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# the RECORD

## Celebrating, creating heritage

### Traditions help launch African American History Month at MTSU

from Staff Reports

Ready for praise and celebration? The traditional kickoff events for MTSU’s African American History Month celebration every winter, the annual Gospel Music Extravaganza and the Unity Luncheon, will offer plenty of both as participants honor good works throughout the community.

This year’s MTSU AAHM theme is “From Slavery to Freedom: Africans in the Americas.” There will be a variety of events—music, lectures and social gatherings—throughout the months of February and March.

The Extravaganza, now in its seventh year, will feature all-male choirs, groups, solos, spiritual dancing, readings and modeling African attire.

Most importantly, the event, set for Saturday, Feb. 3, beginning at 6 p.m. in Tucker Theatre, is a benefit for 13-year-old Jamise Marable of Murfreesboro, a longtime AAHM event performer, and MTSU’s Study Abroad Program. Jamise lost her hands and feet in 2006 from complications following pneumonia and kidney failure and is now learning to use prosthetic limbs.



**HISTORY’S HEROES**—African-Americans who’ve helped change the world include, clockwise from top right, statesman Frederick Douglass, civil rights leader Coretta Scott King, Baseball Hall of Famer Henry Aaron, U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, black nationalist leader Malcolm X, Gen. Colin Powell and civil rights activist Rosa Parks.

illustration by News & Public Affairs/Associated Press/NATO Photos

Admission to the Gospel Music Extravaganza is \$5 per person. Children under 6 will be admitted free.

On Tuesday, Feb. 6, the annual Unity Luncheon once again will recognize and honor select “unsung heroes” in

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## MIMIC research facility will be unveiled Feb. 2

by Randy Weiler

The realization of biology professor emeritus Marion Wells’ dream and the “determination” of chemistry professor and administrative director Andrienne Friedli have led to the newest technology to hit the MTSU campus.

The MTSU Interdisciplinary Microanalysis and Imaging Center grand opening will be held Friday, Feb. 2, from 2 until 3:30 p.m. in the Forrest Hall Annex behind the Keathley University Center, Friedli said.

MTSU President Sidney A. McPhee will preside at the ribbon-cutting ceremony, which will be held at 2:30 p.m. in the annex’s west wing.

Faculty, staff and students interested in the research center are

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## Retired professor still watching Washington

by Gina K. Logue

Of all the issues tackled by the 110th Congress in its first “100 hours,” one measure received scant media attention.

By a vote of 416-0, the House of Representatives agreed to overhaul the board that supervises the congressional page program. A House Ethics Committee report issued in December acknowledged that the leaders of the 109th Congress were negligent in failing to protect pages from improper advances.

Once upon a time in America, things were very, very different. Frank Essex began his work as a congressional page to U.S. Rep. W.F. Norrell on Jan. 10, 1944. In a Jan. 20 letter to his mother in Stuttgart, Ark.,



Essex

young Essex wrote, “Mr. Norrell wasn’t there, but his secretary fixed me up and got me over to the Capitol. And then I made out with the assistance of the other pages.”

The expressions “fixed me up” and “made out” had much more innocuous meanings in 1944.

When Congressman Mark Foley resigned his seat as the representative of Florida’s 16th District in September after it was revealed that Foley had sent suggestive messages to one or more male pages, Essex could only shake his head.

“Being negligent, as they had to have been to let that kind of thing unfold, is just unconscionable,” says the former MTSU political science professor.

By contrast, Essex has only golden memories of an era in which he walked among and served the giants of American politics and rambled freely on foot throughout the District

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### IN BRIEF

#### RED ALERT FOR EMERGENCY REPS! ATTEND FEBRUARY INFO SESSION

If you’re a building emergency representative involved in the university’s new tornado-alert planning, attend one of five informational sessions scheduled in February in the KUC Theater. Each session will last about one hour and will contain the same information. Choose your best time and bring a notepad:

- Monday, Feb. 12, 2-3:30 p.m.;
- Tuesday, Feb 13, 9-10:30 a.m.;
- Thursday, Feb. 15, 1:30-3 p.m.; or
- Monday, Feb. 19, 9-10:30 a.m. and 1-2:30 p.m.

Call 615-898-2919 for information.

#### STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS NOMINATION DEADLINE IS FEB. 20

Nominations are being accepted through Tuesday, Feb. 20, for the 2007 Student Recognition Awards, which honor four undergraduates for exemplary character and achievements in scholarship, leadership and service with the President’s Award, the Provost’s Award, the Robert C. LaLance Jr. Achievement Award and the Community Service Award. Award descriptions, applications and selection criteria can be found at [www.mtsu.edu/~mtleader/scholar.htm](http://www.mtsu.edu/~mtleader/scholar.htm). Recipients will be honored at the President’s Celebration of Excellence in April. For more information, contact Dr. Deana Raffo at 615-898-5786.

#### ‘BLUE ELITE’ SIGN-UP MEETING FEB. 22 IN BAS STATE FARM ROOM

Blue Elite, a new student organization in the Office of Admissions, will have a general interest meeting at 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, in the State Farm Lecture Hall in the Business and Aerospace Building. Members will give special tours and join fall recruiting trips the university makes to West and East Tennessee. For more information, call Steven Mizell at 615-494-7942.

#### TRiO PROGRAMS SCHEDULE OPEN HOUSE IN MIDGETT 101

The MTSU TRiO programs Student Support Services, Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate program and Education Talent Search invite MTSU faculty, administrators and staff to a TRiO Open House Celebration from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, in Midgett Building Room 101. For more information, call 615-898-5443.



[www.mtsunews.com](http://www.mtsunews.com)

FOR THE RECORD

# Streaming video, the TBR Media Consortium & you

by Gail Fedak

Streamin', streamin' video is here! It's FMG (Films Media Group) OnDemand, brought to you by your friendly neighborhood Tennessee Board of Regents Media Consortium.

The TBR Media Consortium has provided access to a core collection of 29 streaming videos for all TBR schools. This service serves a dual purpose. First, Regents Online Degree Program faculty and students with high-speed Internet connection have asynchronous access to these titles, so RODP students need not travel to the nearest TBR library to complete viewing assignments. Second, faculty and students in traditional classes have access to an additional video-delivery method.

One of the most exciting aspects of FMG OnDemand is that faculty may customize the titles to identify relevant content and organize it to meet teaching needs. Titles are available at 300



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kbps and 1.2 Mbps, depending on the user's Internet connection and use of a PC or Mac. Playlists, a personalized list of videos or excerpts, are easy to create.

To use FMG OnDemand, faculty need to set up an account by contacting Jean Reese at [jreese@mtsu.edu](mailto:jreese@mtsu.edu). Instructional Media Resources staff are available to provide orientation for individual or small groups of faculty. Orientation sessions also may be scheduled with Jean.

Chartered in 1979, the TBR Media Consortium established the means for TBR colleges and universities to purchase educational media at reduced prices. The Media Consortium's executive director negotiates with vendors to secure discounts and educational public performance and duplication rights for media products, including telecourses, that TBR schools purchase and license.

Originally, the Media Consortium licensed off-air recordings and transfers of 16mm films to 3/4" U-matic videocassettes. When VHS became the prevailing video format and prices dropped to more affordable levels, the TBR schools began purchasing programs directly from contracted vendors at discounted prices. While that practice continues, the TBR Media Consortium has moved one more step forward by making streaming video a reality for all TBR colleges and universities.

Since its inception, the Media Consortium has saved TBR schools more than \$2 million. Of that, MTSU realized a savings of more than \$5,250 last year on VHS and DVD purchases and an additional \$7,700 savings on video streaming.

Many of the distributors who contract with the Media Consortium extend their discounts to individual departments as well. Departments

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# Satellite/Webcasting programs growing

by Randy Weiler

MTSU's Satellite and Webcasting Center's students' enrichment programs and teachers' professional development programs continue to grow across the state.

