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26 years of finding jobs for students

Career Day set Sept. 20

from Staff Reports

Almost 200 top employers and graduate-school recruiters will be available to MTSU students at the annual Career Day Thursday, Sept. 20, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The fair will include representatives from nationally known and regionally based companies, including HCA, FedEx, Dell and SunTrust Bank, as well as graduate-school recruiters from Belmont, Vanderbilt, University of Alabama and the University of Tennessee. A complete list of

recruiters planning to attend Career Day is on the Career and Employment Center Web site at www.mtsu.edu/~career.

The 26th annual fair will be held on the Murphy Center track. Students are asked to bring their IDs for admittance, and professional dress is recommended for all seniors. The annual Career Day activities are an excellent way for students to begin the networking process that will aid their future job searches, said Martha Turner, former director of the Career and Employment Center. Turner retired June 30 from full-time service but is overseeing this fall's fair.

"The career fair is a major networking event and provides a forum for students to meet

prospective employers and gain insight into their specific industry," Turner said. "We encourage all seniors to bring their resumes and to dress appropriately. It can take a minimum of three to six months for students to find the right job, and the career fair is a good way to start their search.

"We are very excited to see how the fair has grown over the last 26 years and feel this is an excellent opportunity for all students."

Since Career Day is an informal gathering of business representatives, Turner encouraged all students to attend the event. She said students can learn about the duties and expectations of

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22,641 make way onto campus for 1st day of MTSU's fall '07 semester

by Randy Weiler

MTSU welcomed a record 22,641 students for Day 1 of fall 2007 semester classes on Monday, Aug. 27, said Dr. Sherian Huddleston, associate vice provost for enrollment services.

This is an increase of 98 students (0.43 percent) from Aug. 28, 2006, when 22,543 students were registered on the first day, she added.

University administrators expect the fall 2007 enrollment to approach—and possibly surpass—23,000. Last fall's combined undergraduate and graduate enrollment was 22,863 students.

First-day enrollment totals include 15,560 returning students, 3,526 new freshmen, 1,880 new transfers, 1,195 re-enrolling students and 2,186 graduate students, Huddleston said.

Final enrollment totals were submitted to the Tennessee Board of Regents Sunday, Sept. 9, after the 14-day census date.

The Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost reported that there are 915 full-time faculty for the 2007-08 academic year. There were 901 full-time faculty in 2006-07.

Welcome to MTSU!



HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?—MTSU President Sidney A. McPhee, right, greets international exchange students and faculty during a get-to-know-you session Aug. 23 in the Business and Aerospace Building. From left are Katya Vinnikova, executive director of Moscow University of Management's music management program, and students Yifang Cao of Xiangtan, China; Phensuda Methasan of Bangkok, Thailand; and Ekaterina Fentsova of Moscow, Russia. MTSU recently signed a series of agreements with Russian institutions of higher learning to create educational partnerships, allowing international students to work toward their degrees here and MTSU students to take courses overseas. For more international education news, please see page 8.

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IN BRIEF

PARKING CHANGES AFOOT

Parking and Transportation Services has changed some parking areas from student and staff usage to employee-only to accommodate construction and relocations on

campus. Parking along Faulkner Drive and Founders Way, along with the lot between the Alumni House and the Ingram Building and the spaces in front of Tucker Theatre, are now employee-only. Parking in the old Art Barn lot will remain open to green and white tags for students and staff.

UPDATE INFORMATION ASAP

Please verify your MTSU employee information for the 2007-08 Campus Directory before Thursday, Sept. 13, by logging in to PipelineMT, clicking on the RaiderNet tab and then clicking the Personal Information tab. Call 615-898-2929 for more information.

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Staples selected to lead history department

by Lisa L. Rollins

Dr. Amy Staples, a member of MTSU’s faculty since 1998, has been named chairwoman of the university’s Department of History, which currently has 64 faculty members and 410 majors.

A native of Lockport, N.Y., Staples specializes in post-1945 U.S. history and U.S. diplomatic history and teaches courses on World War II and the Vietnam War. She also previously served as the undergraduate director for the university’s history program.

“It is a pleasure to welcome Dr. Amy Staples to her new assignment as chair of the MTSU history department after a vigorous national search to fill the position,” said Dr. John McDaniel, dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

“Dr. Staples has a distinguished record of accomplishment in the history department as an innovative teacher, with course development in experiential courses and graduate seminars, and a serious commitment to departmental and university service, including a recent stint on the MTSU Graduate Council and participation in our grant-funded Teaching American History Project.”

A resident of Murfreesboro, Staples said one of her short-term goals for the department, which has an enrollment of about 7,000 students per academic year, is to see the first student graduate from MTSU with a doctorate in public history—a program established in fall 2005—during the Dec. 15 commencement ceremony.

‘Dr. Staples brings energy ... and a fresh perspective.’

