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**One giant leap for MTSU**

**Landing Black College Dance Exchange is coup for non-HBCU**

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For the first time, the Black College Dance Exchange will be held at a university that is not an historically black college when the annual festival gets under way April 9-12 at MTSU.

First conducted at the college level in 1982, the BCDE is a coalition of dance companies from historically black colleges and universities with a mission based on education. Membership in the organization is open to dance companies from predominantly black institutions of higher education and other college/university dance companies, private studios, community groups and dance organizations.

MTSU has participated in the festival since 1989, when Anne Holland Cole of MTSU's Department of Health and Human Performance became involved



with BCDE. An associate professor of HHP at MTSU from 1967 to 2000, she also is a past BCDE board member.

This year's "Crossroads: Dancing with Legends" event will feature master classes for students as well as a number of dance performances that will be open

to the community. The festival will be sponsored by the HHP department and

organized by HHP instructor Angela Armstrong, who currently serves on the BCDE board of directors, along with Lee Anne Carmack, chairwoman of the BCDE/MTSU steering committee, and with input from Cole, who's now an adjunct professor of HHP.

"We fully support Angela Armstrong and the MTSU Performing Arts Company in their hard work to create a successful Black College Dance Exchange festival at MTSU," said Dr. Dianne Bartley, HHP

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**Stadium name will honor Hayes**

from MT Athletic Communications  
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MTSU will dedicate the Dean A. Hayes Track and Soccer Stadium later this spring, after the Tennessee Board of Regents approved naming the facility for the renowned track coach March 26.

"We are fortunate to have someone as loyal and dedicated to this university as Dean Hayes has been for nearly 45 years," said MTSU President Sidney McPhee. "His track record speaks for itself, but when you consider his overall body of work, it vividly demonstrates the impact he has made on his sport—not only at Middle Tennessee but nationally and abroad."

With a career that has spanned nearly 50 years of coaching, Hayes has been inducted into five Halls of Fame during his brilliant career. He was inducted into the Blue Raider Hall of Fame in 1982, the Illinois Sports Hall of Fame in 1993, the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame in 1994, the Mason-Dixon Athletic Club Hall of Fame in 2005 and, most recently, the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Hayes served as the president of the NCAA Division I Track and Field Coaches from 1981 to 1983, and he has coached several teams sponsored by either the U.S. Olympic Committee or USA Track



**TIMELY HONOR**—MTSU Track Coach Dean Hayes is shown during his induction into the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association Hall of Fame in December 2008.

photo courtesy Kirby Lee/  
 Image of Sport-US Presswire

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**Windham Lecture sparkles with Pulitzer winner Diamond**

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Dr. Jared Diamond, a Pulitzer Prize-winning author who has been called one of the great minds of our time, will help MTSU's Windham Lecture Series celebrate its 18th anniversary by delivering this year's lecture at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 16, in the State Farm Room (Room S102) of the Business and Aerospace Building.

A reception for Diamond will be held at 5 p.m. that day in the SunTrust Room of the BAS (Room N127). The lecture and reception are free and open to the public.

Currently a professor of geography at UCLA, Diamond won a Pulitzer Prize for *Guns, Germs and Steel*, which was not only a popular bestseller but also the top-selling science book on Amazon.com for five years. *Collapse*, his follow-up book, landed on major best-seller lists as well and is drawing positive reviews.

In *Guns, Germs and Steel*,

Diamond explains the environmental and geographic reasons certain human populations have flourished, and in *Collapse*, he uses the same factors to explore why ancient societies, including the Viking colonies of Greenland as well as modern ones such as Rwanda, have fallen apart.



Diamond

With a breadth of interests and expertise that spans environmental history to evolutionary biology and molecular physiology, Diamond's body of work has also been the subject of a PBS

TV special, "Great Minds of Science: Evolution."

Diamond, who also has authored two other best-sellers, *Why Is Sex Fun?* and *The Third Chimpanzee*, is the recipient of some of the most prestigious awards in the world. He

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**IN BRIEF**

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who focus on the timely discussion of regional, national and global issues. Apply online at [www.mtsu.edu/nsfp/fund\\_nsfp.shtml](http://www.mtsu.edu/nsfp/fund_nsfp.shtml) by Monday, April 20, for funds to bring well-known speakers to campus. For more information, contact Gina Poff at 615-898-2454.



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# Professor studies Iron Age lifestyle, builds research partnership in cold Scottish loch

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I first learned about crannogs in 2000 while working on my doctorate at the University of Florida. Dr. Nick Dixon, professor of underwater archaeology at the University of Edinburgh, gave an engaging lecture about these large circular houses built on timber pilings just offshore in lochs in the Highlands of Scotland.