Live Webcasting became available statewide last fall, said Dr. Connie Schmidt, director of the Instructional Technology and Support Center.

Williamson and Knox counties recently agreed to join the other 14 city and county school systems that participate, Schmidt said.

"We received excellent response to our Webcasting efforts, with teachers and students across the state participating in programs by Internet," Schmidt said, adding that teachers need access to high-speed Internet and Windows Media Player. (A free plug-in is available from the center's Web site).

This spring's student programs, which will air live at 9 a.m. CST on Tuesdays starting Jan. 30, will cover a wide range of topics including history, social studies, geography, science, college entrance exam preparation, mental health and agriculture, Schmidt said.

"Many of our spring programs, such as 'Paris: Walking the City of Lights' on Feb. 27, 'Discovering Primary Sources at the Tennessee State Library and Archives' on March 27 and 'Matisse, Picasso, and the School of Paris: Masterpieces from the Baltimore Museum of Art' on April 3 make cross-curricular links among social studies, reading, writing and the arts," Schmidt said.

Four programs addressing the environment, conservation and alternative fuel sources will be of interest to

science and agriculture students, she added. These include "What is the Big Deal About the Rainforest?" Feb. 6, "Fueling the Future: Building Engines with Alternative Fuel Sources" on March 13, "Where Does Your Electricity Come From?" April 10 and "Zoning Out in the Glades" on April 17.

Presenters include educators from the Frist Center for the Visual Arts, the Tennessee State Library and Archives, the Mental Health Association of Middle Tennessee, the Southern Energy Conservation Initiative, regional K-12 schools and MTSU.

The teachers' programs, which will air at 3:30 p.m. Thursdays starting Feb. 1, present excellent opportunities for earning in-service credit, Schmidt said.

Some of the programs are content-area specific, such as "Promoting Student Thinking: Using Poetry to Scaffold Student Creativity" Feb. 15, "Phabulous Physical Activities on a Shoe-String Budget" March 15, "Pi in Your Face: Planning and Implementing a Family Math Night" March 29, "Becoming a Rocket Scientist: Getting Your Students Excited About Careers in Space" April 12 and "Inquiring Minds Want to Know" on April 19, she said.

Presenters include MTSU faculty and educators from the Marshall Space Flight Center/NASA, the Tennessee Department of Education, the Mental Health Association of Middle Tennessee, the Tennessee State Library and Archives and several K-12 school systems.

Tara Joyce (Center for Dyslexia), Cindy Cliché (Campus School) and Drs. Larry Burriss (journalism); Kathy Burriss, Bobbie Solley and Jeremy Winters (elementary and special education); Cliff Ricketts (agribusiness and agriscience) and Kim Cleary Sadler (biology) will be MTSU presenters.

For a schedule, visit [www.mtsu.edu/~itsc](http://www.mtsu.edu/~itsc).

## Recognizing excellence



**GREAT WORK!**—Christopher Crowell, left, chair of MTSU's Employee Recognition Committee, presents Emma Hayes, grant clerk for Accounting Services, with the Fourth Quarter 2006 Secretarial/Clerical Award as Accounting Services Director Tim Hurst looks on. The Employee Recognition Committee salutes staffers who make outstanding contributions and demonstrate excellence in their roles. To nominate an administrative, secretarial/clerical, classified or technical/service co-worker for the quarterly award program, download an employee recognition nomination form at [hrs.web.mtsu.edu/forms.html](http://hrs.web.mtsu.edu/forms.html) and submit it to Human Resource Services in CAB 217.

photo by J. Intintoli

# Groundhog Day Luncheon gets new digs

**Fan demand for tickets sends baseball fund-raiser into Alumni Memorial Gym**

from MT Media Relations

The 34th Annual Groundhog Day Luncheon to benefit Blue Raider baseball has been set for Friday, Feb. 2, at 11:30 a.m., with a change of venue on tap this year.

The event will take place at Alumni Memorial Gym on the MTSU campus. The luncheon is hosted by the Blue Raider baseball team and the Blue Raider Athletic Association to kick off the 2007 season.

The change in site was made to accommodate more patrons for the event that draws more than 500 fans each year to hear head coach Steve Peterson talk about the upcoming

Blue Raider baseball season.

Last year, the program was dedicated to kicking off a capital campaign for a new stadium and amenities for the baseball program, an aspect that will come to fruition for the 2008 season.

"This luncheon is a great way to begin getting the fans excited about the season," said Peterson.

"We have such great baseball fans at Middle Tennessee and it's good to see the numbers keep increasing each year.



Peterson

That's the biggest reason for moving the event—we outgrew the Tennessee Room at the James Union Building. Growth is always a good sign."

The meal includes ham hocks, white beans, tomato salad, green onions, corn bread, chocolate cake and ice cream. All tickets for the event this year are \$20.

Reservations may be made for the Groundhog Day Luncheon by calling the BRAA office at 615-898-2210 or the Middle Tennessee Ticket Office at 615-898-2103 or 1-888-YES-MTSU.



# Student researchers to present posters at capitol

by Randy Weiler

Six MTSU students will be among 36 statewide participating in the second Posters at the State Capitol, which will be held Wednesday, Feb. 7, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. in Nashville, said Dr. Tom Cheatham, dean of the College of Basic and Applied Sciences and event coordinator.

“I think it will be a great day,” Cheatham said of the posters event. “The first year (2006) was tremendous. The students had a terrific time. They left the capitol with a real sense of helping the universities spread the word about research. I think the legislature will be more comfortable with our students being there this year.”

The students will try to meet individually with

their local legislators, have lunch with various legislators, have the poster session and also pose for a photo with Gov. Phil Bredesen, Cheatham said.

MTSU’s student presenters will include:

- Collin Davey, a senior English major from Murfreesboro, whose poster will be titled “Morphology, Matiere & Marie.” His faculty mentor is Monica Wright.
- Lacey Fleming, a senior anthropology major from Nashville, whose poster will be titled “The Role of the Domesticated Dog in Prehistoric Middle Tennessee.” Her mentor is Tanya M. Peres.
- Brandy Dacus, a senior anthropology major from Nashville, whose poster will be titled “Lithic Analysis from Castalian Springs Mound Site.” Her mentor is Shannon Hodge.
- Teri Proctor, a senior psychology major from Murfreesboro, whose poster will be titled “College