Liberal Arts Dean John McDaniel on new history chair Dr. Amy Staples



McDaniel said Staples’ own commitment to research is reflected in her newly published monograph, *The Birth of Development* (Kent State University Press), and her edited manuscript on the death penalty in Tennessee, which is in progress.

“Dr. Staples brings energy, enthusiasm and a fresh perspective to the chair position in history, and I could not be more pleased with her appointment,” McDaniel said.

The dean added that Staples is the first permanent female chair for the history department, replacing Dr. Jan Leone, who served as interim department chairwoman for the past 18 months. Staples is the fourth chairwoman currently serving within the liberal arts college, which has 11 departments.

She earned her bachelor of arts degrees from St. Bonaventure University in 1991 and

her master of arts and doctoral degrees from Ohio State University in ’93 and ’98, respectively.

For more information about the Department of History at MTSU, please visit its Web site at www.mtsu.edu/~history/.

“Some of my longer-term department goals are to develop stronger ties with our alumni and to develop a stronger extracurricular support network for our history majors ... (such as) workshops on career and graduate-school opportunities, resources for our majors doing their student teaching and an annual conference for students to present their research,” she said.

Softball, basketball, track add to coaching staffs

from MT Media Relations

Middle Tennessee athletics saw a busy pre-semester hiring boom as the department added a new head softball coach and assistant track and women’s basketball coaches to the rosters.

Sue Nevar, a highly successful head coach at Kent State, is now on board as the program’s fourth head softball coach.

Her tenure at Kent State from 1986 to 1996 saw her leading the Golden Flashes to the College World Series in 1990 and posting a 43-9 mark that season. She compiled a 289-219-1 record in her 11 seasons as head coach.

Nevar was voted Coach of the Year in the Mid-American Conference and the NCAA Midwest Region in 1990 after leading the Flashes to their first-ever MAC and NCAA regional titles and finishing seventh at the College World Series.

“Our first priority is to bring productive student-athletes from the Midstate into our program, and there are very capable recruits in the area to make that happen,” Nevar said. “We will recruit at the highest level and against all of the other programs in the area, including Tennessee and the rest of the SEC (Southeastern Conference).”

Nevar has spent the last 12 years in the middle Tennessee area, working as a scout for the National Scouting Report the last four years in Tennessee and staying involved with the game by giving private hitting and pitching lessons.

The new women’s basketball assistant coach, Eric White, spent last season as an assistant at East Tennessee and coached the preceding three years as an assistant at Austin Peay, helping the Lady Govs to the 2004 Ohio Valley Conference regular season and tournament titles.

White’s connection to women’s basketball head coach Rick Insell came during the 2002-03 academic year. White served as an assistant at Shelbyville Central High School and was a part of the Lady Eaglettes state champi-

onship team. He previously served at Middle Tennessee under then-head coach Stephany Smith for two seasons during Middle Tennessee’s first two years in the Sun Belt Conference. The Blue Raiders posted a 33-26 overall record and a 16-14 SBC mark during the 2000-01 and 2001-02 campaigns, including a first-round loss in the Women’s National Invitation Tournament at Indiana in 2001.

“I am very excited to come back to Murfreesboro and Middle Tennessee, especially at this time, when Coach Insell has the program headed in a great direction,” White said. “My experience here the first time around was tremendous, and to get the opportunity to return and be a part of a national program makes this a special job for me. I’m ready to hit the ground running and make Coach Insell’s goal of reaching the Final Four a reality.”

And in track and field, Keith Vroman has been hired as an assistant coach for the 2007-08 season, adding another full-time member to the staff.

Vroman has been a part of the Middle Tennessee program for the last four years as a graduate assistant and volunteer assistant. He has coached the distance runners for track and cross country during his time in Murfreesboro and will expand his coaching duties into throws, jumps and sprints as a full-time assistant.

“I’m excited to be part of the staff full-time and want to help contribute to the success of the program at Middle Tennessee,” Vroman said. “There are many reasons why I wanted to be part of this program, especially with the mentoring of Coach (Dean) Hayes, but also the direction of the department and direction of all of the athletic teams. Also, many of the athletes I’ve been coaching have contributed to me staying at Middle Tennessee.”

Vroman graduated from Eastern Kentucky with a bachelor’s degree in physical education in 2000 and received his master’s in physical education and health education from Eastern Kentucky in 2003. He served as a graduate assistant at EKU for two years, coaching men’s cross country and distance runners as well as assisting with meet management and recruiting.



Nevar



White



Vroman

MTSU, Christy-Houston provide \$2 million for Campus School repairs

from Staff Reports

The university will provide \$1 million in matching funds to help renovate Homer Pittard Campus School, MTSU President Sidney A. McPhee announced.

“I would like to emphasize that this \$1 million match is not from the state,” McPhee explained. “This is the university’s demonstration of commitment to the Campus School program and is contingent on the county school board matching that amount through its own fundraising efforts, including private contributions from

the community.”

