '96), Murfreesboro, is quality systems manager at Bridgestone/Firestone and recently received her certification as a project management professional from the Project Management Institute.

Lance Wise ('96), Nashville, Tenn., is an account manager for Choice Medical Inc.

2000s

Tianca Ashford ('05), Antioch, Tenn., is in the provider enrollment division of CIGNA.

Jason Bandy ('06), Murfreesboro, is an operations manager for Polo Ralph Lauren.

Dan Bednarzyk ('01), Madison, Miss., is vice president of manufacturing for Nissan North America's vehicle assembly plant in Canton, Miss.

Kelli Burton ('05), Carbondale, Ill., is working on her law degree at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

Dominic Casale ('06), Philadelphia, Penn., is a live sound engineer for the Trocadero Theatre and for Clear Sound Inc.

David Cherry ('05), Spring Hill, Tenn., is a management associate for Regions Bank.

Nancy Michele Cole ('06), Murfreesboro, is a title coordinator for

State Farm Insurance.

Daniel Dennis ('04), Hendersonville, Tenn., has started his own record label called Prime Cut Records.

Andrew Duncan ('01), Knoxville, Tenn., has been commissioned by the Nashville Opera to write a children's opera titled "The Ugly Duckling."

Molly Entrekin ('01), Lawrenceville, Ga., is a chiropractic assistant.

Heather Fach ('03), La Vergne, Tenn., has fulfilled a lifelong dream by traveling to Sony Studios for an appearance on *Jeopardy*.

Wendy Fawcett ('04), Chicago, Ill., is a student at the John Marshall Law School.

Jerry Forewright ('02), Brentwood, Tenn., is president/CEO of Brentwood Business Solutions LLC.

Jonathan Fox ('03), Jackson, Mo., is working on his M.B.A. at Southeast Missouri State University.

Jamie Fuller ('07), Nashville, Tenn., is teaching seventh-grade math at West Wilson Middle School in Mt. Juliet, Tenn.

Sara Gabbard ('07), Murfreesboro, is an outreach coordinator for the Tennessee Wildlife Federation.

Brian Gillespie ('01), Nashville, Tenn., is director of communications and marketing for the American Cancer Society.

Erica Griggs ('00), Nolensville, Tenn., is the co-owner of Simplicity Gourmet.

Allison Hatcher ('00), Nashville, Tenn., has been chosen as the best TV anchor newcomer by the *Nashville Scene*.

Jacob Holt ('04), Columbia, Mo., is a political science graduate student at the University of Missouri.

Sara Jo Houghland ('05), Nashville, Tenn., is a public information officer for the Tennessee Department of Revenue.

Shannon L. Huff ('02), Maury City, Tenn., is a registered nurse in the medical intensive care unit of Jackson-Madison County General Hospital in Jackson, Tenn.

Jeff Ingram ('05), Memphis, Tenn., is member of Barack Obama's presidential campaign field staff in South Carolina.

Kihyon Kim ('06), Hendersonville, Tenn., is the director of Sumner Regional Medical Center.

Todd Lewis ('07), Franklin, Tenn., is founder and president of Legacy Development Group LLC.

Akil Lloyd ('05), Chattanooga, Tenn., is a corporate trainer for Credit Payment Services.

Patience Long ('01), Webster, N.Y., is the director of special events for Gilda's Club Rochester.

Ashley Lowe ('04), Murfreesboro, is a speech language pathologist for TOP Rehab Services in Tullahoma, Tenn. She is also a BeautiControl Unit VIP consultant.

Jeremy Majors ('04), Osaka-Fu, Japan, has opened his own English-speaking school called Janus English Institute, where he is teaching English to Japanese adults.

Amy McCormick ('07), Woodbury, Tenn., is a wine chemist and laboratory technician.

Bethnie McDonald ('02), Murfreesboro, is district director of sales development for Kindred Healthcare.

Jeanie McJunkins ('04), Austin, Texas, is employed with the Texas Attorney General while pursuing a graduate degree in legal studies from Texas State University.

Devin McWhorter ('00), Murfreesboro, is a business consultant for InfoWorks of Nashville, Tenn.

Brent Nester ('02), Durham, N.C., is a salesman for Dixie Homecrafters.