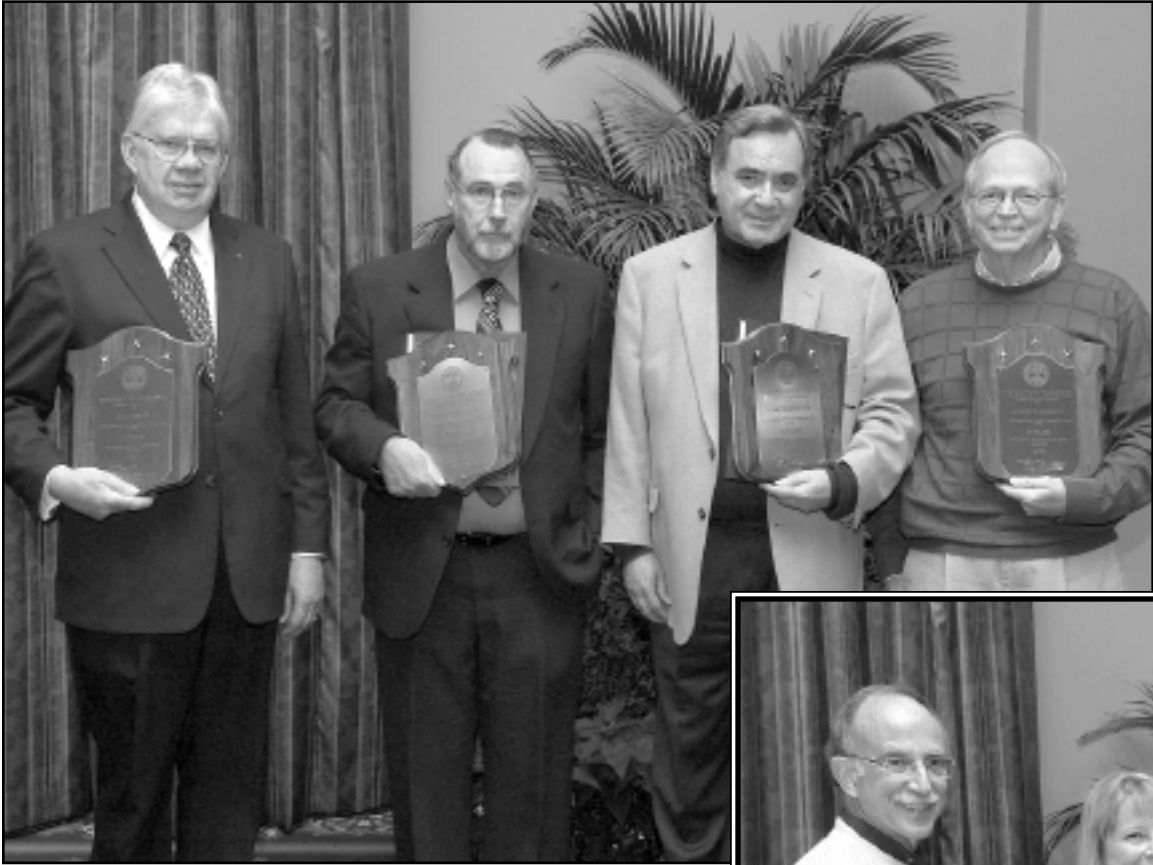
Adjustment & Retention in First Semester Traditional Students.” Her mentor is Michelle Boyer-Pennington.

- Adam Shulman, a senior physics major from Shelbyville, whose poster will be titled “Stretching of an Equine Red Blood Cell Using Optical Tweezers.” His mentor is Daniel Erenso.

- Richard Sharpe, a December 2006 graduate who majored in biology and graduate student concentrating in genetics and biotechnology from Antioch, whose poster will be titled “Preparatory Steps for *Daucus carota* Transformation with an O-Antigen Gene from *Shigella sonnei* for Possible Vaccine Use.” His mentor is Bruce Cahoon.

McNair Scholars Program Director Diane Miller is coordinating MTSU’s student presenters, Cheatham said.

## Exemplary service



Thirty-five-year employees, shown at right, also were honored. From left to right are professors Lon Nuell, art; Catherine Burnette, mathematical sciences; Thenartis Ellis, economics and finance; and James Lea, mathematical sciences. Not pictured in the 35-year group are Joe Alexander, building services; Kiyoshi Kawahito, economics and finance; and Ed Kimbrell, journalism.

For a list of all the Employee Service Awards honorees by division and length of service, visit [www.mtsunews.com](http://www.mtsunews.com).

photo by J. Intintoli



**TIMELY RECOGNITION**—MTSU recently recognized employees with 10 or more years of service at the annual Employee Service Awards ceremony in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building. Among those honored were staffers with 40 years’ service to the university; shown at left are professors Phil Harper, accounting; Jim Cook, physics and astronomy; Mario Perez-Reilly, political science; and Aubrey Moseley, educational leadership.

photo by J. Intintoli

## Stones River Symposium set

Mark your calendar for the fourth Legacy of Stones River Symposium, to be held in Murfreesboro Saturday, March 31, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. “Remembering the Civil War” will address battlefield preservation and Civil War commemoration during the 80th anniversary year of the establishment of Stones River National Battlefield.

The symposium will consist of scholarly talks and living-history programs. Morning sessions at the Rutherford County Courthouse will feature several presentations, while

afternoon activities at the battlefield will include tours of the National Cemetery and walks to the Hazen Brigade Monument (the nation’s oldest intact Civil War memorial).

Sponsors of “Remembering the Civil War” include the Center for Historic Preservation at Middle Tennessee State University and MTSU’s Department of History.

Registration is \$10, and more information is on the Web at [histpres.mtsu.edu/tncivwar](http://histpres.mtsu.edu/tncivwar) or [www.nps.gov/stri](http://www.nps.gov/stri) or by calling 615-893-9501.

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who purchase educational video programs are encouraged to contact me at [gfedak@mtsu.edu](mailto:gfedak@mtsu.edu) before placing their orders to take advantage of available discounts.

IMR will purchase additional FMG titles in spring 2007 to expand the streaming offerings at MTSU. Faculty interested in requesting specific titles from the FMG streaming collection can browse and preview their titles at [www.films.com](http://www.films.com). Faculty may request specific FMG titles be purchased to add to this collection for MTSU by contacting Jean or me.

As we have been doing for the past 31 years, the Instructional Media Resources staff are available to assist

faculty and students in obtaining and using multiple audiovisual resources. We look forward to hearing from you!

*Gail Fedak is manager of Instructional Media Resources and station manager of ERC@MT, the Education Resource Channel at MTSU.*

# Calendar

## Jan. 29-Feb. 11

### TV Schedule

**“Middle Tennessee Record”**  
**Cable Channel 9**  
Monday-Sunday—5 p.m.  
**NewsChannel 5+**  
Saturdays—1 p.m.

### Jan. 29

**Jan. 29-Feb. 1**  
**Film: “Running with Scissors”**  
7 and 9:30 p.m., KUC Theater  
Admission: \$2 per person  
For information, visit  
[www.mtsu.edu/~events/films.html](http://www.mtsu.edu/~events/films.html)

**Monday, Jan. 29**  
**Honors Lecture Series**  
Dr. Andrew Austin (University of Wisconsin-Green Bay),  
“The Sociology of Crime and Punishment”  
3-3:55 p.m., HONR 106  
For information, contact:  
615-898-2152.

**Stones River Chamber Players**  
7:30 p.m., Hinton Music Hall  
For information, contact:  
615-898-2493.

### Jan. 30

**Tuesday, Jan. 30**  
**Murfreesboro Youth Orchestra**  
7 p.m., Hinton Music Hall  
For information, contact:  
615-898-2493.

### Jan. 31

**Wednesday, Jan. 31**  
**Men’s Tennis vs. Kentucky**  
1:30 p.m., Racquet Club of M’boro  
For information, visit  
[www.goblueraiders.com](http://www.goblueraiders.com)  
or contact: 615-898-2103.

**Women’s Basketball vs. Denver**  
7 p.m., Murphy Center  
For information, visit  
[www.goblueraiders.com](http://www.goblueraiders.com)  
or contact: 615-898-2103.

**Men’s Tennis vs. Chattanooga**  
7:30 p.m., Racquet Club of M’boro  
For information, visit  
[www.goblueraiders.com](http://www.goblueraiders.com)  
or contact: 615-898-2103.

### Feb. 1

**Thursday, Feb. 1**  
**Red Cross Blood Drive**  
10 a.m.-4 p.m., KUC 322  
For information, visit  
<http://hot.redcross.org>  
or contact: 615-330-5941.

**Thursday, Feb. 1**  
**Men’s Basketball vs. Denver**  
7 p.m., Murphy Center  
For information, visit  
[www.goblueraiders.com](http://www.goblueraiders.com)  
or contact: 615-898-2103.

### Feb. 2

**Friday, Feb. 2**  
**Groundhog Day Luncheon**  
benefiting MTSU Baseball  
11:30 a.m., Alumni Memorial Gym  
Tickets: \$20 per person  
For information, contact:  
615-898-2210.

**MTSU Wind Ensemble**  
8 p.m., Hinton Music Hall  
For information, contact:  
615-898-2493.

### Feb. 3

**Saturday, Feb. 3**  
**Men’s Tennis vs. Virginia Tech**  
Noon, Racquet Club of M’boro  
For information, visit  
[www.goblueraiders.com](http://www.goblueraiders.com)  
or contact: 615-898-2103.