Shortly after McPhee’s Aug. 28 announcement, the Christy-Houston Foundation, a Murfreesboro organization that has stepped in to help MTSU with funds for building projects like the Center for the Study and Treatment of Dyslexia, Project HELP and the Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building, added another \$1 million to fund the Campus School renovations.

Another \$1 million is needed to meet the \$4.6 million original bid, plus other fees and contingencies, so Rutherford County can make the first phase of renovations and improve-

ments such as an elevator, new HVAC and sprinkler systems and electrical and plumbing upgrades at the 79-year-old facility.

“MTSU values the Campus School program because it exemplifies and promotes the mission of the university, which is to provide the best possible education for classroom professionals, teachers-in-training and, most importantly, for our children,” the president said.

McPhee acknowledged that there’s too much at stake not to assist the Campus School program in succeeding.

“MTSU’s contract with the school board is a commitment by the county to make the needed renovations to Campus School, and the university’s \$1 million match is a show of confidence that the county school board will fulfill its obligation to bring these much-needed renovations to fruition,” McPhee said.

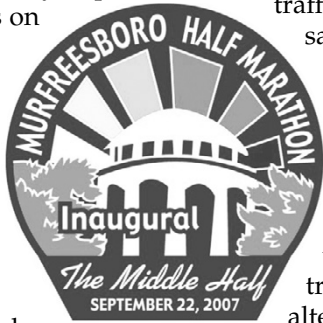
“We are confident that the board members, teachers, staff and parents of Campus School will do their part to preserve an education program that benefits all of us.”

Help wanted: marathon volunteers

from Staff Reports

Volunteers are needed for the Murfreesboro Half Marathon, scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 22, which begins and ends on the MTSU campus and loops west to include Murfreesboro’s historic district.

The event, also known as “The Middle Half” because of its MTSU connections, kicks off at 7 a.m. on Greenland Drive, passes MTSU’s Greek Row and travels down East Main Street all the way to the Rutherford County Courthouse. It continues to Oaklands Mansion and back to MTSU, where the finish line will be set up at the university’s Track and



Soccer Field. More than 1,000 runners already have registered for the event. Organizers say volunteers will be stationed along the course to allow traffic through when there is a safe opportunity. Barrels and orange cones will be in place the morning of the race to provide a safe course for the runners. With the exception of a few sections, most of the course will be open to traffic; however, finding an alternate route is recommended for drivers.

Those interested in volunteering should contact Lane White at volunteer@themiddlehalf.com. A course map to download is available at www.themiddlehalf.com.

IRB sets fall meeting schedule

from Staff Reports

MTSU’s Institutional Review Board has set its fall 2007 meeting schedule, officials announced.

All meetings will take place the last Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. in the Library Conference Room, Room 475. Meetings are set

for Sept. 25, Oct. 30 and Nov. 27; protocol applications must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. two weeks before the review meeting date. The Office of Compliance is now in the Sam Ingram Building in Office 011B. Please visit the IRB Web site at www.mtsu.edu/~irb or contact the Office of Compliance (615-494-8918 or irb@mtsu.edu) with questions.

Get ready for Red Cross drive

The first of MTSU’s fall blood drives is set for Tuesday, Sept. 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Room 322 of the Keathley University Center. It's sponsored by the Association of Secretarial and Clerical Employees. For more information, contact 615-898-2590.

Solar Boat team heats up 2007 competition

from Staff Reports

Sun, spray, speed—MTSU’s Solar Boat Team had it all in their second appearance at the annual American Society of Mechanical Engineers “Solar Splash” this summer.

The event, touted as the world championship of intercollegiate solar boating, took place June 13-17 on Lake Fayetteville in Fayetteville, Ark. Nineteen teams, including MTSU, the U.S. Naval Academy and teams from Canada and Turkey, offered their crafts for technical inspections on the first day of the competition and spent the next four days in on-water competitions, including sprint, maneuverability, endurance and speed challenges.

“Each craft is powered completely by batteries and a solar array,” said Dr. Saeed Foroudastan, team co-adviser and associate dean of the College of Basic and Applied Sciences. “This power combination on a watercraft creates its own interesting set of challenges: not only must the craft be very efficient hydrodynamically, but it must use its power extremely effectively.”

MTSU’s concept is a three-point hydroplane made of space-age composites and streamlined to minimize



BURNING UP THE COMPETITION—MTSU’s 2007 Solar Boat Team, shown in the photo above, celebrate their appearance at the international “Solar Splash” competition. From left are Johnny Guidry, Adam Weis, Dr. Saeed Foroudastan, Mika Dyer, Rick Taylor, Ken Sergeant, Mickey Anderton and Katie Messler. In the photo below, Dyer awaits instructions during the on-water competitions.

photos submitted

hydrodynamic drag. With it, the team brought home honors including a first place for outstanding drive train design, third place in outstanding technical report, fourth place in visual display and sixth place in workmanship.

“In the technical design report (category), we scored 85 out of 90 points possible and were less than one point from winning second place,” Foroudastan said.