Mary Nixon ('01), Marietta, Ga., is senior visual director for Bloomingdale's Las Vegas Home and Furniture Store.

Andrew Osantowske ('07), Millburn, N.J., is an aircraft dispatcher.

Daniel Pritchett ('05), Murfreesboro, is a personal property tax auditor for Tax Management Associates.

Henry Trey Randolph III ('06), Murfreesboro, is an independent full-service agent with Keller-Williams Realty.

Renee Rounsaville ('03), St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, is chief financial officer for BiCuSa Enterprises LLC.

Brian Russell ('00), Webster, N.Y., is attending Eastman School of Music as a doctoral candidate in choral conducting.

Tammy Salmon ('04), Colorado Springs, Colo., is working toward a second master's degree in social work from Newman University.

Abigail Schiller ('01), Merion, Pa., is serving a one-year term on the Women in the Profession Committee of the Philadelphia Bar Association.

Audrey Scruton ('05), Erie, Pa., recently received her master of arts degree in journalism from the University of Memphis.

Thomas Sheddan ('05), Memphis, Tenn., is manager of construction and real estate for the corporate office of Lenny's Sub Shop.

Barbara Sidwell ('05), Murfreesboro, is a legal assistant.

Adam Smith ('03), Antioch, Tenn., has joined the law firm of Miller and Martin.

Sarah Tanksley ('03), Alexandria, Va., is a grassroots coordinator for the American Public Power Association in Washington, D.C.

Heather Taveras ('07), Smyrna, Tenn., is a human resource coordinator.

Amanda Virgillito ('02), Nashville, Tenn., is a senior public relations manager for the Tennessee Performing Arts Center.

Katrina "Katie" Watts ('05), Nashville, Tenn., is a communications coordinator for the department of development and alumni relations at Vanderbilt University.

Audrey Weddington ('07), Murfreesboro, is an assistant media buyer for the Buntin Group advertising agency in Nashville, Tenn.

Rebecca Westergard ('00), Murfreesboro, has recently opened Barfield Paint and Supply in Murfreesboro.

Kristen Wilkey ('05), Duluth, Ga., is a director of physical rehabilitation.

Carrie Youell ('04, '07), Murfreesboro, is the coordinator of Greek affairs for MTSU.

David M. Youell Jr. ('02, '04), Murfreesboro, is a territory representative for Stryker.

Andy Qimao Zhang ('02), Alexandria, Va., has published his book "Memories of an Eastern Sky."

In Memoriam

MTSU and the Office of Alumni Relations extend deepest sympathy to the families and friends of alumni who have passed away.

1930s

Whitney Stegall Sr. ('37), Murfreesboro, died Sept. 21, 2007.

1950s

Mary Jo Dillon ('54), Memphis, Tenn., died Feb. 23, 2007.

James Hayes ('58), Hixson, Tenn., died Dec. 20, 2006.

Warren "Brook" Helmers ('57), Arlington, Tenn., died Feb. 6, 2007.

Gerdie B. Hines ('52, '71), Huntsville, Ala., died Aug. 18, 2005.

Nellie J. Jacks Hines ('51, '70), Huntsville, Ala., died July 4, 2007.

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Getting younger every day

We need your input to continue blazing new trails.

It is hard to imagine actually getting younger in age every single year. For your National Alumni Association, it's happening.

Of course, the Alumni Association, originally started in 1914, is indeed aging in the traditional sense. However, our constituencies, you, are getting younger at each and every graduation. As MTSU graduates more and more each year, the average age of the entire alumni base is decreasing.

It is hard to believe that the largest single segment (about 33 percent) of our nearly 90,000 alumni from MTSU is 35 years old or younger. Within three to five years, that percent will increase to nearly 50 percent. Needless to say, while we are charging

ahead toward the university's 100th anniversary, as alumni, we are as youthful as ever.

In this lies our challenge. Your Alumni Association is dedicated to not only preserving the wonderful traditions of the past — such as Golden Raiders, our travel program and regular events — but also becoming a trailblazer in new programming suited to each and every segment of our alumni population.