**Honor Band/Tennessee Valley Winds Concert**  
2 p.m., Hinton Music Hall  
For information, contact:  
615-898-2493.

**Women’s Basketball vs. South Alabama**  
3 p.m., Murphy Center  
For information, visit  
[www.goblueraiders.com](http://www.goblueraiders.com)  
or contact: 615-898-2103.

**African American History Month: Seventh Annual Gospel Music Extravaganza**  
6 p.m., Tucker Theatre  
Admission: \$5 per person, no charge for children under 6  
For information, visit  
[www.mtsu.edu/aahm](http://www.mtsu.edu/aahm)  
or contact: 615-898-5145.

**Men’s Basketball vs. South Alabama**  
7 p.m., Murphy Center  
For information, visit  
[www.goblueraiders.com](http://www.goblueraiders.com)  
or contact: 615-898-2103.

**Men’s Tennis vs. Florida Atlantic**  
7 p.m., Racquet Club of M’boro  
For information, visit  
[www.goblueraiders.com](http://www.goblueraiders.com)  
or contact: 615-898-2103.

### Feb. 5

**Feb. 5-8**  
**Film: “The Departed”**  
7 and 9:30 p.m., KUC Theater  
Admission: \$2 per person  
For information, visit  
[www.mtsu.edu/~events/films.html](http://www.mtsu.edu/~events/films.html)

**Monday, Feb. 5**  
**Honors Lecture Series**  
Dr. Bob Glenn, “Sherlock Holmes: The First CSI”  
3-3:55 p.m., HONR 106  
For information, contact:  
615-898-2152.

### Feb. 6

**Tuesday, Feb. 6**  
**African American History Month: Unity Luncheon**  
11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., JUB Tennessee Room  
Admission: \$18 per person  
For information, contact:  
615-898-2718.

**LT&ITC’s First Tuesday Series**  
Victor Montemayor, “Evidence-Based Learning”  
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Peck Hall 106  
For information, visit  
[www.mtsu.edu/~ltanditc](http://www.mtsu.edu/~ltanditc)  
or contact: 615-494-7671.

**JAWC Career/Professional Development Brown Bag**  
Janet Kraft, “How to Be a Successful Career Woman in a Business Man’s World”  
12-1 p.m, BAS SunTrust Room  
For information, contact:  
615-898-2193.

**African American History Month: “The History of Black Gospel Music”**  
Dr. Cedric Dent, lecture/recital  
6 p.m., Hinton Music Hall  
For information, contact:  
615-898-2493.

### Feb. 7

**Wednesday, Feb. 7**  
**Summer Jobs & Internship Fair**  
11 a.m.-3 p.m., JUB  
For information, visit  
<http://career.web.mtsu.edu/summerfair.htm>  
or contact: 615-898-2500.

**Guest Clarinet Recital: Dr. Tonya Lawson**  
8 p.m., Hinton Music Hall  
For information, contact:  
615-898-2493.

### Feb. 8

**Thursday, Feb. 8**  
**MTSU Jazz Artist Series: A-P-S-9 (The Aliquo, Purcell, Simmons Nonet)**  
7:30 p.m., Hinton Music Hall  
For information, contact:  
615-898-2493.

### Feb. 9

**Friday, Feb. 9**  
**Women’s Tennis vs. Virginia**  
1 p.m., Racquet Club of M’boro  
For information, visit  
[www.goblueraiders.com](http://www.goblueraiders.com)  
or contact: 615-898-2103.

### Feb. 10

**Saturday, Feb. 10**  
**MT Track & Cross Country Valentine Invitational**  
Murphy Center  
For information, visit  
[www.goblueraiders.com](http://www.goblueraiders.com)  
or contact: 615-898-2103.

**MTSU Double Reed Day**  
9 a.m.-6 p.m., Hinton Music Hall  
For information, contact:  
615-898-2493.

**Men’s Tennis vs. Texas Tech**  
Noon, Racquet Club of M’boro  
For information, visit  
[www.goblueraiders.com](http://www.goblueraiders.com)  
or contact: 615-898-2103.

**Presidential Concert Series: Blair String Quartet**  
7:30 p.m., Hinton Music Hall  
For information, contact:  
615-898-2493.

### Feb. 11

**Sunday, Feb. 11**  
**Men’s Tennis vs. Louisville**  
Noon, Racquet Club of M’boro  
For information, visit  
[www.goblueraiders.com](http://www.goblueraiders.com)  
or contact: 615-898-2103.

**Women’s Basketball vs. Western Kentucky**  
2 p.m., Murphy Center  
For information, visit  
[www.goblueraiders.com](http://www.goblueraiders.com)  
or contact: 615-898-2103.

**MTSU Choral Concert**  
3 p.m., Hinton Music Hall  
For information, contact:  
615-898-2493.

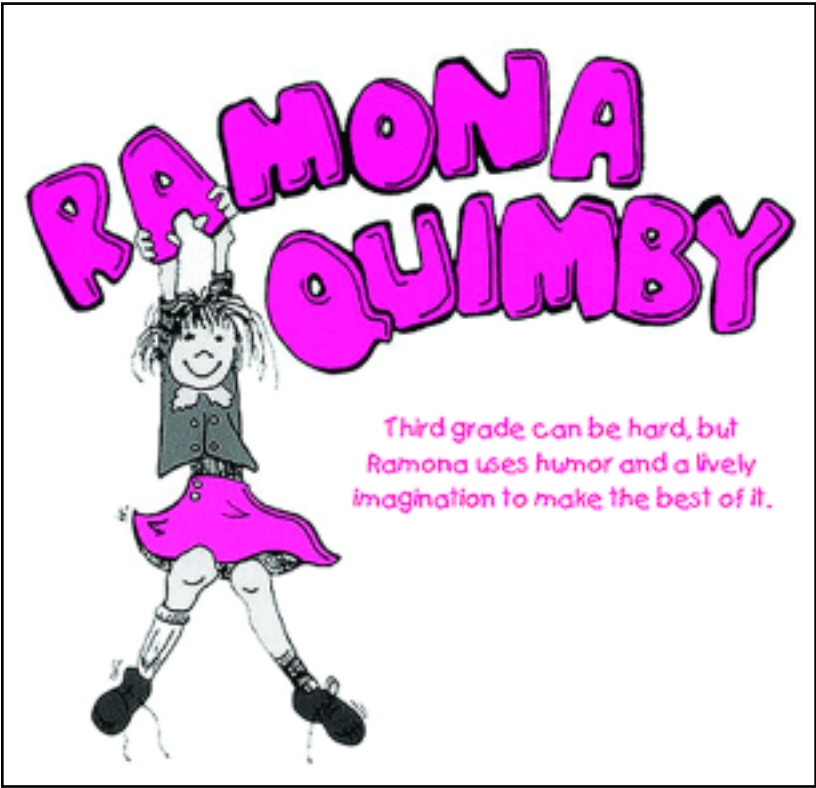


# Join ‘girl who could not wait’ for children’s performances

by Ryan Chittaphong

The MTSU CenterStage Series will get under way in 2007 with the children’s theater production of “Ramona Quimby,” which will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 23-24 in Tucker Theatre. One of the most memorable characters in American children’s fiction will come to life on stage in this entertaining adaptation of Beverly Cleary’s beloved children’s book series. Theatergoers can follow 8-year-old Ramona through her adventurous third-grade year as she faces some of life’s most difficult obstacles with pluck and humor. Dr. Jette Halladay, professor of speech and theatre, did her research before selecting “Ramona Quimby” as this season’s children’s theater production. “I visited various elementary schools to ask teachers what some of the students’ favorite books were and what they might be interested to see on stage, and ‘Ramona Quimby’ was a popular suggestion among many teachers,” she confirmed. Adapted for the stage by Obie-winning playwright Len Jenkin, the play incorporates several familiar events from the Ramona book collection. For Ramona, third grade can’t get much worse. Her teacher is angry with her and her friends make

fun of her. Her father loses his job, and her mother has to go back to work. Her sister picks on her. And to top it all off, her Aunt Bea is getting married and moving to Alaska. Life just isn’t fair! But with the help of her loving family and friends, Ramona conquers life’s challenges and audiences will laugh and cheer her on. “I’m really excited about doing the show,” Ben Dawson, a sophomore theater major who portrays Ramona’s father, said. “I grew up watching the old Ramona cartoons when I was little, and now I get the chance to bring those characters to life on stage for children.” Halladay said some 20 MTSU students will portray characters whose ages range from 8 years old to 70-plus. “This show is going to be very different from other children’s productions we have done in the recent past,” Halladay said. “It deals with real family issues that children can relate to in their lives.” “Ramona Quimby” also will be performed in daytime matinees for school groups at 9 and 10:30



a.m. Feb. 20-23. Tickets to evening performances of “Ramona Quimby” may be purchased at the door. Ticket prices range from \$4 to \$8; MTSU students will be admitted free with a valid ID. *Ryan Chittaphong is a senior majoring in theatre performance.*

