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It's a new year, new start for Tennessee's best

WELCOME 2008



MTSU is gearing up for the 2008-09 Week of Welcome, and despite the warm weather, all the excitement of a new academic year makes it seem a little like Jan. 1.

"Starting a new academic year is always an exciting time, that feeling of a new beginning, much like New Year's Day," said President Sidney A. McPhee. "I hope all our faculty and staff and returning students will make a resolution to welcome all of our incoming freshmen and new employees.

"The Student Affairs Division has been working hard in preparing a variety of activities to welcome everyone back to campus. Enhancing academic quality and fostering a student-centered learning culture are two pillars of our academic master plan. Helping our students reach their full potential is vital, and it begins with the commitment of the entire university community to making them feel at home at MTSU. I know we will all strive to make 2008-09 our best year ever."

The university's 10-day Week of Welcome calendar of events, launched on Friday, Aug. 22, should have something for everyone, said Gina Poff,

director of the Office of New Students and Family Programs. "The two best weeks of college are generally the first one and the last one, so we don't want anyone to miss out on the fun," Poff said. "We have 10 days of fun activities planned, many of them free and open to the entire campus community. We hope everyone will help us greet our new freshmen as they join the MTSU family."

The Week of Welcome activities begin with We-Haul—helping students move into dormitories—and conclude Wednesday, Sept. 3, with a Student Organization Fair in the Keathley University Center courtyard.

The days between will feature plenty of activities to celebrate the 2008-09 academic year, including the MTSU Department Fair on

Monday, Aug. 25, in the KUC Courtyard; Meet Murfreesboro Aug. 26-27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily in the KUC Courtyard; and a grand opening festival at the newly renovated Student Health, Wellness and Recreation Center from 4 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 27.

See page 4 for more events, or visit www.mtsu.edu/~nsfp/welcome.htm.

ARAMARK Food Services also is offering discount drinks for everyone on campus during the Week of Welcome with an "I'm One" button. For details and to print out a button if you've misplaced yours, visit www.mtsu.edu/marketing.

Renovation, expansion project complete

Recreation Center adds space to serve more students, staff

by Gina E. Fann

If you've let your fitness goals slide this year because you couldn't find an open space to work out, you no longer have an excuse.

From the weight room that's doubled in size to the second-floor cardio room with one of the best views on campus, MTSU's \$20 million, 18-month Student Health, Wellness and Recreation Center renovation and expansion is ready to serve the university's fitness needs.

"The new cardio room and weight room are just incredible," says Jenny Crouch, marketing and accessibilities coordinator for the facility. "We now have two fitness/aerobic rooms, so our aerobics class offerings for fall have easily doubled. There's more space all around,

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Health Services' new home features X-ray, pharmacy

by Gina K. Logue

The staff of MTSU's Student Health Services will welcome the community to its sparkling new facilities in the Student Health, Wellness and Recreation Center with a 4 p.m. ribbon-cutting and grand opening slated for Wednesday, Aug. 27, designed to put the "fun" back into the fundamentals of fitness.

"We're bringing in a stage," says Richard Chapman, Health Services director. "We're going to have some bands. We've booked some inflatables for activities. We're trying to work on getting some steppers from the Panhellenic Council; those are entertaining groups to watch. We're working on a hot-air balloon for the event. We're going to make it a real carnival/festival-type activity."

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Text-message program adds family features

by Joshua A. Graham

Significant new features have been added to the Rave Wireless Emergency Alert system on campus, enabling MTSU's emergency text-messaging service to keep friends and family of students on campus informed of emergency situations that may occur.

New features of the Rave text-messaging system allow users to add up to three total numbers and e-mail addresses in the database on the MTSU Web site.

"You can enter a friend, spouse, parent or a child's e-mail address and now they can receive that same alert," said Steve Prichard, director of Telecommunication Services. "If you have multiple e-mail addresses ... (such as) if you use Yahoo or AOL or

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IN BRIEF

ROUTE REVISIONS FOR FALL

Alumni Drive from Blue Raider Drive west to Friendship Street will be closed for the fall semester for road improvement. This road clos-

ing means no access to the south library parking lot, and there will be changes to the Blue and Red Routes for the Raider Xpress shuttle. An updated map is available at the Parking and Transportation Services Web site, www.mtsu.edu/~parking, or you may call 615-898-2850.

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Fall '08 Honors lectures focus on politics, press

from Staff Reports

With the November presidential election one of the most critical in our nation's history, the University Honors College will offer something you won't be able to find this fall on CNN, Fox News, MSNBC or any other news outlet.



It's the fall Honors Lecture Series "Politics and the Press: The Relationship Between Government and the Fourth Estate."

The one-hour pass/fail UH 3000 course will be held every Monday from 3 until 3:55 p.m. (except Sept. 1 for the Labor Day holiday and Oct. 13 for fall break) during the fall semester.

The class is held in Room 106 of the Paul W. Martin Sr. Honors Building. All lectures are free and open to the public.

Students and the public can see and hear the full spectrum—history, economics, past and modern media, political science and more—from MTSU's vast array of academic experts.

To learn more, call 615-898-2152 or visit http://honors.web.mtsu.edu/lecture_series.htm.

The fall 2008 schedule, complete with lecture topics and speakers, is shown at right.