Technical difficulties, however, left the team adrift in the sprint heats. “The electric motors were drawing an excessive amount of current and damaged a battery, creating an open circuit,” Foroudastan said. “Our goals for next year include thoroughly researching and understanding battery conditioning, minor modifications to the drive train to achieve higher and more efficient speeds and finishing within the top five percent

in sprint and endurance events.” The 2007 MTSU Solar Boat Team members are Mickey Anderton, Katie Messler, Mika Dyer, Adam Weis, Johnny Guidry, Michael McGoldrick, Beau Lewis, Huston Hunt and Santosh Kaparthi. Faculty co-adviser Ken Sergeant of the Department of Engineering Technology and Industrial Studies traveled with the team to the competition to offer support and guidance, and Rick Taylor in the ETIS machine shop provides ongoing assistance and mentorship to the students on machining and design that has been invaluable, Foroudastan said.

“I’d like to thank all of the participants for their dedication to the project this year and for their hard work bringing its success to fruition during the competition,” Foroudastan added.

“Mickey Anderton, the team’s leader, is greatly appreciated for putting forth a tireless effort to ensure the success of the project. Mika Dyer is an example of the increasing role of women in engineering: she learned a lot working alongside Mickey and will become team leader next year, which will be the first time that a female will occupy that position in an EVP (experimental vehicle project).”



Campus Calendar

Sept. 10-23

TV Schedule

“Middle Tennessee Record”
Cable Channel 9:
Monday-Sunday—5 p.m.
Visit www.mtsu.edu/~proffice/MTR.html for airtimes on other cable outlets, or search YouTube for “mtsunews.”

Through Sept. 14

Order August 2007 Commencement DVDs
For information, visit www.mtsu.edu/~phillips/dvd.htm or contact: 615-898-2700.

Every Wednesday

Gender Circles
Weekly conversations on diversity, emphasizing gender issues 1-3 p.m., JUB 206
For information, contact: 615-898-2193.

Sept. 10

Monday, Sept. 10
Faculty Senate Meeting
4:30 p.m., JUB 100
For information, contact: 615-898-2582.

Sept. 11

Tuesday, Sept. 11
Red Cross Blood Drive
sponsor: Association of Secretarial and Clerical Employees
10 a.m.-4 p.m., KUC 322
For information, contact: 615-898-2590.

Sept. 12

Wednesday, Sept. 12
Tornado Siren Test Date
11:15 a.m., campuswide
For information, contact: 615-898-2424.

Sept. 13

Thursday, Sept. 13
Retired Faculty/Staff Coffee
9:30-11:30 a.m., MTSU Foundation House
For information, contact: 615-898-5756.

Sept. 14

Sept. 14-16
21st Annual MT Fall Invitational/Men’s Tennis
Buck Bouldin Tennis Center
For information, contact: 615-898-2957.

Music City Arabian Horse Show
Tennessee Miller Coliseum
No admission charge
For information, visit www.mtaha.com.

“The Sound of Music”
Sept. 14-15, 7:30 p.m.;
Sept. 16, 3 p.m.
WMB’s Hinton Music Hall
For information, contact: 615-898-2493.

Sept. 15

Saturday, Sept. 15
Blue Raider Football @ LSU
7 p.m., Baton Rouge, La.
For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com or contact: 615-898-2103.

Sept. 17

Monday, Sept. 17
Red Cross Blood Drive
sponsor: School of Nursing
10 a.m.-4 p.m., CKNB
For information, contact: 615-898-2590.

Sept. 18

Sept. 18-22
National Walking Horse Association Championships
Tennessee Miller Coliseum
For information, visit www.nwha.com.

Sept. 19

Wednesday, Sept. 19
Presidential Concert Series: Verdehr Trio
7:30 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, contact: 615-898-2493.

Sept. 20

Thursday, Sept. 20
Blue Raider Football vs. Western Kentucky
6 p.m., Floyd Stadium

For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com or contact: 615-898-2103.

Sept. 21

Friday, Sept. 21
EXL Scholars Program seminar
Dr. Joe Raelin, Northeastern University, “Experiential Learning: Reflective and Leaderful Practice”
9 a.m.-3 p.m., Tom Jackson Building
For information, contact: 615-494-7671.

MTSU Wind Ensemble/Chamber Winds
7:30 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, contact: 615-898-2493.

Sept. 23

Sunday, Sept. 23
Faculty Piano Recital: Lynn Rice-See
3 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, contact: 615-898-2493.