## MIMIC

welcomed to attend to learn more about MIMIC and celebrate the completion of renovations. Refreshments will be served. So what is MIMIC, the acronym for MTSU’s Interdisciplinary Microanalysis and Imaging Center? MIMIC is the first university-supported core facility for state-of-the-art research instrumentation, Friedli said, adding that its origins build on Wells’ work “throughout his long and distinguished career as a microbiologist specializing in elec-

tron microscopy techniques.” “Through his efforts in science and fund-raising, a microscopy lab was built and maintained in the biology department over the past 20-plus years,” Friedli added. The center’s showpiece equipment includes a state-of-the-art Hitachi-made transmission electron microscope and scanning electron microscope with an X-ray analyzer, Friedli said, adding that both are all-digital and have remote-access capability.

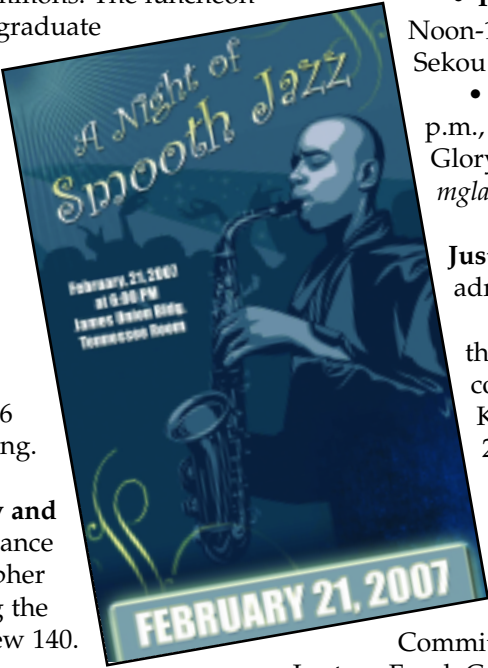
“Somebody from Tennessee State University (or another college or university) could study samples from their locations,” College of Basic and Applied Sciences Dean Tom Cheatham said of the remote-access capability. Other equipment includes a Perkin-Elmer Inductively Coupled Plasma-Mass Spectrometer, an ultramicrotome, critical point dryer, knife maker, sputter coater, vacuum evaporator, rotatorque rotator (micacentrifuge) and biosafety cabinet.

The nearly \$1 million funding for equipment came from the MTSU Office of Research (with credit to former vice provost for research Abdul Rao and interim vice provost Robert Carlton) and the National Science Foundation, Friedli said. For more information about MIMIC, call Friedli at 615-898-2071 or technical manager Joyce Miller at 615-494-7976, or visit [www.mtsu.edu/~mimic](http://www.mtsu.edu/~mimic).

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## Celebrating

the community who have spent a large part of their lives serving others through their time and energy. This year’s event is set from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. in the James Union Building’s Tennessee Room. Tickets are \$18 per person; admission for students with a valid MTSU ID is \$8. This year’s honorees are Barbara Murray Alexander, Marilyn Massengale, Lillie W. McCrary, Kathryn McCroskey and Susie Mae Simmons. The luncheon speaker will be Dr. Gilman W. Whiting, director of undergraduate studies and senior lecturer in the African American and Diaspora Studies Program at Vanderbilt University. To register or for more information about the Unity Luncheon, call Valerie Avent at 615-898-2718. Registration payment should be received no later than Wednesday, Jan. 31, at MTSU Multicultural Affairs, Box 88, Murfreesboro, Tenn. 37132. Please include the names and phone numbers of all registrants. Also on Feb. 6, Dr. Cedric Dent of the McLean School of Music will present a lecture and piano recital on “The History of Black Gospel Music.” Dent, renowned for his work with the group Take 6, will begin his free lecture at 6 p.m. in the Hinton Music Hall of the Wright Music Building. Other scheduled events include: • **Feb. 14-17—“In The Spirit of Pearl: Using Identity and Womanist Thought to Liberate Performance,”** a performance workshop with Ursula Payne, award-winning choreographer and the artistic director of Soul Deep Creations, exploring the issues of race, gender, class and identity. Location: Fairview 140. Contact: Kim Neal Nofsinger, [nofsinge@mtsu.edu](mailto:nofsinge@mtsu.edu). • **Feb. 16-17— The 2007 Annual MTSU African American Student Leadership Conference,** “To Whom Much Is Given, Much Is Required.” Contact: Ralph Metcalf, 615-898-2987, [rmetcalf@mtsu.edu](mailto:rmetcalf@mtsu.edu). • **Wednesday, Feb. 21—“A Night of Smooth Jazz,”** featuring Bernard Harris (“Madea’s Family Reunion”), MTSU alumnus Darnell Levine, Cicely Floyd (2007 Stellar Awards Show) and vocalist Shell Massey; 6 p.m., JUB Tennessee Room; \$5 per person admission. Contact: Meichelle Gibson,



[mgibson@mtsu.edu](mailto:mgibson@mtsu.edu). • **Thursday, Feb. 22—Black History Month Documentary Night,** featuring “Far From Home” (a documentary about school busing) and “God Sleeps in Rwanda”; 6 p.m., Honors College Amphitheatre (Room 106); no admission charge. Contact: Georgia Dennis, 615-898-5645, [gdennis@mtsu.edu](mailto:gdennis@mtsu.edu). • **Thursday, March 1, “The African Presence in Latin America”;** Noon-1:30 p.m., KUC Theater; no admission charge. Contact: Dr. Sekou Franklin, 615-904-8232. • **Saturday, March 24—Miss Southern Tennessee Pageant;** 6:30 p.m., KUC Theater; sponsored by WGNS-AM 1450, “To God Be The Glory Broadcast.” Contact: Mary Glass, 615-898-5145, [mglass@mtsu.edu](mailto:mglass@mtsu.edu). • **Monday, April 2—“Race, The Death Penalty and Criminal Justice” panel discussion;** 9:10-10:05 a.m., LRC Room 221; no admission charge. Contact: Dr. Amy Staples, [astaples@mtsu.edu](mailto:astaples@mtsu.edu). • **Thursday, April 12—MTSU Health Fair,** featuring booths that raise awareness about cancer, Sickle Cell Anemia, and other conditions that affect African Americans. 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Keathley University Center. Contact: Ralph Metcalf, 615-898-2987, [rmetcalf@mtsu.edu](mailto:rmetcalf@mtsu.edu). • **Thursday, April 12—“Building Gender Coalitions Across Racial Lines,”** a lecture by author/activist/economist Naomi Tutu, daughter of Archbishop Desmond Tutu; 4:30 p.m., location TBA; co-sponsored by the June Anderson Women’s Center, National Women’s History Month Committee, Black History Month Committee and the Distinguished Lecture Fund. Contact: Terri Johnson, 615-898-2193, [trjohnso@mtsu.edu](mailto:trjohnso@mtsu.edu). • **Friday, April 20—Black Alumni Achievement Awards and the Al Wilkerson Scholarship Reception;** 7 p.m., JUB Tennessee Room; \$10 per person admission. Contact: Valerie Avent, [vavent@mtsu.edu](mailto:vavent@mtsu.edu), 615-898-2718. • **Thursday, April 26—Ebony Achievement Awards;** 6:30 p.m., James Union Building, Tennessee Room; tickets required. Contact: Ralph Metcalf, 615-898-2987, [rmetcalf@mtsu.edu](mailto:rmetcalf@mtsu.edu). For more information, visit [www.mtsu.edu/aahm](http://www.mtsu.edu/aahm) and read *The Record*.