The alumni staff and board of directors have been testing new events and programs at every turn. We want to hear your ideas! Whether you are 26 or 106, your input matters. If you have an idea or want to help, e-mail us at alumni@mtsu.edu.

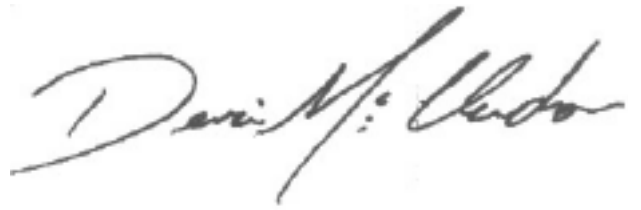
Did you miss the Young Alumni wine tasting event at Arrington Vineyards in October? Heard about the Zoo Tour in the spring? Don't forget about men's basketball coming to the Sommet Center in Nashville against Memphis. Check out mtalumni.com for details and to catch up on what is coming next. Finally, while it is cold outside and you are

searching for something fun to do, come to a basketball game. Go to Tucker Theater and see a play or hear a performance at the MTSU School of Music. Call or e-mail an old friend from college. I challenge each of you to do just one thing to connect with your University. Don't forget, you can always check in at mtalumni.com.

Go Blue!



McClendon



Devin McClendon is a 1996 graduate living in Brentwood with his wife, Laura, and children, Campbell and Maggie. He is the owner of McClendon Group Marketing.

MTSU Foundation architect Stegall's legacy is strong, stable fund

By Gina Fann gfann@mtsu.edu

Students attending MTSU today may only know his name from a sign outside a beautiful building. The foundation that retired Chancellor Whitney A. Stegall helped to lay for



Stegall

those students and for MTSU, however, leaves a much larger footprint than a brick-and-mortar facility.

Mr. Stegall, 91, a 1937 alumnus of what was then Middle Tennessee State College and a former state senator, died Sept. 21. A Rockvale, Tenn., native, the chancellor taught high-school chemistry and biology and coached basketball, worked with the Civilian Conservation Corps and served in World War II before embarking on his longest career path, that of an attorney and judge in Rutherford County for 40-plus years.

"Chancellor Stegall never asked for a lot of publicity, but in his own quiet way, he helped shape higher education here at MTSU and at public universities across the state," said Joe Bales, vice president for development and university rela-

tions, who worked closely with Mr. Stegall in his philanthropic efforts. "By establishing the university foundation, he enabled this institution to achieve a level of excellence that state moneys alone can't provide."

He and fellow alumni Randolph C. Wood ('41), N.C. Beasley and Homer Pittard ('36) joined with then-university President Quill E. Cope to charter The Middle Tennessee State College Loan, Scholarship and Development Foundation. In fact, Mr. Stegall wrote the legal document creating it. The charter — the first of its kind for a regional university in Tennessee — created the nonprofit entity that accepts, invests and distributes gifts of personal or real property donated to MTSU for scholarships, faculty and staff support, capital campaigns and other educational efforts.

In 1965, while in the state Senate, Mr. Stegall moved MTSC into the future when he successfully introduced legislation to designate the college as a university.

"The chancellor loved the university and supported it athletically and academically," said longtime friend Ross Spielman (B.S. '55), former MTSU Foundation president. "It is a great loss, but there also are a lot of good people coming along behind him to continue his work."

Stegall, who was named an MTSU Distinguished Alumnus in 1971, received the President's Legacy Award at the 2005 Celebration of Excellence ceremonies, among other awards and expressions of thanks. The Wood-Stegall Center, which opened in 2003 and houses MTSU's development and foundation offices, honors alumnus Wood, who helped launch the MTSU Foundation with a \$40,000 donation, and the many who laid the legal groundwork for it.

Mr. Stegall was preceded in death by his devoted wife, Orene Cowan Stegall; a brother, Goodwin Stegall; and a sister, May Love Stegall Gale. He is survived by his sister, Adelyn Stegall Stevenson and her husband, Dr. Jim Stevenson, of Atlanta, Ga; his children, Whitney Stegall Jr. and his wife, Sherry H. Stegall, of Brentwood, and Amy Stegall Swartz and her husband, Dr. Kevin M. Swartz, of Murfreesboro, four grandchildren, Shannon W. Swartz, Benjamin P. Swartz, Sabrina L. Stegall and Sydney C. Stegall, five nieces, one nephew and countless Stegall and Steagall relatives, all of whom he loved and cherished.