In 2007, while teaching a study-abroad class in Scotland, I took my students to the Scottish Crannog Centre to see the crannog reconstructed by Dr. Dixon and his archaeological research team in Loch Tay. They based their reconstruction on more than 20 years of excavation of the submerged Oakbank Crannog—a house with ruins dating to the Early Iron Age (ca. 400-595 B.C.) that is well-preserved in the cold loch waters and peat silt of the loch floor. This trip proved to be both educational for the students and the start of my research collaboration with Dr. Dixon and the Scottish Crannog Centre.



Peres

Since 1980, Dr. Dixon and a team of archaeologists with the Scottish Trust for Underwater Archaeology have conducted underwater investigations of Oakbank Crannog (one of 18 known sites for this loch), located in Loch Tay near Kenmore. Oakbank and other submerged sites at Loch Tay are situated so the past inhabitants would have had ready access to the best arable land in the area. The cold loch waters and peat silt of the loch floor are responsible for the unprecedented preservation of organic remains at this site. The preserved organic remains, including plants, seeds, nuts, animal bones and droppings,

and insects, number in the cubic tons and provide valuable information about past lifeways and the paleoenvironment of Loch Tay. The preservation of organic remains has resulted in a catalogue of wooden artifacts ranging from bowls and plates to a butter dish with butter still adhered to the surface. My research interests are focused on animals and ancient diets—and, fortunately for me, little analysis had been completed on the animal remains excavated from Oakbank. A research partnership was born.

Funded by the Royal Society of Edinburgh, the dean of the College of Liberal Arts at MTSU and a summer Faculty Research and Creative Activity Grant, and hosted by the Department of Archaeology at the University of Edinburgh, I returned to Scotland in July and August 2008 to conduct the analysis of the animal remains from Oakbank Crannog. The working hypothesis has been that the generations of the family that lived at Oakbank were wealthy farmers, growing domesticated crops along the lakeshore, collecting wild fruits and berries from the nearby forests and hills and raising domestic livestock such as cows, pigs, sheep and goats. It is thought that these farmers did not need to hunt the local wildlife nor catch fish from the loch, because the agricultural productivity of the land was so great. Part of my research was to test this hypothesis: Which animals were eaten by the people that lived at Oakbank—domestic and wild, or only domestic? Another part of my research was to develop a sampling strategy for future excavations at Oakbank and other crannog sites to insure the full range of animals used at the site were being recovered.

After analyzing the animal remains that were excavated over the past 20 years from Oakbank, I was able to show that these farmers were indeed raising domesticated animals including pig, cow,



sheep and goat. I was also able to show that they were hunting roe deer, the smaller European cousin to our white-tailed deer. Roe deer inhabit the Scottish Highlands in abundance and would have made a good food resource alternative to the domesticated animals, as those also would have been used for resources such as milk and wool.

I also began searching for evidence of fishing at Oakbank during 2008 and will return in 2010 to finish this part of the project. I am currently seeking funding to continue this project and will be able to fund a student or two to assist me in finishing it. My collaboration with archaeologists in Scotland will not end with this project; I am in discussions with another archaeologist from the University of Edinburgh to collaborate on a field project in Scotland—which will include archaeology students from MTSU as well as the University of Edinburgh.

*Dr. Tanya M. Peres is an assistant professor of anthropology at MTSU.*

## Essex roundtable



**LEGAL EAGLES**—Dr. Frank Essex, standing, professor emeritus of political science, poses with his former students. From left are 16th Circuit Judge J. Mark Rogers, attorney Reba Brown Carter and 16th Circuit Judge Ben McFarlin, all of Murfreesboro; Lucy Honey Haynes of Nashville, chief deputy attorney general for the State of Tennessee; 22nd District Attorney General Mike Bottoms of Lawrenceburg; and 16th District Public Defender Gerald Melton of Murfreesboro. The March 3 roundtable in the Honors College Amphitheatre was open to MTSU students pursuing careers in law and featured discussions about careers and changes in Tennessee's judicial system.

photo submitted

## 2nd of seniors' art exhibits slated April 13-17 in Todd Gallery

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The Department of Art at MTSU will serve as host for "Caution: Wet Floor," the second of three spring 2009 art exhibits by seniors who are candidates for the department's Bachelor of Fine Arts degree.

The student show, which will be on display in the Todd Gallery from April 13 to April 17, also will include an artists' reception Monday, April 13, from 6 to 8 p.m.

"Caution: Wet Floor" will include works by participating artists Natalie Harrison, Emily May-Ragland, Erin Piper, Randy Purcell and Jonathan Wallraven.

Eric Snyder, gallery curator, said Harrison's works "create images of abstracted streets that capture specific moments in time" and May-Ragland "use(s) warm, saturated colors to evoke sensuality in her images of mating

couples."