FALL 2008 Honors Lecture Series

Politics and the Press: The Relationship Between Government and the Fourth Estate

August 25 Student Study Abroad Presentations
 September 8 Immigrationomics
 September 15 From Preachers to Sniper Fire: Press Coverage of the 2008 Presidential Election
 September 22 "Let Us Have a Grand Rally": Tennessee's Former Slaves Become Citizens
 September 29 Imagining a Nation: Kurdistan of Iraq and the Problems of the Documentary Form
 October 6 TBA
 October 20 Between Jesse Jackson and Barack Obama: Race Management, Electoral Populism, and Presidential Politics
 October 27 Politics, the Presidency, and Film
 November 3 Correspondents, Columns, and Caricatures: Politics and the Press in the Civil War
 November 10 Politics, Non-Traditional Media and Young Voters
 November 17 Agenda-Setting Images in National Politics
 November 24 Student Thesis Presentations
 December 1 Student Thesis Presentations
 September 1 Labor Day
 October 13 Fall Break
 December 3 Last Day of Class

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

Paul W. Martin Sr. Honors Building, Room 106
 Mondays, 3:00 to 3:55 p.m.
 All lectures are free and open to the public.

Commercial construction management launches this semester

by Randy Weiler

The unveiling of MTSU's new commercial construction management concentration in MTSU's Department of Engineering Technology will take place when fall semester classes begin Aug. 25, department chairman Dr. Walter Boles announced.

"Our first class, the introduction course, has 10 students signed up for this fall," said Boles, who added that these students have heard about the program by word of mouth or other means, since the concentration has not been advertised.

"There are probably that many more students who have expressed interest and will not have to take the intro course, either due to transfer credit or existing students transferring over to the commercial program," Boles said. "I expect we will have 20 to 30 students 'declared' as commercial construction students this fall."

The Tennessee Board of Regents heard MTSU's program proposals and then approved the concentration in summer 2007.

"Current construction management programs in Tennessee are unable to supply enough graduates for the region," Boles said. "The commercial construction management program is designed to prepare graduates for entry-level supervisory and estimating positions with commercial construction firms, material manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers."

Boles added that the vision "is to become a leading program graduating 50 to 100 entry-level

managers per year who would stay in Tennessee. However, our focus is on a quality program. The numbers are secondary.

"We want to create strategic regional partnerships that will provide employers with a new source of construction management professionals," he added. "Advantages for potential employers will include early access to students and graduates and positions on our advisory board to help guide the program in mutually desirable directions."

Since January, a fundraising drive for the program has generated nearly \$150,000 toward an initial goal of \$500,000, Boles said.

"Ideally, we're trying to get to \$500,000, with \$300,000 to support the recruiting of a nationally renowned commercial construction management program director and a \$200,000 goal for scholarships."

Companies or individuals who have made commitments include J.E. Crain & Son, Brassfield & Gorrie, Skanska, Turner Universal, ETIS, Orion, The Comfort Group, Actus Lend Lease, Messer, ABG Caulking, American Constructors, TDK, Debbie and Joey Hatch, RG Anderson, Hardaway Construction, The Building Group, Lee Adcock, ABG Caulking and Carden Construction.

Prospective donors can contact Boles or Jennifer Allen (jallen@mtsu.edu), development director for the College of Basic and Applied Sciences, at 615-898-5003 or 615-804-5347.

Boles said nearly 50 construction and industry professionals have agreed to serve on the

Commercial Construction Management Advisory Board.

"I think we have a very high-quality advisory board," Boles said. "The (board) members are very knowledgeable of the other prestigious construction management institutions and their curricula."

Industry leaders are touting the concept and the need for such a program.

"The new MTSU construction management program is a wonderful idea," said Thomas Reed, safety director for Associated General Contractors of Middle Tennessee. "It will train the next generation of managers and supervisors. It will also help the area retain quality students and bring in individuals from other areas."

Added Terry Ruppel, director of education for the Mid-Tennessee Chapter of the Associated Builders and Contractors Inc., and a member of the program's advisory board: "Tennessee needs and deserves a major program in commercial construction management. I want to express my support of this effort and look forward to our chapter and member companies forming strong partnerships with the program."

Dr. Al Carter, professor of engineering technology, is the coordinator of the commercial construction program, Boles said.

Prospective students can learn more about the program by contacting Carter at 615-898-2096 or acarter@mtsu.edu or chairman Boles at 615-898-2776 or wvboles@mtsu.edu.

IRB sets monthly meeting schedule

MTSU's Institutional Review Board has set its fall 2008 meeting schedule.

All meetings will take place the first Wednesday of each month at 2 p.m. Meetings are set for Sept. 3, Oct. 1, Nov. 5 and Dec 3.

Protocol applications must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. two weeks before each review meeting date.

All meetings will be conducted in the Sam Ingram Building's garden-

level conference room.

The MTSU Institutional Review Board reviews all research involving human subjects at MTSU.

The Office of Compliance is located in the Ingram Building in Room 011B. For more information, please contact the Office of Compliance at 615-494-8918 or irb@mtsu.edu, or visit the IRB Web site at www.mtsu.edu/~irb.

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New campus roundabout aims to keep traffic moving

from Staff Reports

Drivers traveling on MTSU Boulevard and Blue Raider Drive this semester will notice one significant absence at that busy intersection: a backlog of traffic from the four-way stop.

A new traffic roundabout at the intersection allows motorists from each direction to loop around to continue on their desired route after yielding to any vehicles already in the loop. The change is part of the four-phase \$30 million traffic master-plan construction project at MTSU, designed to improve traffic flow, safety and access around campus, and MTSU's roundabout is the first of its kind at a Tennessee public university.