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# Career Center sponsoring 2 job fairs in February

by Doug Williams

The Career Center is sponsoring two distinct careers fairs next month—one for underclassmen looking for summer jobs and one for upperclassmen and alumni jump-starting a career search.

The annual Summer Jobs and Internship Fair will be on the MTSU campus from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7. The fair will be held in the James Union Building.

Though it's still the middle of winter, now is a prime time for students to seek summer employment and internships that may lead to full-time careers, said Karen Austin, assistant director of the MTSU Career and Employment Center.

A new addition this year is the special room for mass communications job seekers.

"This year we have a special room dedicated to the communications and broadcast industry," Austin said. "We will easily have 10 to 12 companies, from radio stations to other communications firms, looking for students to fill summer jobs and

internships."

Austin said she expect over 60 employers to be on campus recruiting students from all majors.

"Some of the top companies in the Nashville area will be here including the Frist Center for the Visual Arts, Target, Youth Villages and the YMCA. We feel this opportunity, plus a little advance planning on the part of the students can pay big dividends in the future."

**'We expect to have a large crowd again this year.'**

*Martha Turner  
director, MTSU Career & Employment Center*

Austin said the jobs fair is open to all students but is geared primarily to freshmen, sophomores and juniors. The fair is a free service to MTSU students.

Over 400 employers from business, government, and education will be providing opportunities to MTSU students and alumni at the Nashville

College to Career Fair Tuesday, Feb. 13, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Tennessee State Fairgrounds.

The fair is a cooperative effort between 16 universities throughout the greater Nashville area and also is open to college juniors, seniors, graduate students and alumni. Anyone wanting to attend must have a ticket to be admitted into the fair. Free tickets are available at the MTSU Career and Employment Center.

The College to Career Fair will be larger and better than ever this year, said Martha Turner, director of the MTSU Career and Employment Center.

"This fair is actually two fairs occurring at the same time, in the same place," Turner said. "This is an excellent opportunity to visit, learn about a particular company or industry, and begin or strengthen

that all-important career networking process. All attendees must have a ticket to enter and should also bring a resume.

"MTSU always has the largest number of students, so we expect to have a large crowd again this year."

For more information, visit [career.web.mtsu.edu](http://career.web.mtsu.edu).

## A true good neighbor



**STATE FARM IS HERE**—State Farm Insurance Companies recently donated funds to the MTSU Foundation for the Jennings A. Jones College of Business and the 2007 Regional Science Olympiad. G. Ron Nichols, State Farm vice president-operations for Tennessee, shown at left in the photo above left, presents a \$25,000 check to Dr. Jim Burton, MTSU business dean, to enhance an endowment fund established in 2003 for an insurance professorship. In the photo above right, chemistry professor Dr. Pat Patterson, director of the Science Olympiad, joins Dr. Tom Cheatham, right, dean of the College of Basic and Applied Sciences, to accept a \$3,600 gift from Nichols and State Farm. Over the last 13 years, gifts to MTSU from State Farm Insurance Companies and the State Farm Foundation have amounted to nearly \$1 million. The 2007 Regional Science Olympiad will be held Saturday, Feb. 24, at various campus locations. The event is a competition for middle- and high-school students; more information is available at [www.mtsu.edu/~collbas/ScienceOlympiad/](http://www.mtsu.edu/~collbas/ScienceOlympiad/).

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## 20,797 return for spring '07

First-day totals included 20,797 students enrolled in classes for the spring 2007 semester, Dr. Sherian Huddleston, associate vice provost for enrollment services, said.

The Day One headcount was 350 more than the 20,447 students who attended the first day of classes Jan. 16, 2006, Huddleston said, adding that it is a 1.68 percent increase.

The 14-day census report date will be Monday, Jan. 29. Huddleston will submit final enrollment totals to the Tennessee Board of Regents that day.

Huddleston and the academic affairs and student affairs offices

reported no problems as classes resumed. Lines were evident at several key places.

"I did see several people in financial aid, and in admissions, students trying to get admitted," Huddleston said. There also was a line of students at the business office in the Cope Administration Building.

Huddleston said Jan. 29 also will be the same day students can receive a "75 percent fee refund if they drop below full time and the deadline for them to drop a course without a grade being recorded on their transcript."

## McNair, Honors programs plan dual recruiting reception Jan. 31

from Staff Reports

The McNair Scholars Program and University Honors College will hold a joint recruiting reception for current MTSU students Wednesday, Jan. 31, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. in Honors Room 106, representatives from both organizations said recently.

"(Current McNair and Honors College) students will talk about their experiences, and the deans or directors of the programs will offer a welcome and talk about general information about their programs," said Michelle Arnold, pro-

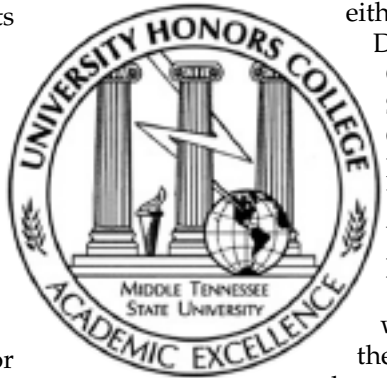
gram coordinator and adviser in the Honors College.

"It's very informal. People in the audience will ask questions. It was a great success last year."

Arnold said either McNair Director Diane Miller or Coordinator Steve Saunders and Honors College Dean Phil Mathis or Associate Dean Scott Carnicom would discuss their programs.

Saunders said food will be provided, and the event is open to students with a 3.0 grade point average or higher and who meet respective McNair and Honors College qualifications.

**McNair at MTSU**



## Weird weather? Watch the Web

When inclement weather arises, MTSU closing information will be available on area radio and TV stations. Learn more anytime at [www.mtsunews.com](http://www.mtsunews.com) by clicking the "Emergency Weather Information for Students, Faculty and Staff" link.



# Gibson to lead Kennedy Center’s regional program

by Lisa L. Rollins

Jeff Gibson, assistant professor of speech and theatre at MTSU, recently was named chairman of the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival’s Region IV, which includes 10 states in the south-east.

Created in 1969 by founding chairman Roger L. Stevens, the KCACTF is a national theater program currently involving 18,000 students from colleges and universities nationwide that serves as a catalyst for improving the quality of college theater in the United States.

“I am honored to serve such a wonderful program that truly enriches the educational experience for our students,” remarked Gibson, referring

to his KCACTF regional chairmanship. “It is a lot of work and time, but the benefits for our students make it worth every minute.”

According to its Web site, the KCACTF has grown into a network of more than 600 academic institutions throughout the country, where theater departments and student artists showcase their work and receive outside assessment by KCACTF respondents. Through state, regional and national festivals, KCACTF participants celebrate the creative process and share experi-



Gibson

ences and insights within the community of theater artists.

“With funding and support from the Kennedy Center, the regional chairman coordinates the adjudication of productions on the regional level,” Gibson said of his duties. The region includes Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Additionally, he noted, “In February of each year, a regional festival showcases the finest of the region’s productions and offers a variety of workshops, symposia and regional award programs.”