Memorials in his honor may be made the Stegall Educational Foundation, 107 N. Maple St., Murfreesboro, Tenn., 37130; the Foundation (mtsu.edu/~devofc); or Vanderbilt Law School.

Baby Raiders

Spencer Ato, born July 23, 2007, to **Leslie** ('01) and **Robert Ato** of Leesburg, Ga.

Kate Benton, born July 28, 2007, to **Kandra** ('07) and **Stephen Benton** ('01) of Murfreesboro.

Katherine Elizabeth Canary, born July 18, 2007, to **Amy** ('02) and **Ken Canary** ('01) of Murfreesboro.

Lillianne Paige Chaffin, born July 25, 2007, to **Stephanie** ('04) and Michael **Chaffin** of Cordova, Tenn.

Tyson Dailey, born May 9, 2007, to **Toshi** ('05) and **Craig Dailey** of Huntsville, Ala.

Joshua Robert Decker, born March 2, 2007, to **Jamie** ('04) and **Robert Decker** of Smyrna, Tenn.

Sam Kenneth DeRocker, born May 26, 2007, to **Melanie** and **Bradley DeRocker** ('06) of Knoxville, Tenn.

Evan Karl Easterday, born Oct. 27, 2006, to **Susan** ('90) and **Brendan Easterday** of Brentwood, Tenn.

Mary Alice Ervin, born Jan. 29, 2007, to **Deborah Austin** ('00) and **Ed Ervin** of Cookeville, Tenn.

Samantha Reed Festervand, born May 16, 2007, to **Ryann Nikki** ('02, '03) and **James Festervand** ('05) of Murfreesboro.

Ava Fouche, born March 3, 2007, to **Allison** ('96) and **Robert Fouche** of Memphis, Tenn.

Madelyn Elizabeth Greene, born May 21, 2007, to **Beth** ('03) and **Derrick Greene** ('04) of Murfreesboro.

Reagan Elise Harris, born June 20, 2007, to **Ashley** ('97) and **Scott Harris** of Columbia, Tenn.

Andy Hill, born June 8, 2007, to **Stacia Brantley** ('02) and **Marcus Hill** of Tullahoma, Tenn.

Cara Elizabeth Jones, born April 5, 2007, to **Ashley** ('96) and **Bryan Jones** of Dyersburg, Tenn.

Kaden Kaul, born Feb. 28, 2007, to **Kandy** ('97) and **Konrad Kaul** ('98, '02) of Murfreesboro.

Kaylie Renae King, born March 23, 2007, to **Elysha** ('95) and **Stephen King** of Unionville, Tenn.

Brandon Alan Mabry, born April 27, 2007, to **Sheryl** ('04) and **David Mabry** ('04) of Murfreesboro.

Tate Scott Malone, born Nov. 24, 2006, to **Kim** ('99, '02) and **Tracy Malone** ('97) of Ardmore, Ala.

Eli Brennan McLean, born April 13, 2007, to **Elizabeth** ('95) and **Brian McLean** of Hillsboro, Tenn.

Ashle Monet Montgomery, born Dec. 30, 2006, to **Lillie Melissa** ('95) and **Antione Montgomery** of Chattanooga, Tenn.

Robert Buchanan Pitt, born May 24, 2007, to **Kimberly** ('95) and **Justin Pitt** of Franklin, Tenn.

Lucas Read Powers, born April 21, 2007, to **Cara** ('02) and **Michael Powers** of Murfreesboro.

Isabella Louise Reese, born Aug. 28, 2006, to **Lyndsey** ('03) and **Jeff Reese** ('01)

of Arlington, Tenn.

Andrew Ryan Reeves, born Oct. 18, 2006, to **Gina** and **Jason Reeves** ('95) of Shelbyville, Tenn.

Sophie Grace Robinson, born Aug. 6, 2007, to **Zarah** ('01) and **Saul Robinson** of St. Louis, Mo.

Elizabeth Walker Roush, born Oct. 20, 2006, to **Tony** and **Lynne Askin-Roush** ('88) of Orlando, Fla.