"To date, the project has completed new parking lots, improved campus entry, improved roadways, added shuttle bus lanes, sidewalks and lighting," says Ron Malone, assistant vice president for events and transportation services.

"The Roundabout is the latest of these improvement and will certainly help our students, faculty and staff navigate their way through campus more efficiently, effectively and, most importantly, safely."

Roundabout construction began this summer, when traffic at the intersection was diverted to a route through the University Honors College parking lot. The route opened Aug. 11, and work continued the next week to create dedicated shuttle and bicycle lanes along MTSU Boulevard in front of Cummings Hall.

Officials decided to turn the MTSU Boulevard-Blue Raider Drive intersection into a roundabout after studying a safety report that indicated that roundabouts are safer than traditional traffic circles and intersections, with 40 percent fewer collisions and 80 percent fewer injuries to drivers and pedestrians. Other universities with traffic roundabouts include Stanford University, Michigan State, Mississippi State, Virginia Tech and the University of Maryland.

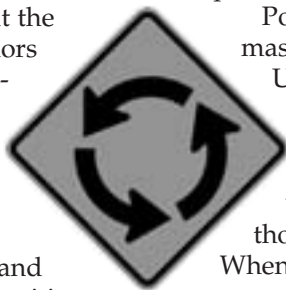
"We are extremely proud of the finished product," Malone adds. "Lose and Associates, our project architects, have done a great job of converting a difficult intersection into one that functions very well and is also aesthetically pleasing."

The roundabout also features an historic component: portions of limestone columns, more than 160 years old, from the Tennessee State Capitol in



WHICH WAY IS UP?—Navigating the new traffic roundabout at MTSU Boulevard and Blue Raider Drive, shown above, will work if you "slow down, yield to traffic already in the roundabout, and remember that traffic always flows to the right, or counter-clockwise," says Ron Malone, assistant vice president for events and transportation services. The limestone column pieces in the roundabout's green areas originated at the Tennessee State Capitol, shown in the 1934 inset photo. They now visually link MTSU's east side with the historic columns of Kirksey Old Main on the west.

Roundabout photo by Andy Heidt; south face of State Capitol 1934 by J.E. Butterworth/Library of Congress



Nashville. The four-foot-diameter columns, which were erected at the capitol building during its 1845-1855 construction, weathered badly and were replaced during an exterior renovation project in the 1950s and stored at the old state penitentiary in Nashville.

Portions were later used in a reliquary on Capitol Hill honoring the stonemasons who carved the columns and in green space at the Bicentennial Mall. U.S. Rep. Bart Gordon and his staff suggested that the MTSU roundabout also include the columns.

"After I learned about them, I asked the state to donate some of the columns to the university," said Gordon, an MTSU alumnus. "Murfreesboro served as the state capital from 1818 through 1826, so I thought it seemed right to have a few of these columns on our campus. When MTSU got ready to do the roundabout, it was suggested that would be a good place for them. They are decorative and artistic and a part of our Tennessee history."

Those with no experience navigating a roundabout can study a two-minute instructional video produced by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety at <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-7384786155754120811&pr=goog-sl>.

The real secret to getting around in a roundabout, Malone says, is simple. "Slow down, yield to traffic already in the roundabout, and remember that traffic always flows to the right, or counter-clockwise," he says.

2 psychology programs receive national accreditation

by Lisa L. Rollins

Two concentrations within the Department of Psychology have been accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs, or CACREP, said Dr. Christopher J. Quarto, MTSU psychology professor and a licensed psychologist.

"We are delighted to announce that we recently received word that both the mental-health counseling and the school-counseling areas of study ... are now accredited by the CACREP," Quarto said.

The newly acquired accreditation "is the highest level of accreditation for counseling programs in the United States" and can provide a number of benefits for those who complete such CACREP-accredited programs, he added.

Dr. Virginia Dansby, coordinator for MTSU Professional Counseling, said, "With this accreditation decision, MTSU now has one of two CACREP mental-health programs in Tennessee and one of six CACREP school-counseling programs throughout the state."

As the sole national accreditation body for mental-health and school-counseling programs, the CACREP designation is noteworthy, Dansby and

Quarto agreed.

"While the accreditation is an honor for the university and for the faculty, it is even more important for the students, as graduation from a CACREP program provides multiple benefits, including special consideration in hiring decisions throughout the country," observed psychologist Dansby.

The psychology department currently offers a Master of Education degree in professional counsel-

ing with concentrations in school counseling and mental-health counseling. The school-counseling concentration prepares students to work in elementary and secondary schools with the potential for recommendation for licensure as a school counselor. The mental-health counseling program pre-

pares students to work with children and/or adolescents in community mental-health centers, family services agencies and private-practice settings. Quarto said MTSU's school counseling concentration originally was accredited in 2000 and mental-health counseling, a new concentration that began in 2005, has received its first accredited status from CACREP.

"Many individuals helped us through this rigorous evaluation process, and we greatly appreciate everyone for their assistance," Quarto noted. "A special thanks goes to our site supervisors, who make such an important contribution during practicum and internship, and to our excellent students, who have helped us earn this honor and who make the hard work worthwhile."