A native of Pulaski and a 1989 graduate of Giles County High School, Gibson joined the MTSU

speech and theatre faculty in 2002, where he teaches courses in arts management and stage management and directs the theatre senior seminar. He’s also responsible for marketing, stage management and financial management for MTSU Theatre & Dance.

From 2002 to 2006, Gibson also served as chairman of the theater division of the Tennessee Governor’s School for the Arts, a program for gifted and talented high school students from across the state.

Prior to joining MTSU, Gibson worked in the management department of the nationally acclaimed Alabama Shakespeare Festival. He received a master of fine arts degree in theater management/arts administration from the University of Alabama.

## Professor

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of Columbia without fear of either mugging or molestation.

He earned \$150 a month as a page, spending \$40 a month for room and board, which included two meals a day except for Sunday. He managed to save \$50 every month, a fortune to a poor country boy in a nation that was pouring all its resources into the war effort.

A day on the job could include taking old copies of the *Congressional Record* out of an enormous book to make room for the new ones, answering telephones in the cloakroom and sending documents to constituents. Additional duties could include stuffing and addressing envelopes and stamping farm bulletins.

Norrell, as an example, had only two secretaries, and pages did much of the work done today by dozens of salaried staffers. Federal civil-service merit tests were not implemented until the 1950s.

“Virtually every job that was not because of public election at the Capitol was a patronage job, and you got it through a congressman or a senator,” Essex notes.

There was a box at the back of the House chamber with rows of buttons identified with seat numbers. Whenever a member wanted a page to run an errand, he pushed a button at his seat that caused a corresponding button on the box to light up. The page then would rush to fulfill the task.

Congress was full of legends then. Lean and lanky John McCormack, described by Essex as a “cigar-chomping Irish Catholic from South Boston” with “a lot of gold teeth” was the House majority leader.

The masterful Sam Rayburn from Texas wielded the speaker’s gavel. Essex remembers Rayburn’s expedient sense of hearing on voice votes, declaring the “ayes” or the “nays” victorious on the basis of what he wanted to happen and avoiding roll-call tallies.

Lyndon Johnson, then a mere freshman congressman, did “Mr. Sam’s” bidding and cagily observed the arm-twisting techniques he would hone to a fine art in the years to come.

“The South virtually controlled chairmanships of all committees because of the seniority,” Essex says. “Almost every seat in the South was a safe seat, and ... some [chairmen] were really old.”

The elegant marble halls were supplied with cuspidors for the convenience of members who needed to spit without excusing themselves to the men’s room. Essex says the pages, fortunately, did not have to empty the expectorated tobacco juice.

When duty did not call, Essex spent some of his free time downtown in the ornate movie houses owned by Loew’s and RKO and decorated with huge draperies that sometimes parted between films to reveal a live vaudeville act.

At other times, Essex and his friends would jump, jive and wail to the tunes of all the hottest swing bands. For variety, the pages would go to the amusement park in Glen Echo, Md., riding a bumpy, speeding streetcar en route that he says felt like an amusement park ride all its own.

When he wasn’t performing the rudimentary tasks that kept the legislative branch functioning or enjoying his free time with a tourist’s wide-eyed wonder, young Essex was paying attention to the issues at stake. The legislation that was most important to him was the “Soldiers Vote” bill, a measure that would enable all military members to cast ballots in federal elections.

Essex fervently wanted the bill to pass because he believed that if soldiers were old enough to fight and die, they were old enough to exercise the franchise that they were fighting to preserve. After considerable opposition from those who considered young soldiers too immature for such important decisions and Southerners who feared how African-American soldiers might vote, a compromise bill became law without President Roosevelt’s signature.

Essex dutifully documented it all for his mother with his most prized possession, a classy Schaeffer pen with a bladder he filled from an inkwell. His collection—letters, a journal, a black-and-white picture book with numerous autographs, and a page school yearbook, complete with a group photo at the White House dinner Eleanor Roosevelt hosted for the pages—makes up fascinating documentation of personal memories and American history through the eyes of an Arkansas youngster.

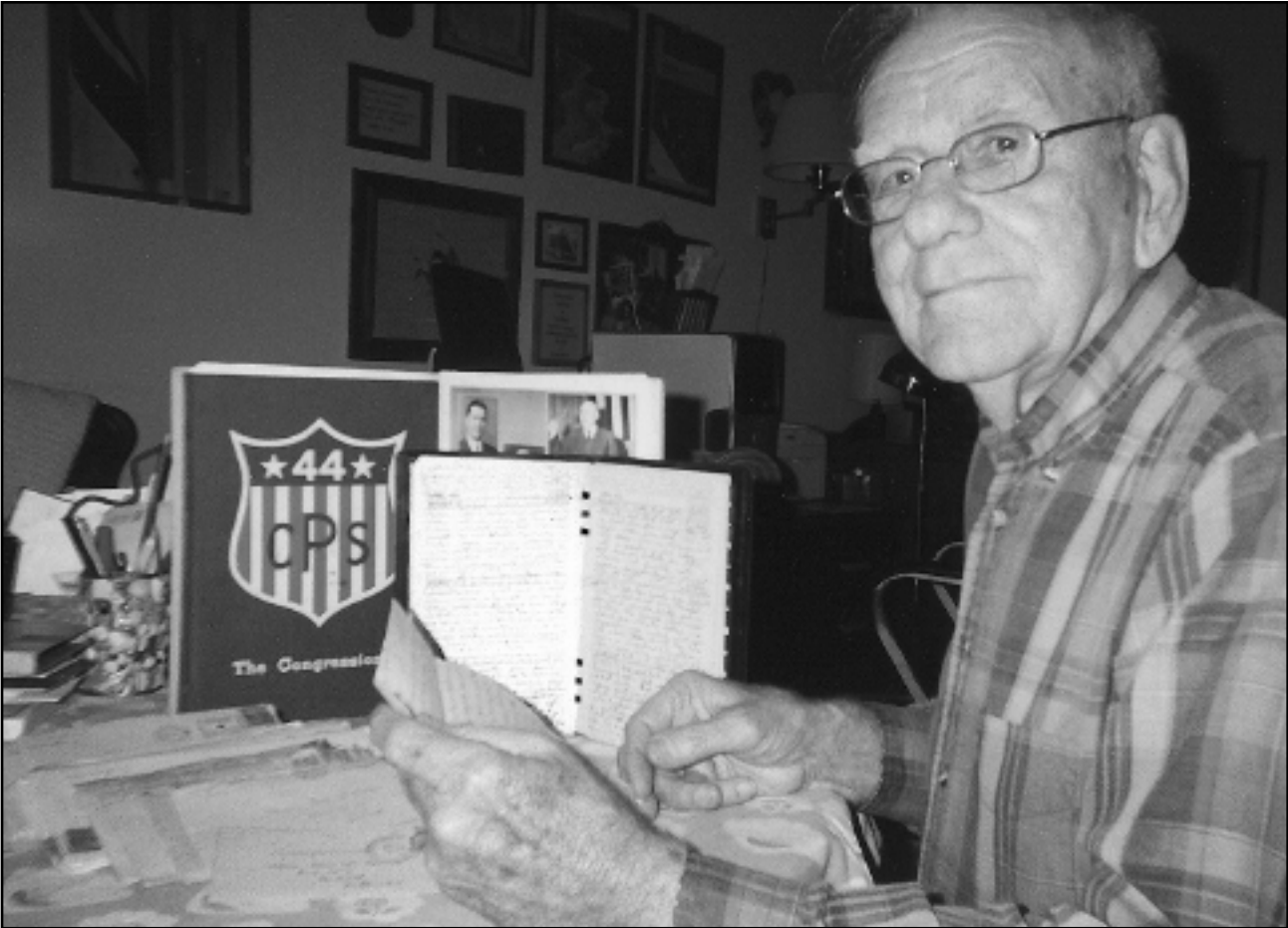
Yet Essex can’t say that his experience as a page definitely led him to an academic career. After his undergraduate work at Vanderbilt, he pursued the family business by attending embalming school. After four years in the Air Force during the Korean War, his interests changed.