Honoring a president emeritus



NEW NAME—Dr. Sam H. Ingram, second from right, stands before the building that now bears his name in tribute to his years of service to MTSU as its 10th president (1979-1990), as well as his tenure as dean of the university’s School of Education. Joining Ingram after the Aug. 23 dedication ceremony at 2269 Middle Tennessee Blvd. are, from left, David Cullum, past president of the MTSU Foundation and alumni boards, current university president Dr. Sidney A. McPhee and Chancellor Charles Manning of the Tennessee Board of Regents. The Ingram Building, a renovated church building with about 22,500 square feet, is now home to MTSU’s Human Resource Services, the College of Graduate Studies and the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs.

photo by Andy Heidt

Mark your calendars now for SUNO benefit concert

from Staff Reports

The partnership continues as MTSU plays host to a benefit concert to aid Southern University of New Orleans. Set for Thursday, Oct. 4 at 7:30 p.m. in Tucker Theatre, the Presidential “Prism” Gala Concert will feature MTSU bands, choruses and orchestras in a student and faculty performance aimed at supporting and encouraging the SUNO student body, staff and faculty, who still are fighting back from the devastation of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Tickets to the event are \$20 each (\$10 for students with ID) and will be available in advance at the MTSU Ticket Office beginning at noon Monday, Sept. 10, or at the door on the night of the benefit. MTSU entered into an agreement in February to help SUNO recover after



its main campus was destroyed by hurricane floodwaters. The 11 buildings that comprise SUNO’s main campus were flooded with four to 11 inches of water that sat stagnant for nearly a month. The university remains the only New Orleans-area institution of higher learning that has not returned to its original campus, and students and faculty continue to conduct classes in trailers constructed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The memorandum of understanding between MTSU and SUNO allows them to collaborate in online instruction, faculty development programs, joint research, cultural and artistic programs and cross-registration in selected academic disciplines. SUNO leaders have estimated that it will take \$60 million to restore the university to its former status.

Watch the Sept. 24 edition of *The Record* for more details on the concert.

Fall Faculty Meeting offers news of

Bonuses, awards, newcomers, goals

from Staff Reports

Another welcome employee bonus and well-deserved awards for 22 faculty and staff members were among the highlights of the annual Fall Faculty Meeting Aug. 24 in Tucker Theatre. “Most of you are here to hear what I have to say about salaries,” MTSU President Sidney A. McPhee joked to a crowd of nearly half the university’s 2,160 employees, including 76 new faculty members. “I can always count on applause in at least one place in my speech.”

The news that employees would once again receive a one-time bonus in October of \$500 or 1 percent of their salaries, whichever is greater, did indeed provoke applause.

That amount, which will be paid to all regular full-time faculty and staff on the payroll as of June 30, comes in addition to a 3 percent across-the-board salary increase that took effect in July.

“I have requested that the Tennessee Board of Regents consider, at its September (27 and 28) meeting, additional increases for faculty and staff based on our approved compensation plan,” McPhee said, noting that the university has received \$2.7 million to fund the increase.

Sixty percent of that figure will be applied to faculty salaries, the president said, adding that 36 percent of the total will pay for classified salary increases and the remaining 4 percent to executive staff.

“Faculty and executive employee group increases will be the second one-third step increase calculated based on data from the university’s new peer groups and the expanded group of 25 institutions,” he noted. “Administrative, professional, and classified employee increases will be the last one-third step increase calculated using 2004 market data.”

If approved by the TBR, those increases would take effect Jan. 1, McPhee said.

After enumerating the university’s accomplishments over the last year, the president outlined challenges for the new academic year, including student safety and security, graduation and retention rates, the “town-gown” relationship between MTSU and the surrounding community, and ongoing work to live within financial constraints and



CONGRATULATIONS—Recipients of the 2007 MTSU Foundation Awards, presented Aug. 24 at the Fall Faculty Meeting, and university leaders are shown above after the ceremony. Seated on the front row are, from left, Dr. Amy J. Phelps, chemistry, Outstanding Public Service Award; Shelia M. Marquart, nursing, Outstanding Teacher Award; Dr. Jenny L. Sauls, nursing, Outstanding Teacher Award; Dr. Dorothy Valcarcel Craig, educational leadership, Outstanding Achievement in Instructional Technology Award; Lori A. Kissinger, speech and theatre, Outstanding Public Service Award; and Dr. Janet K. McCormick, speech and theatre, Outstanding Teacher Award. In the second row are, from left, Dr. Michael J. Sanger, chemistry, Outstanding Research Award; Dr. Victoria Dawn Shelar, health and human performance, Outstanding Achievement in Instructional Technology Award; Dr. Kaylene Gebert, executive vice president and provost; Craig S. Cornish, music, Outstanding Teacher Award; Dr. Sidney A. McPhee, MTSU president; Dr. Robert F. Carlton, physics and astronomy, Career Achievement Award; Fred Adams, president, MTSU Foundation; Dr. William E. Langston, psychology, Outstanding Teacher Award; Dr. Kevin Smith, anthropology, Faculty Senate president; and Dr. Rong Luo, mathematical sciences, Distinguished Research Award. And in the back row are, from left, Dr. Thomas M. Brinhaupt, psychology, Outstanding Achievement in Instructional Technology Award; Dr. Mary Judy Campbell, nursing, Outstanding Public Service Award; Dr. Charles L. Baum, economics and finance, Distinguished Research Award; Thomas J. Tozer, news and public affairs, Outstanding Public Service Award; Dr. Charles H. Perry, engineering technology and industrial studies, Special Projects Award; Kenneth Middleton, James E. Walker Library, Special Projects Award; and Dr. Daniel P. Pfeifer, recording industry, Creative Activity Award. Not pictured are Dr. Mary L. Nichols, electronic media communication, Creative Activity Award; Mayo R. Taylor, Walker Library, Special Projects Award; and Jo A. Williams, Walker Library, Special Projects Award.

photo by J. Intintoli

manage enrollment.