The psychology department at MTSU, under the direction of Dr. Dennis Papini, chairman, is part of the university's College of Education and Behavioral Science, which is led by Dr. Terry Whiteside, interim dean. At present, the mental health concentration has 11 students and school counseling has 54 enrollees, Dansby confirmed.

For more information about CACREP, please visit www.cacrep.org. For more information about these MTSU programs, please contact the psychology department at 615-898-2706.

'Many individuals helped us through this rigorous evaluation process, and we greatly appreciate everyone for their assistance.'

*Dr. Christopher J. Quarto,
psychology professor*

Campus Calendar

Aug. 25-Sept. 7

Please note:

Event dates, times and locations may change after press time. Please verify specifics when making plans.

TV Schedule



Cable Channel 9:
Monday-Sunday—7 a.m., 5 p.m.
NewsChannel 5+:
Sundays—1:30 p.m.

Aug. 25

Monday, Aug. 25
Fall 2008 semester begins

Week of Welcome:
University Department Fair
11 a.m.-1 p.m., KUC Courtyard
For information, contact:
615-898-5172.

Aug. 26

Aug. 26-27
Week of Welcome:
"Meet Murfreesboro"
10 a.m.-2 p.m., KUC Courtyard
For information, contact:
615-898-5172.

Tuesday, Aug. 26
Week of Welcome:
Comedian Mike Birbiglia
8 p.m., Murphy Center
For information, contact:
615-898-2454.

Aug. 27

Wednesday, Aug. 27
Student Health, Wellness and Recreation Center Grand Opening Festival
4-9 p.m.
For information, contact:
615-898-2104.

Faculty and Guest Recital:
Todd Waldecker, clarinet;
Keith McClelland, bassoon;
and Fay Adams, piano
8 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, contact:
615-898-2493.

Aug. 28

Thursday, Aug. 28
Blue Raider Football vs. Troy
6:30 p.m., Floyd Stadium
For information, visit
www.goblueraiders.com
or contact: 615-898-2450.

Aug. 29

Aug. 29-30
MT Volleyball
"Blue Raider Bash"
Aug. 29: vs. Idaho, 7:30 p.m.;
Aug. 30: vs. Southeast Missouri State, 12:30 p.m.; vs. South Dakota State, 7:30 p.m.
Alumni Memorial Gym
For information, visit
www.goblueraiders.com
or contact: 615-898-2450.

WEEK OF WELCOME 2008
The Ride of Your Life

Friday, August 22nd
We-Haul (all-day)
Dinner and Music at the KUC Courtyard 6:30pm
Outdoor Movie: "Indiana Jones: Raiders of the Lost Ark" 8pm, KUC Courtyard

Saturday, August 23rd
We-Haul (all-day)
Information Booths 10am-4pm
Dinner and Street Fair 6pm, Behind Corlew Residence Hall

Sunday, August 24th
University Convocation: Guest Speaker Greg Mortenson 2pm, Murphy Center
President's Picnic following Convocation, Walnut Grove

Monday, August 25th
MTSU Department Fair 11am-1pm, KUC Courtyard
Free Cookies and Lemonade 12 noon, KUC Courtyard

Tuesday, August 26th
Meet Murfreesboro 10am-2pm, KUC Courtyard
Comedian: Mike Birbiglia (Comedy Central) 8pm, Murphy Center

Wednesday, August 27th
Meet Murfreesboro 10am-2pm, KUC Courtyard
Student Health and Recreation Center
Grand Opening Festival 3pm-9pm

Thursday, August 28th
MTSU Home Football Game vs. Troy (ESPN Regional)

Monday, September 1st
Labor Day Holiday

Tuesday, September 2nd
Volunteer Fair 10am-2pm, KUC Courtyard

Wednesday, September 3rd
Student Organization Fair 10am-2pm, KUC Courtyard

The best two weeks of college are the first and last, so don't miss out on this one!
MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

Aug. 29 and 31
MT Soccer International Weekend
Aug. 29: Vanderbilt;
Aug. 31: Belmont
1 p.m., Blue Raider Field
For information, visit
www.goblueraiders.com
or contact: 615-898-2450.

Aug. 30

Aug. 30-31
Tennessee Cowboy Mounted Shooting South Central Regional Championship
Tennessee Miller Coliseum
For information, visit
www.tncmsa.com.

Sept. 1

Monday, Sept. 1
Labor Day
no classes; university closed

Sept. 2

Tuesday, Sept. 2
Week of Welcome:
Volunteer Fair
10 a.m.-2 p.m., KUC Courtyard
For information, contact:
615-898-2454.

Sept. 3

Sept. 3-7
Eastern Cowboy Mounted Shooting Championship
Tennessee Miller Coliseum
For information, visit
www.cowboymountedshooting.com.

Wednesday, Sept. 3
Week of Welcome:
Student Organization Fair
10 a.m.-2 p.m., KUC Courtyard
For information, contact:
615-898-2454.

Sept. 5

Sept. 5-6
MT Tennis 22nd Annual Wally Tidwell Pro-Am
Buck Bouldin Tennis Center
For information, contact:
615-898-2450.

MT Volleyball "Middle Tennessee Invitational"
Sept. 5: vs. Lipscomb, noon;
vs. Iowa State, 7:30 p.m.;
Sept. 6: vs. Loyola Marymount, 2:30 p.m.
Alumni Memorial Gym
For information, visit
www.goblueraiders.com
or contact: 615-898-2450.