Isabella Renee Sanders, born Oct. 27, 2006 to **Sutonia** ('03) and **Ryan Sanders** ('03) of Murfreesboro.

William Jonas Scruggs, born Jan. 19, 2007, to **Janice** ('94) and **Billy Dean Scruggs** of Hartsville, Tenn.

Channing Rian Selle, born Aug. 7, 2007, to **Christopher** ('97) and **Devan Selle** of Columbia, Tenn.

Anna Caroline Sells, born July 25, 2006, to **Tara** ('97) and **John David Sells** ('96) of Pikeville, Tenn.

Jacob Christian Summers, born Aug. 14, 2007, to **Karen** and **James Summers** ('90) of Waldorf, Md.

Gabrielle Elaine Velardo, born Aug. 8, 2007, to **Camille Elaine Spink** ('98) and **Eugene Velardo** ('98) of Yulee, Fla.

Jake Edwin Walker, born Aug. 15, 2007, to **Kelly** ('98, '00) and **Eric Walker** of Milan, Tenn.

Rylee Marie Warbritton, born May 29, 2007, to **Kim** ('98, '00) and **Jeff Warbritton** of Nolensville, Tenn.

Michael White Jr., born Feb. 23, 2007, to **Jessica McClure** ('03) of Murfreesboro.

In Memoriam — from Page 6

1960s

George Henson ('61), Winchester, Tenn., died March 11, 2007.

1970s

Arthur Arrington ('74), Cleveland, Tenn., died Oct. 18, 2006.

Dennis Bandy ('70), LaFayette, Ga., died July 26, 2007.

Dennis Keith Bronder ('70), Tamarac, Florida, died Aug. 17, 2007.

Judy L. Giles ('73), Lawrenceburg, Tenn., died Feb. 4, 2006.

1990s

Dr. Donald Damron ('90), Grayson, Ky., died June 24, 2007.

2000s

Drew Michael Tipton ('03), Nashville, Tenn., died March 24, 2007.

Did You Know?

Dr. James M. Buchanan ('40) won the Nobel Prize in 1986 for his work in the Economic Sciences (Public Choice Theory and Governmental Economics).

CAMPUS BRIEFS



Photo by Andy Heidt

CampusRec Center will serve as Red Cross emergency shelter

MTSU President Sidney A. McPhee, left, and Heart of Tennessee Chapter of the American Red Cross board of directors chair Mike Picklesimer, sign an agreement between the university and the American Red Cross making MTSU Campus Recreation Center a new American Red Cross emergency shelter that can accommodate 160 cots.

Mediation team national champs

MTSU’s mediation team members are celebrating their new status as 2007 National Intercollegiate Mediation Champions after their performance in an Oct. 27 tournament at the John Marshall School of Law in Chicago.

MTSU defeated a field of 32 teams including second-place Boston University, third-place University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and fourth-place University of Toledo.

Sarah Farthing of Jefferson City, Tenn., and Ryan Richards of Sweetwater, Tenn., were awarded All-American honors as mediators. Teammates selected Farthing to represent MTSU in the championship round because she had the highest individual mediation scores of the group in regular competition.

Dairy team is tops in nation

MTSU’s Dairy Products Evaluation Team is national champion for the second straight year, earning the 2007 distinction Oct. 13-16 in Las Vegas. The team won first-place awards in the milk and all products categories, second places in butter and yogurt and third for ice cream and cottage cheese, plus individual awards.

Big Apple theatre reunion

Alumni, current students and MTSU theatre faculty gather outside the Joshua Tree Restaurant in New York City following their recent fall break reunion. The meeting of 24 alumni, current students, friends and faculty was aimed at helping recent graduates connect with alumni who have lived and worked longer in New York City. Plans are under way to have similar reunions on a regular basis as more former students move to New York.



Submitted photo

Memphis Mix and Mingle at Pat O’Brien’s



Alumni Relations Assistant Director Rhonda Wright assists MTSU alumnus Eddie Wright ('77) with registration at the Memphis Mix and Mingle Oct. 12 at Pat O'Brien's on Beale Street.