“We are now facing a leveling of enrollment—in part by our own plan—and also due to the changing demographics of college-going students and competition from ‘for-profit’ colleges,” he said. “In order to meet our enrollment goals, we must, this year, begin a careful process of analyzing our enrollment patterns to determine what size and what kind of institution we want to be in the future.”

Recognition of faculty and staff accomplishments included MTSU Foundation President Fred Adams’ presentations of the Outstanding

Teacher Awards, Outstanding Instructional Technology Awards, Outstanding Public Service Awards, Distinguished Research Awards, the Creative Activity Award and Special Projects Awards. (The recipients are identified in the photo above.)

The ceremony was capped by the Career Achievement Award presentation to Dr. Robert F. Carlton, physics and astronomy, who was honored for his distinguished work in nuclear physics and as an advocate for research.

“I’m increasingly amazed that I’m paid for having as much fun as I do,” Carlton told the crowd. “I

attribute that to finding my calling and to my colleagues. My career satisfaction also derives in part from the ‘change factor’—I’m open to change and I derive great satisfaction in bringing that change factor to others.”

Learn more!

Dr. McPhee’s latest update:
www.mtsu.edu/newsletter/

List of new MTSU faculty:
www.mtsunews.com

Women’s Studies Series offers feminist perspective

by Gina K. Logue

From prisoners to poetry and from Hitler to Hillary, the 2007-08 Women’s Studies Research Series at MTSU will offer presentations on a diversity of provocative and thought-provoking topics this academic year.

Each of the seven lectures is slated to take place at 3 p.m. one Thursday a month in Room 100 of MTSU’s James Union Building. All lectures are free and open to the public.

“The MTSU Women’s Studies Research Series has something for everyone interested in women’s experience,” says Dr. Jane Marcellus, pro-

fessor of mass communication. “By bringing together scholars from across campus, we touch on a wide variety of feminist viewpoints in an informal monthly gathering.”

Upcoming speakers, topics and dates include:

- “Daughters in the Fatherland: Behavioral Socialization of German Girls in Nazi Germany,” by Dr. Nancy Rupprecht, history, Sept. 20;
- “Women and War,” by Dr. Divya Saksena, English, Oct. 25;
- “Spontaneous Bleeding: The Performative Video Works of Cindy Rehm,” by Cindy Rehm, art, Nov. 15;
- “Grandma Lifers in Prison: Approaches to Understanding the Lives of a Forgotten Population,” by

Dr. Ron Aday, sociology and anthropology, Jan. 24;

- “Poetry and Footbinding: Women in Late Imperial China (1600-1800),” by Dr. Yuan-ling Chao, history, Feb. 21;

• “Postcards From the War: A Rhetorical Analysis of Authorship and Audience in Martha Gellhorn’s War-Torn Travel Writing,” by Dr. Marcie Hinton, journalism, March 20; and

- “Deconstructing Hillary: Framing Feminism in Election Politics,” by Misa Culley, mass communication graduate student and editor of the *Women’s Center Newsletter* at Vanderbilt University, Apr. 17.

“Presenters often showcase their

current research, offering students a chance to observe scholarship in progress and colleagues an opportunity to appreciate the depth and breadth of research being produced in our many MTSU departments,” says Dr. Pat Bradley, associate professor of English.

“Personally, I look forward to the monthly talks as a time to relax and learn about what others on campus are doing,” says Marcellus. “I always learn something. It’s particularly fun when people from the Murfreesboro community come. Everyone is welcome.”

For more information on the series, contact Marcellus at 615-898-5282 or jmarcell@mtsu.edu.

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REVITALIZED EFFORT—U.S. Rep. Bart Gordon, left, D-Tenn., and U.S. Sen. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., listen as MTSU President Sidney A. McPhee makes a point during an Aug. 30 roundtable discussion of the new America COMPETES (Creating Opportunities to Meaningfully Promote Excellence in Technology, Education and Science) Act’s impact on MTSU and Rutherford County. The measure, signed into law Aug. 9, authorizes \$34 billion in federal funding nationwide for science and technology research, teacher training and education programs. It’s intended to strengthen scientific education and research, improve U.S. technological enterprise, attract the world’s best and brightest workers and provide 21st-century job training to help America compete in the world market. Also participating were Holly Sears of the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce; Don Odom, assistant superintendent for instruction and curriculum for Rutherford County Schools; Dr. Kaylene Gebert, MTSU provost and executive vice president, and Dr. Mike Allen, MTSU vice provost for research and dean of graduate studies. The measure means that hundreds of future Tennessee math and science teachers can receive four-year college scholarships, teachers can attend summer math and science academies and receive advanced-placement training, high-tech internships and jobs will be created, and universities like MTSU with Professional Science Degree master’s programs can receive additional grants.