Sept. 5 and 7
MT Soccer Middle Tennessee Classic Camper Weekend
Sept. 5: Texas Tech, 6:30 p.m.;
Sept. 7: High Point, 1:30 p.m.
Blue Raider Field
For information, visit
www.goblueraiders.com
or contact: 615-898-2450.

Friday, Sept. 5
First Friday Star Party
6:30 p.m., Wiser-Patten Science Hall
For information, contact:
615-898-5946.

Sept. 6

Saturday, Sept. 6
Blue Raider Football vs. Maryland
6 p.m., Floyd Stadium
For information, visit
www.goblueraiders.com
or contact: 615-898-2450.

Sept. 7

Sunday, Sept. 7
Faculty Voice Recital:
Dina Cancryn
3 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, contact:
615-898-2493.

so we can offer more services and be an even more fun place to hang out.”

University officials broke ground Feb. 23, 2007, at the center on Blue Raider Drive for the expansion, adding 22,000 square feet of workout and meeting space to the Rec Center's footprint and creating a brand-new Student Health Services facility at the west side of the existing facility.

The new main entrance lobby of the combined facilities is set up with a reception area to allow visitors and students to ask questions or sign up for Campus Rec activities without passing through the secure ID area, which boasts six entries with new BlueID hand scanners to admit users.

“We created that (reception area) so students won't have to go upstairs or through the turnstiles at the last minute to sign up for intramurals or classes,” Crouch explained.

The outdoor equipment rental area, also in the new lobby, is set up like a store with equipment displays

and staff available to answer questions. Outdoor equipment storage also was expanded to provide more choices for users.

The Campus Recreation Center, built in 1995, serves an average of 2,200 visitors per day and now houses six basketball or volleyball courts, six racquetball courts, a three-lane indoor track, two aerobic/fitness rooms, an expanded free-weight room, a cardio room with selectorized machines, an indoor swimming pool with water slide and diving board, equipment check-out, locker rooms, a family changing room, a rock-climbing wall, a four-foot-deep outdoor swimming pool and sun deck with sand volleyball courts, a challenge course that also includes an alpine climbing tower, and intramural fields. The expansion also moved the Campus Rec offices to the first floor.



WORKOUT ROOM WITH A VIEW—Users of the new second-floor cardio room in the Student Health, Wellness and Recreation Center work up a sweat while glancing up at the bank of televisions or down at their machines, some of which include virtual workout screens. The view out the north windows shows the new traffic roundabout.

photo by Andy Heidt

Health

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The new clinic is an attraction all its own. With 18,000 square feet and 22 examination rooms, it is an improvement over the McFarland building, which provided only 10 functioning exam rooms. For the first time on campus, X-ray services will be available, as well as travel medicine to support study-abroad students.

Another first, and perhaps the main attraction,



STATE OF THE ART—X-rays are now available in Student Health Services for the first time, thanks to a machine in the new location.

photo by Andy Heidt

will be the drive-through pharmacy, which could be up and running as early as Oct. 1. Until then, the dispensary will remain in operation. MTSU's new pharmacy director, Tabby Ragland, already is on board and working to fulfill all the necessary requirements, including licenses and arrangements with insurance companies. Ragland, an MTSU alumna and 1994 graduate of the pharmacy school at the University of Tennessee at Memphis, says she welcomes the chance to be a part of the expansion.

“What attracted me the most was the opportunity to do something brand new, to develop something from the ground up, from the very beginning and make it my own and grow it to fit this environment, this college campus,” Ragland says.

For now, plans call for the pharmacy to have the same hours as the clinic, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Chapman says customers will drive in the recreation center's main entrance, turn to the right and curve around the building, where they will encounter an ATM-type kiosk with a pneumatic tube system.

“With parking on any college campus, it's a little bit of a chal-

lenge at times,” Ragland says. “So with the drive-through feature, that makes it very nice for people to get their prescription on their way into class or on their way home if they want to. If they want to call in or e-mail or fax in their request, then they can just pull in the drive-through and pick it up that way.”

As with all medical services, Chapman and his staff will strive to keep costs low by charging minor fees for lab work, blood tests, medications and specialized exams such as the Federal Aviation Administration exam for aerospace majors. However, as usual, there will be no charge for routine office visits for students.

“It is a student-funded facility, so we are interested to hear the comments and feedback from the students and certainly try to listen to their needs,” Chapman says. “I think with our expansion of pharmacy services, expanding our X-ray offerings and the travel clinic, hopefully we're really striving to meet student needs.”

Meanwhile, Chapman is looking forward to expanding Health Services' outreach programs, highlighting such areas as alcohol and drugs, nutrition, healthy lifestyles, sexual health, smoking, sexually transmitted illness awareness, and suicide and depression.

Eventually, the McFarland building will house the Academic Support Center, Transfer Student Services and a satellite office of the Department of Public Safety.

Text

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something else that you check more frequently than your MTSU e-mail, then you can enter that.”

The Rave Alert service requires a campus e-mail for authentication into the system. The new features make it easier for family and friends who do not have an MTSU e-mail address to be notified of emergencies.

Other features added to the emergency text-messaging service allow administrators of the system to send a text message or an e-mail rather than both at the same time with the older system.

“You would send to both; you wouldn't have a choice. If you did want to use just one of those methods, we can do that now. It gives us just a little bit more control and flexibility,” Prichard said.

“Mainly, I would just encourage people to sign up so they can be informed about emergency events. The system works very quickly, sending a message within minutes,” he added.