Alumni Bill Reaney ('83, '94), center, and Jack ('64) and Katherine Lewis enjoy the evening at the Memphis Mix and Mingle Oct. 12. The event was held at Pat O'Brien's on Beale Street.

MTSU cheerleaders run the Blue Raider flags across the football field after MTSU's 21-7 victory against the University of Memphis Oct. 13.



Photos by Michelle Stepp and Rhonda Wright

Paint the Zoo
RAIDER BLUE
March 29 Knoxville Zoo
April 12 Memphis Zoo
May 3 Zoo Atlanta
May 17 Nashville Zoo
Mark your calendars! Details coming soon!
2008 ZOO TOUR

2007-08 MTSU basketball schedules

Blue Raiders

Date	Team	Location	Time
Dec. 1	Houston	Houston, Texas	TBA
Dec. 12	Belmont	MTSU	7 p.m.
Dec. 15	Memphis (ESPN 2)	Nashville	6 p.m.
Dec. 18	Fla. International	MTSU	7 p.m.
Dec. 22	South Alabama	Mobile, Ala.	7:05 p.m.
Dec. 29	Austin Peay	MTSU	7 p.m.
Jan. 2	Western Ky.	Bowling Green, Ky.	7 p.m.
Jan. 5	Denver	MTSU	7 p.m.
Jan. 9	Florida Atlantic	MTSU	7 p.m.
Jan. 16	Troy	Troy, Ala.	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 19	N. Orleans (ESPN Reg.)	MTSU	6 p.m.
Jan. 24	Louisiana-Monroe	Monroe, La.	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 27	North Texas	MTSU	2 p.m.
Jan. 31	Louisiana-Lafayette	Lafayette, La.	7 p.m.
Feb. 4	Arkansas State	Jonesboro, Ark.	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 7	UALR	MTSU	7 p.m.
Feb. 9	Florida International	Miami, Fla.	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 14	South Alabama	MTSU	7 p.m.
Feb. 16	W. Ky. (ESPN Reg.)	MTSU	3 p.m.
Feb. 21	Denver	Denver, Colo.	8:30 p.m.
Feb. 23	Florida Atlantic	Boca Raton, Fla.	6 p.m.
March 1	Troy	MTSU	7 p.m.
March 5	Sun Belt tour. 1st rd.	TBA	TBA
March 8-11	Sun Belt Champ.	Mobile, Ala.	TBA

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Lady Raiders

Date	Team	Location	Time
Dec. 2	Western Carolina	MTSU	2 p.m.
Dec. 5	Maryland	College Park, Md.	6 p.m.
Dec. 13	Tennessee	Knoxville	6 p.m.
Dec. 15	Austin Peay	Clarksville	5:15 p.m.
Dec. 19	Fla. International	MTSU	7 p.m.
Dec. 22	South Alabama	Mobile, Ala.	5:15 p.m.
Dec. 28	LSU	MTSU	7 p.m.
Dec. 30	Louisville	Louisville, Ky.	1 p.m.
Jan. 3	Western Ky.	Bowling Green, Ky.	7 p.m.
Jan. 6	Denver	MTSU	2 p.m.
Jan. 10	Florida Atlantic	MTSU	7 p.m.
Jan. 14	Arkansas State	Jonesboro, Ark.	7:05 p.m.
Jan. 17	Troy	Troy, Ala.	7 p.m.
Jan. 20	New Orleans	MTSU	2 p.m.
Jan. 24	Louisiana-Monroe	Monroe, La.	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 26	North Texas	MTSU	7 p.m.
Jan. 30	Louisiana-Lafayette	Lafayette, La.	7 p.m.
Feb. 6	Ark.-Little Rock	MTSU	7 p.m.
Feb. 9	Florida International	Miami, Fla.	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 14	South Alabama	MTSU	7 p.m.
Feb. 17	W. Ky. (ESPN Reg.)	MTSU	2 p.m.
Feb. 21	Denver	Denver, Colo.	6 p.m.
Feb. 23	Florida Atlantic	Boca Raton, Fla.	4 p.m.
March 1	Troy	MTSU	3 p.m.
March 5	Sun Belt tour. 1st rd.	TBA	TBA
March 8-11	Sun Belt Champ.	Mobile, Ala.	TBA

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