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K-12 TV shows expand content, coverage area

by Randy Weiler

The MTSU Satellite and Webcasting Center continues to expand its K-12 educational television programming in both content and coverage area.

This fall the center will add the Memphis City Schools system and Hawkins County in upper East Tennessee to the satellite viewing audience, said Dr. Connie Schmidt, director of the Instructional Technology Support Center.

“We will now reach schools in 15 urban, suburban and rural Tennessee counties by satellite or cable television,” Schmidt said. “We also plan to webcast all of our programs again this fall, making our programs accessible to all teachers and students across the state with high-speed Internet connection.”

Schmidt added that the Internet connection service is made possible by the continued support of MTSU’s Information Technology Division, “which generously provides the necessary webcasting bandwidth.”

The Enrichment Programs for Students will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. each Tuesday starting Sept. 11 and running through Dec. 4. No programs will air live on Oct. 2, Oct. 9 and Nov. 20.

The Professional Development Programs for Teachers will air on Thursdays starting Sept. 13 and going through Dec. 6. No shows will air Oct. 4, Oct. 11 and Nov. 22.

This fall’s topics will include history, social studies, fine arts, geography, science, college

entrance exam preparation, teaching strategies, classroom management and agriculture, Schmidt said. The program schedules can be found at www.mtsu.edu/~itsc.

The Oct. 23 (“English Review for the ACT”) and Nov. 27 (“ACT Mathematics Test”) “will be of particular interest to college-bound high-school students,” Schmidt said. The Nov. 1 professional development program (“Living in Space” and “Life in the Classroom”) was produced with support from the Tennessee Mathematics, Science and Technology Center.

“The center helped fund a visit to the Johnson Space Center in Houston, where we were able to record amazing video footage of mock-ups of the International Space Station and the space shuttle,” Schmidt said. “We even shot footage of real NASA scientists working to resolve the recent heat-resistant tile problems with the space shuttle Endeavour.”

Billy Hix of Motlow State Community College and Terry Sue Fanning of Moore County Schools will co-present the “Living in Space” program.

MTSU presenters this fall include:

- Drs. Larry (journalism) and Kathy (elementary and special education) Burriss, who will share their exploration of pre-Colombian Bolivia and Peru in “Machu Picchu: Lost City of the Incas” Dec. 4;



- Karen Claud (Girls Raised in Tennessee Science program) and Dr. Judith Iriarte-Gross (chemistry), who will present a Sept. 25 program encouraging students to pursue science, technology, engineering and math careers and a Sept. 27 program discussing recent developments in math and science education with K-12 teachers. Iriarte-Gross will present a third program designed to get students in fifth through eighth grades excited about chemistry on Oct. 16;

- Dr. Zaf Khan (elementary and special education), who will present three programs on the positive-behavior supports approach to classroom management on Sept. 20, Oct. 25 and Nov. 15;

- Phil Waldrop (associate dean, College of Education and Behavioral Science), who is organizing three programs for beginning teachers, particularly those on alternative licenses, on Sept. 13, Oct. 18 and Nov. 29.

Schmidt said the center is continuing and expanding partnerships with public and private organizations in providing educational outreach to K-12 schools across the state.

Fall presenters include experts from the Frist Center for the Visual Arts, Stones River National Battlefield, Rutherford and Grundy county schools, Kilowatt Ours, the Nashville Zoo at Grassmere and the Tennessee State Library and Archives.

Viewing options include systems in Bedford, Cannon, Coffee, Davidson, Franklin, Grundy, Knox, Lincoln, Marshall, Moore, Rutherford, Warren, Williamson and Wilson counties, Memphis and Huntsville, Ala.

New AROTC cadets begin serving their country

by Randy Weiler

After taking the oath administered by Lt. Col. Mike Walsh Aug. 24 outside Forrest Hall, newly contracted MTSU Army ROTC cadets began avenues of their lives that will lead them to serve their country.

“It’s a public affirmation,” Walsh, the second-year professor of military science, said of the cadets’ verbal replies to the swearing-in oath. “It’s important to do that in front of the public—they are ready to tell the world that they will prepare themselves mentally and physically to become part of the U.S. Army. It’s an important beginning for a young cadet.”

The 10 new cadets include freshmen Trent Wiggins of Murfreesboro and Bianca Best and Joseph Vallely Jr. of Clarksville; sophomores Jared Blair of Mt. Juliet and Nicholas Chapin of Centerville; and juniors Meghan McNeal of Tampa, Fla., Alex Campbell of Franklin, Joshua Wiseman of Phoenix, Ariz., Michael Rummel of Mt. Juliet and Shelby Clark of Hamlin, N.Y.