A three-person committee—Prichard, News and Public Affairs Director Tom Tozer and MTSU Police Chief Buddy Peaster—plans to send a test

message (text and e-mail) to all users signed up for the service this fall semester.

“We do want people to be aware of the system and to know that it works. If it never gets used, people will forget about it. They will not be familiar with the format of the messages. They will not recognize it as official emergency messages,” Prichard said.

For those not yet aware of the Rave text-messaging service, signing up is easy. Students, faculty and staff may sign up for the service at no charge at www.getrave.com/login/mtsu. There also is a red-lettered link on the left side of the PipelineMT page that leads to the Rave sign-up page.

Prichard said the text-messaging service also is utilized by campus police because of the 24-hour nature of their service.

“They are the first responders to emergency events, and this is just one more way of notifying the campus community about an emergency event,” he explained. “The ... work week is a small fraction of the actual hours in a week (and this campus) is like a small city running 24/7. ... We want them to be aware so that they can respond.”

For more information about Rave Wireless Emergency Alert, please visit www.getrave.com/login/mtsu.

A quick guide to office relocations across campus

MTSU has the lowest square footage per student for classrooms, labs and offices of all universities in the state. Yet the university is committed to maintaining academic quality and ensuring that students and faculty have the best possible learning and teaching environment.

Several offices and departments have been relocated on campus to make room for other activities and to consolidate areas that share common interests and audiences.

In some cases, relocation has allowed for vacated areas to be renovated, which, in turn, provides newer and improved office or classroom surroundings. While relocation may cause some temporary confusion, the ultimate purpose is to improve services and promote efficiency.

The following offices and departments have found new homes as we begin the 2008-09 fall semester. We suggest that you attach this list to your campus directory and keep it for reference.

Departmental relocations in 2007		
Department	Original Location	New Location
Office of Research and Sponsored Programs	Midgett Building, Room 104	Ingram Building, Garden Level
College of Graduate Studies	Cope Administration Building, Room 114	Ingram Building, First Floor
Human Resources/Payroll Department	Cope 217	Ingram Building, Second Floor
Tennessee Transit Training Center	Fairview Building, Room 210	Lytle House
Tennessee Early Childhood Training Alliance	Fairview 215	Lytle House
Office of Institutional Diversity	None	Peck Hall, Room 107
Middle East Center/Studies Program	Peck Hall	Midgett 104
College of Liberal Arts	Peck Hall	Todd Building, Room 231
MT Study Abroad	Peck 103	Peck 207
Psychological Services Center	Peck Hall	Off-campus site (2227 NW Broad St.)
Departmental relocations since January 2008		
Office of Senior Vice President	Cope 211	Cope 119
Office for Community Engagement and Support	New office	Cope 114
News and Public Affairs	Cope 209	Tom Jackson Building
College of Continuing Education and Distance Learning	Cope 119	Fairview 210
Department of History	Peck 223	Peck 223A
Department of Social Work	Alumni Memorial Gym/ Kirksey Old Main/Peck	Peck 132, Northwest Quad
Anticipated relocations during fall 2008		
Health Services	McFarland Building	Student Health, Wellness and Recreation Center
Information Technology Division	Cope 003	Cope 217A
Business and Finance Services	Cope 105	Cope 211
Admissions	Cope 208	Cope 209
Marketing and Communications	Cope 209	Cope 205
Transfer Student Services	KOM 100C	McFarland Building
Academic Support Center (part of Academic Support Services)	Keathley University Center, Room 324	McFarland Building
Business and Finance Technical Support Services	New office	Cope 202
Grant Accounting	Cope 108	Cope 105

Women's Studies chooses Johnson as new director

by Gina K. Logue

Dr. Newtona "Tina" Johnson, professor of English and chair of the President's Commission on the Status of Women at MTSU, is the new director of the university's Women's Studies Program. Johnson took over the job Aug. 1.

She succeeds Dr. Elyce Helford, also an English professor, who served as director for the past eight years.

Johnson joined MTSU in 1998. She has been a member of the Women's Studies Council since then and has served on many committees, including the curriculum committee. She earned her bachelor's degree in English language and literature with honors from the Fourah Bay College of the University

of Sierra Leone; a master's in English from Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia; a master's in applied linguistics from Concordia University in Montreal, Quebec; and a doctorate in literary and cultural studies from Emory University in Atlanta.



Johnson

In her vision statement, Johnson wrote, "I will use my collegial relations with faculty and administrators across MTSU's campus and my experience in recruiting faculty from diverse disciplines to create more disciplinary diversity in our curriculum, to solicit more faculty involvement in the program and to promote the program to faculty, students and administrators as a community of scholars that prides itself

on its inclusiveness as it fosters a global feminist perspective."

The Women's Studies Program provides undergraduates with an opportunity for an 18-hour interdisciplinary minor with tracks in women's studies and gender studies. In addition, the program provides travel grants, student awards, an annual scholarship and a library of more than 1,000 volumes for research.

The program sponsors research lectures by faculty members, assists with National Women's History Month events on campus each March, and coordinates a biennial interdisciplinary conference in Women's Studies.

For more information on the Women's Studies Program, call 615-898-5910, send an e-mail to womenstu@mtsu.edu or visit the Web site at <http://womenstu.web.mtsu.edu>.

Fall Phonathon kicks off Sept. 7 to seek funding for university needs

from Staff Reports

The Office of Development's fall annual giving Phonathon will begin Sunday, Sept. 7, said Meredith Kerr, coordinator of annual giving.