From 1967 to 1993, he taught at MTSU, serving as interim chair of the political science department for one semester and chairing the Faculty Senate in 1978.

Lest you think that Essex’s idyllic childhood experience on Capitol Hill blinded him to the rough-and-tumble of the political world, consider his assessment of the November 2006 midterm elections.

“It’s easy to ... get a feeling that it’s more mudslinging than normal,” Essex admits. “But then, when you reflect back, not only in one’s own observation over the years, but in what you read from historians and journalists and other long-time observers, it’s really not all that different.”

Even so, Essex expresses a certain wistfulness upon realizing that the America of his youth, an America in which a sense of community and shared sacrifice translated to a concern for doing the right thing, is more of a memory than a modern-day imperative.



**LIVING HISTORY**—Dr. Frank Essex, a retired MTSU professor of political science, studies some of his memorabilia from his tenure as a Congressional page in 1944. His experiences read like a textbook of American political history.

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# Distance runners still recovering 1 year later

by Jo Jo Freeman


Major college sports are seen by many as part of a glamorous life—TV cameras, reporters, the paparazzi, money. But the majority of collegiate athletes toil in relative anonymity before sparse crowds of family and friends.

That is, until something unforeseen happens.

Nothing could be more accurate when recounting the story of three Middle Tennessee distance runners who had their lives changed forever on a rainy and dreary afternoon one year ago. Tiffany Sawyer, Catherine Chester and Kaitlyn Hammond became the victims of a freakish accident the afternoon of Jan. 17, 2006, on South Rutherford Boulevard in Murfreesboro, with two young women trapped under an SUV and another thrown into a ditch after the impact of the vehicle.

“We have a bond now, and I don’t think we will ever be able to lose touch with each other or forget [the accident],” Chester said.

Sawyer, Chester and Hammond were part of a larger group of Middle Tennessee female distance runners taking part in what their coach, Keith Vroman, refers to as a “long run,” or more than an hour of continuous running. It is part of the team’s routine and also part of adding mileage for



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endurance for the distance runners.

What exactly happened? Just south of Wal-Mart near the Campus Crossings South apartments, the three girls ran slightly ahead of the rest of the group. Everyone stopped, and as they decided whether to turn off Rutherford Boulevard, a car pulled out of Haney Drive onto Rutherford heading north. An SUV coming south tried to miss the vehicle but skidded into it and then off the road and right into the three runners.

Their teammates watched Hammond thrown by the front of the car and saw Sawyer and Chester trapped beneath the SUV. In that instant, Sawyer, Chester and Hammond went from anonymity to the Nashville news and into the hearts and minds of Blue Raider fans everywhere.

The list of ailments for each runner is long. Sawyer suffered the most extensive injuries, including a fractured right forearm, a dislocated right elbow, her right pelvic wing broken in half, a fractured left hip and fractured tailbone, a sprained right knee and ankle, and third degree burns on both legs around the knee.

She spent two weeks in the hospital and almost a month in rehab in Nashville. The Powell, Tenn., native has three plates still in place and



**RUNNING ON**—Tiffany Sawyer, left, Kaitlyn Hammond and Catherine Chester are back on MTSU’s track team after an accident hospitalized all three a year ago.

photo by MT Media Relations

three scars around her knees from the burns made by the exhaust pipe on the bottom of the vehicle.

“The first question I asked was, ‘Am I paralyzed?’ Then I asked if I would run again and then if I was the worst [of the three],” Sawyer said. “The last two answers were yes, but all that mattered at that point was they were OK.”

Chester tore her anterior and posterior cruciate ligaments and her medial collateral ligament, as well as suffering a sprained ankle, fractured hip and minor concussion. Later her dentist discovered a fractured jaw that required her mouth to be wired shut for six weeks.

“I am just thankful that we are here a year later and able to do just as much physically as before,” Chester said. “Before [the accident], I took

advantage of running and being able to do the things that I can do. ... Once you can’t walk, you realize how fortunate you are to be physically able to participate in normal activities, let alone things you love to do.”

Hammond’s injuries have caused the most long-term effect to this point. “It has been a hard year. I see my teammates and I see their successes, so I know that I can get there too,” Hammond said. “I have been cross training (swimming, biking, weight lifting) all year to get back, so when I do start running again I will be stronger.”

An odd twist to the story came during the fall season when both Chester and Sawyer returned for the Blue Raiders and posted better times than before the accident.

Sawyer says the support from coaches and teammates also played a big part in the healing process, both physically and mentally.

“Keith [Vroman] was a big part in getting us into the shape we are in. I think I speak for all three of us when I say our families and teammates presence and patience throughout the last year has made everything a little easier to deal with.”

Sawyer and Chester were back in action Jan. 20-21 at the Blue Raider Invitational at Murphy Center. Hammond should return for the last home meet Feb. 10 at Murphy Center.

*Jo Jo Freeman is assistant media relations director for MTSU Athletics.*

## Faculty/Staff Update

### Awards

**Dr. Roger Heinrich** (electronic media communication) recently received a MarCom Gold Award from the Association of Marketing and Communication Professionals for his creative work with Blue Raider Athletics. The international competition recognizes excellence in the concept, writing and design of marketing and communication programs and print, visual and audio materials.

### Honors

**Dr. Judith Iriarte-Gross** (chemistry) was recognized by the Nashville Section of the American Chemical Society with a “Salute to Excellence” for “Outstanding Service as Chair of the Nashville Section for 2005, for service as chair of the Women’s Chemist Committee and many volunteer hours serving the section on committees and outreach activities.”

### Presentations

**Dr. Saeed Foroudastan** (CBAS associate dean and director of master of science in professional science) presented “Establishing and Sustaining Professional Master’s Programs” at the 2006 annual Council of Graduate Schools Conference in Washington, D.C., in December. He provided an

overview of CGS Professional Master’s Initiatives and highlighted best practices associated with planning, implementing and sustaining professional master’s programs. He also met with Congressman Bart Gordon and his staff and U.S. Sen. Lamar Alexander’s staff on behalf of MTSU and the Council of Graduate Schools to promote the programs.

**Dr. Yong Soo Kim** (speech and theatre) presented “Communication Experiences of Korean Expatriates in the U.S.: A Study of Cross-cultural Adaptation” at the National Communication Association Annual Convention in San Antonio Nov. 16-19.

**Dr. Zachariah Sinkala** (mathematics) presented “A Higher Order B-Spline Collocation Method for Equal Width Equation,” at the 26th Annual Southeastern-Atlantic Regional Conference on Differential Equations held at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro Oct. 26-28.

**Drs. Sung Yoo and Jungsoon Yoo** (computer science) presented “Custom Designed Student Response System,” at the Mid-Southeast ACM Conference Nov. 16-17 in Gatlinburg.

### Publications

**Dr. Edd Applegate** (journalism) contributed a “special feature” to the

*American Academy of Advertising Newsletter*, “Benjamin Franklin and Andrew Bradford: Their Magazines,” which concerned the competitive publishers and colonial magazine advertising. The article was published in the December 2006 issue.

**Dr. Colby B. Jubenville** (health and human performance) is the lead author of “Student-Athlete Perceptions of the Coach/Athlete Relationship and Their Impact on Intercollegiate Sports Programs: An Interpretive Case Study of Small-College Head Football Coaches,” to be published in 2007 in *International Journal of Sport Management*. His co-authors are Drs. Ben Goss of Missouri State and Dennis Phillips of Southern Mississippi.

**Randy Livingston** (journalism/media design) is co-authoring the next edition of *The Adobe Illustrator Wow! Book*, which will again be published by Peachpit Press. The book has been a consistent bestseller and has twice received the Ben Franklin Award for best computer book. Each year, the Design Bookshelf also highlights a book that goes beyond the “best” to receive its Special Distinction Award; *The Illustrator Wow! Book* has received that distinction.