“I chose to become a cadet because I want to support our coun-

try,” said Vallely, a former Rossvie High School Junior ROTC cadet major. “I always wanted to be a soldier. When I was younger, I thought it would be a challenge and a fun experience.”

Vallely received both an ROTC and Tennessee Lottery Hope Aspire scholarship. He said he plans to be an aerospace major with a concentration in maintenance management.

McNeal, a transfer from the University of South Florida who is majoring in nursing, is a third-generation military family member. Ron McNeal Jr., her father, retired as an Army Special Forces chief warrant officer. Grandfather Ron McNeal Sr., who lives in Ohio and attended the ceremony, retired as a master sergeant from the U.S. Air Force.

“I knew when I got into nursing school that I wanted to be in the Army nursing corps,” Meghan McNeal said. “Since my dad was in it, I grew up in an Army lifestyle, and I like to travel to new places.”

She added that her father was stationed at Fort Campbell, Fort Bragg and posts in California, Florida and Germany.

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SIR YES SIR—AROTC cadets, led by Cadet Commander Matthew Wallace, stand at attention at the Aug. 24 Stand-To Ceremony, when new battalion members are sworn in.

photo by Maj. Chuck Giles

graduate and nursing major, received an Army Nursing ROTC Scholarship.

She said she wanted to pursue an Army career “because I’m an Army brat. I thought the nursing experience would be good. I want to help people, giving back to soldiers

and helping them out because of all the freedoms we have today.”

Walsh said there would be 130 cadets in the military science program this fall. That number will include 70 freshmen.

Atlanta Federal Reserve CEO to address conference

by Tom Tozer

Dennis P. Lockhart, 14th president and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, will be the keynote speaker at the 15th annual Economic Outlook Conference at MTSU, which will be held Friday, Sept. 28, in the James Union Building.

Registration at the door will begin at 8:15 a.m. The no-fee conference will adjourn at 1:15 p.m.

“The Economic Outlook Conference has become an MTSU tradition because it delivers what it promises—substance, expertise, and an opportunity for business and industry professionals to share common concerns,” said Dr. Jim Burton, dean of MTSU’s Jennings A. Jones College of Business.

Burton said the conference is targeted especially to bankers, business owners and managers, community officials and leaders, as well as business and economics faculty and students—and to anyone interested in economic growth in the region and nation.

Lockhart, who will speak at 9 a.m., assumed his new post in March and is responsible for the bank’s monetary policy, supervision, regulation and pay-

ment services. From 2001 to 2003, he was managing partner at the New York-based private equity firm Zephyr Management, with reaches into Africa and Latin America. Prior to that, he served as executive vice president and director at Heller Financial and as president of Heller International Group, which conducted business in North and South America, Europe and Asia. Previously, he worked at Citicorp/Citibank (now Citigroup) and once served in Iran as chief operating office of a banking joint venture between Citibank and an Iranian affiliate.

Lockhart earned a bachelor of arts degree in political science and economics from Stanford University and a master’s in international economics and American foreign policy from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies. He served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve from 1968 to 1974.

At 10:30, Dr. David Penn, director of MTSU’s Business and Economic Research Center, will provide a midstate/regional economic update. The



Lockhart

BERC maintains significant databases of regional, national and international information and provides research resources and databases for the MTSU community. Penn received his bachelor of arts degree from Northeastern Oklahoma State University, his master’s from the University of Denver and his doctorate from the University of Oklahoma.

Following the presentation of the Jennings A. Jones Champion of Free Enterprise Award, Dr. Donald Ratajczak, Regent’s Professor of Economics Emeritus at Georgia State University and nationally known economic forecaster, will address the noon luncheon audience.

Ratajczak served as director of the Economic Forecasting Center at Georgia State for 27 years. In 1994, he received the Blue Chip award for forecasting accuracy during the four previous years. He appears regularly on CNBC and writes a weekly column for the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*. *Business Week* has cited Ratajczak for his accuracy in predicting national trends. He received his undergraduate degree from Haverford College and his doctorate from Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Those interested in attending should register by Sept. 21 to guarantee lunch by calling 615-898-2764.



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business professionals and get information on part-time employment and internship opportunities. All participants are eligible for a variety of door prizes.

Career Day is just one of many services provided by the Career Center to assist students in planning their careers, Turner said. Other services include eRecruiting, a Web-based referral system; resume writing and interview preparation workshops; other special events and career days; and a career resource library.

All students are encouraged to stop by the Career Center, located in Room 328 of the Keathley University

Center, to visit with one of the staff members and to pick up a student career guide. The Career Center has career coordinators for each college and satellite offices for the College of Basic and Applied Science in Jones Hall 309 and the College of Business in BAS S123. The coordinators for the Colleges of Education, Liberal Arts and Mass Communication and the Regents On-Line Degree Program all are in KUC 328.

For more information on Career Day or other career-planning opportunities, students may call 615-898-5732.