MTSU students will be calling alumni to inform them of the latest developments from MTSU and their respective colleges and ask them to make a gift to the university, Kerr said. It also serves as an opportunity to update their personal information for alumni records. Students will ask for a gift to the MTSU Foundation Annual Fund, and calls generally will be made from Sunday through Thursday.

Kerr said the mission of the MTSU Phonathon is to build the university's alumni participation through yearly gifts from alumni, parents and students by informing them about the current needs of the university.

"The Phonathon is essential to increasing our private support for the institution and enhancing our

academic departments and programs," she said.

Contributions made to the MTSU Annual Fund through the Phonathon can go to any specific need or area of interest, Kerr said. These can include, but are not limited to, student scholarships, innovative academic endeavors, state-of-the-art computer/laboratory equipment, special library and departmental acquisitions, facilities improvement or special academic initiatives and projects.

The calling schedule includes Sept. 7-16, College of Liberal Arts; Sept. 17-Oct. 1, Jennings A. Jones College of Business; Oct. 2-16, Mass Communication; Oct. 19-28, Education and Behavioral Science; Oct. 29-Nov. 12, Basic and Applied Science; Nov. 13-17, Continuing Education and Distance Learning; and Nov. 18-Nov. 23, James E. Walker Library.

For more information, please contact Kerr by calling 615-898-2502 or e-mailing mkerr@mtsu.edu. You also may visit www.mtsu.edu/~devofc.



The Blue Raiders' 2008 football schedule is ready to roll! Home games are in **BOLD** and Sun Belt Conference games are starred.

2008 MT FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Aug. 28: TROY (ESPN Regional), 6:30 p.m.
Sept. 6: MARYLAND (Second Annual Kidfest), 6 p.m.
 Sept. 13: @ Kentucky, time TBA
 Sept. 20: @ Arkansas State*, 6 p.m.
Sept. 30: FLORIDA ATLANTIC* (ESPN2; "Black-Out" night), 7 p.m.
 Oct. 4: Open Date
 Oct. 11: @ Florida International*, 6 p.m.
 Oct. 18: @ Louisville, time TBA
 Oct. 25: @ Mississippi State, time TBA
 Nov. 1: Open Date
Nov. 8: @ LOUISIANA-MONROE* (Homecoming), 2:30 p.m.
 Nov. 15: @ Western Kentucky, noon
Nov. 22: NORTH TEXAS* (Salute to Veterans/Armed Services), 2:30 p.m.
 Dec. 3: @ Louisiana-Lafayette* (ESPN Regional), 6 p.m.
 Dec. 19: New Orleans Bowl (ESPN2), 7 p.m.

For ticket information, visit www.goblueraiders.com.



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 Check the "Safest Places" link at
www.mtsu.edu/alert4u/tornado.shtml

'Alumni 2008' art exhibit set for September

by Lisa L. Rollins

The art department at MTSU will serve as host for its second biennial exhibition of works by alumni, aptly titled "Alumni 2008," from Sept. 8 to Sept. 26 in the university's Todd Gallery.

About 50 pieces, representing a variety of media, will make up the exhibit, which will feature the art of Diane Fox ('86), Glenda Guion ('85), George Juliano ('69), Rebecca Parker ('04), Jim Poag ('77), Tom Sain ('84), Patricia Tenpenny ('92) and Vicki Terry ('92).

"The 'Alumni 2008' exhibition is the most recent in an ongoing series of shows designed to recognize Department of Art graduates for their ongoing commitment to art-making and their passion for their discipline," said Eric Snyder, gallery curator.

"Alumni showing this year represent a range of years, beginning with the 1960s and ending with a more recent graduate of 2004," he added. "They are active educators in higher education, performance artists or independent artists. Their works are seen across the country, internationally in galleries and museums, found in private collections and seen in regional and national publications."

The three-week exhibit will showcase paintings, prints, clay, photography, sculpture and graphic-design imagery, with each artist represented by at least four images in the Todd Gallery.

A free public reception for the artists will help kick off the alumni show Monday, Sept. 8, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the gallery's lobby.

Located on the first floor of MTSU's Todd Building, the Todd Gallery is open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays and closed on all state holidays. Admission is always free and exhibits are open to the public.

For more information regarding the current exhibit, please contact Snyder at 615-898-5653 or e-mail him at esnyder@mtsu.edu.

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September 8 - 26, 2008

Support music's zing: join Evening of Swing

by Lisa L. Rollins

The third annual "Evening of Swing" gala, a dinner/dance event, will get under way beginning at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, in the James Union Building's Tennessee Room, MTSU's Friends of Music committee members announced.

The evening's entertainment will feature the big-band music of the 1930s and '40s as performed by MTSU's two jazz ensembles, with MTSU music faculty members Don Aliquo and Jamey Simmons directing.

"The Friends' first two inaugural galas in 2005 and 2006 were so successful, drawing a full house of over 300, with great big-band music and lots of dancing, that our committee decided that it was time to celebrate again," said Dr. George T. Riordan, director of the MTSU School of Music.

"The Tennessee Room is a great place for dancing and enjoying the music and the evening," he added. "People were very impressed with the authentic and danceable swing provided by our students in the MTSU

jazz ensembles ... (so) this is a wonderful forum to introduce the high quality of our musicians to people who haven't yet enjoyed concerts at the School of Music."

Riordan said the Friends of Music group was designed to encourage community members to take advantage of the 200 concerts presented annually at MTSU and to enable the school to give better services and opportunities to music students as well as providing guidance to the school via a community perspective.

"We have an active and dynamic leadership committee who are really excited about this event, the school and our students," he remarked.

MTSU's Friends of Music organizing committee members include Liz Rhea, Shirley LaRoche, Jane Blakey, Martha Curl, Bobbie and John Duke, Brenda McFarlin, Margie Spangler, Veronica Milnar, Linda Palmer, Robbie Hooper and Ernestine Thomas. Representing MTSU on the committee are Riordan, Aliquo, Connie Huddleston, Robyn Kilpatrick, Deanna Little, Andrea Dawson and Claudette Northcutt.

"Our committee did a great job at



SWING TIME—Friends of Music planners gather to discuss the upcoming "Evening of Swing" in the James Union Building's Tennessee Room. Seated, from left are Liz Rhea, Jane Blakey, George Riordan, Bobbie Duke and Deanna Little. Standing, from left, are Shirley LaRoche, Linda Palmer, Veronica Milner, Robbie Hopper, Robyn Kilpatrick, Connie Huddleston, Brenda McFarlin, Claudette Northcutt, Margie Spangler and John Duke. To obtain tickets for the Nov. 1 event, contact Northcutt at 615-898-5924.

photo by J. Intintoli

putting together our first two events, and the evenings were truly memorable. So many people took part in the dancing that we've put together what could well be the largest dance floor in the area," Riordan said. "In the past we filled all of our tables, and we're well on track to selling out 2008."

Also, Riordan said, a free group swing-dance lesson session will be offered on Thursday, Oct. 30, "to help people polish their moves as well as to learn the basics."

Individual tickets for "Evening of Swing," which includes dinner and a

gala evening of music and dancing, are \$75 per person; \$35 of that amount is tax-deductible.

Tables seating 10 are available for \$750 (\$350 is tax-deductible), and patron and major-sponsor tables are available for \$1,000, \$2,500 and \$5,000.

For more information on "Evening of Swing" or the Friends of Music, including ticket inquiries, please contact Claudette Northcutt at 615-898-5924.

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Faculty/Staff Update

Honors

Coach Dean Hayes (track and field) has been selected for induction into the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Hayes, who came to MTSU in 1965, has guided the program to 29 OVC titles, 14 Sun Belt championships, and 18 NCAA Top 25 finishes. He's also coached several teams sponsored by either the U.S. Olympic Committee or USA Track and Field.

Coach Whit Turnbow (men's golf) has been named the Eaton Golf Pride Southeast Regional Coach of the Year following the most successful Division I season in program history. Turnbow is one of nine regional coaches of the year named by Eaton Corporation; the national winner will be announced in January.

Presentations

The Chemistry Department was well-represented at the 20th Biennial Conference on Chemical Education, held July 26-31 on the campus of Indiana University in Bloomington, Ind. Eight presentations were given, including:

- **Dr. Michael Sanger** and student **Vichuda Hunter**, who presented two talks: "Spartan and Electronegativity: Part I. How Does Instruction

Using Molecular Models Affect Students' Answers to Electronegativity Questions?" and "Spartan and Electronegativity: Part II. Comparing Students' Answers to Electronegativity Questions Involving Visual and Nonvisual Modes of Representation";

- **Drs. Gary Wulfsberg, William Ilsley, Amy Phelps, Michael Sanger and Gary White** and student **Misgenaw Gebru**, who presented "Clickers in General Chemistry: Two Uses and Studies of Effectiveness";

- **Wulfsberg**, who also presented "What Should be Included in the 'Foundations of Inorganic Chemistry' course for the new ACS Guidelines?";

- student **Midge Hal** and **Drs. Sanger and Linda Wilson**, who presented "Student Success in Intensive versus Traditional Introductory Chemistry Courses";

- **Dr. Judith Iriarte-Gross**, who presented a talk, "GRITS: Girls Raised in Tennessee Science," and a poster with co-author **Dr. Martha R. Weller** (physics and astronomy), "Contemporary Issues in Science: A SENCER Course for Non-Majors"; and

- **Dr. Martin Stewart**, who presented "Demo to Dye For."

Dr. Watson Harris (provost's office) presented a pre-conference workshop on integrated space metrics at the 43rd international conference of the Society of College and University

Planning in Montreal in July. Harris also served as conference chair and is now serving as professional development chair of the organization's southern region.

Dr. Aimee Holt (psychology) and **Andrea VanHoozer**, undergraduate URSCA Scholar, presented a poster, "Motivation and Learning Strategies Used by College Students," at the American Psychological Association Convention Aug. 15 in Boston, Mass.

Dr. Deana Raffo (speech and theatre) presented a paper, "Leadership in Action!: A Practicum in Leadership Studies," at the Association of Leadership Educators Annual Conference in Spokane, Wash., July 13-15.

Publications

Dr. Edd Applegate (journalism) has written *Muckrakers: A Biographical Dictionary of Writers and Editors*, published by The Scarecrow Press, Inc.

Dr. Minsoo Kang (health and human performance) has published "Re-visiting 'How many steps are enough?'" with co-authors C. Tudor-Locke, Y. Hatano and R.P. Pangrazi in *Medicine and Science in Sports and Exercise*, 40(7), S537-S543.