The pieces by Piper "explore intimate relationships and nostalgia through the use of her body," and Purcell "uses painting and sculpture to explore memories of real-life experiences, mixed with irrational visions of his thinking," Snyder continued. Wallraven's works "challenge traditional interactions between artist, art and community."

The show and reception are free and open to the public.

The Todd Gallery is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or directions, contact Snyder at 615-898-5653.



chairwoman. "We look forward to the opportunities this event and all its creative energy will bring to our university and greater community."

Armstrong said the festival is expected to attract 300 to 500 students from MTSU and throughout the BCDE's membership institutions.

The opportunity to serve as the 2009 host site for the national dance education event is "a dream come true" for Armstrong, an MTSU graduate, as well as many others.

"As a student who went through the Black College Dance Exchange, I used to think about how wonderful this conference was compared to others," she said.

"There is such an

enhanced degree of one-on-one involvement with the dance experts, and the energy and camaraderie that you get from this event is unparalleled.

"When I finally became a director, I had that same vision—to bring this conference to MTSU. ... It always has such a positive, reinforcing energy."

In addition to educational, hands-on dance workshops and master classes, the BCDE will feature a public concert by the prestigious Dallas Black Dance Theatre II and Alvin Ailey II, a dance company universally renowned for merging the spirit and energy of the country's best young dance talent with the passion and creative vision of today's most outstanding emerging choreographers.

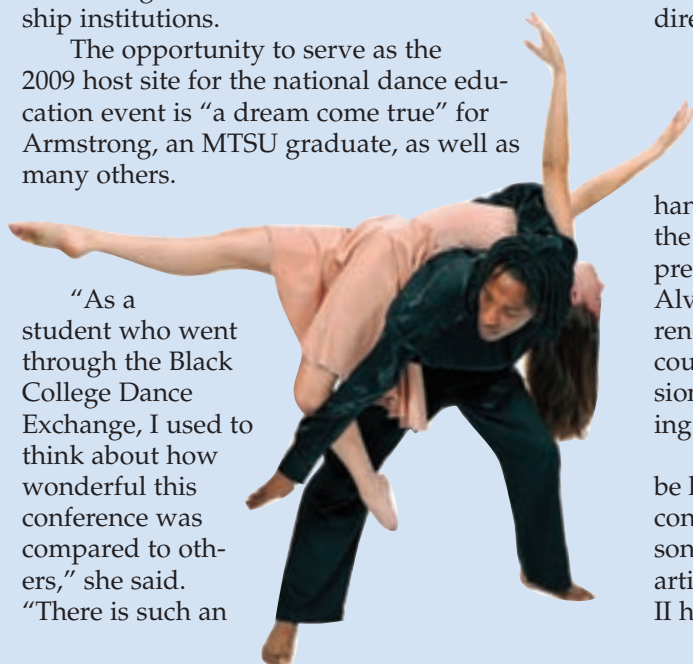
Ailey II's artistic director, Sylvia Waters, will be honored during the BCDE event for her many contributions to dance. The late Alvin Ailey personally appointed former Ailey member Waters as artistic director in 1974. Under her direction, Ailey II has become one of the most popular dance com-



Armstrong

panies in the country, combining a rigorous touring schedule with extensive community outreach programs.

Schedule details for the BCDE will be available at the event's Web site, [www.mtsu.edu/bcde](http://www.mtsu.edu/bcde). For information about sponsorship opportunities, contact Armstrong at [aarmstro@mtsu.edu](mailto:aarmstro@mtsu.edu).



**ART OF THE DANCE**—MTSU student dancers perform in preparation for the upcoming Black College Dance Exchange events on campus. Shown above, from left, are junior Erin Halcott, senior Kemmian Beard, alumna LaShan Mathews and junior Justin Jenkins. Alumna Carone Tharpe is shown on page 1.

photos by J. Intintoli

## Learn 'How Things Work' at MTSU at second Alumni Summer College

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MTSU's second Alumni Summer College will welcome participants to campus Wednesday through Friday, June 24-26. As an annual event, Alumni Summer College is an opportunity to expand participants' knowledge of interesting subjects with fellow Blue Raiders.

A curriculum that combines innovative classes and entertaining tours has been tailored for these members of the university community. Open to MTSU alumni and friends, the college will be a fun-packed three days of

learning. While exploring this year's theme of "How Things Work," we will be studying a variety of MTSU programs.

The college begins with a tour of campus and a backyard picnic at the Alumni House. During the program, ASC students will:

- be treated to a candlelight printing on the Franklin press at the Walker Library;
- be introduced to MTSU's new



alumni online community;

- have an extensive aerospace session and lunch at the airport;

- learn about alternative fuels and vehicles; and
- tour the

milk-processing plant on campus and enjoy a milk and ice-cream tasting.

The class will travel to Lynchburg, Tenn., for its field trip, where members will eat at Miss Bobo's Boarding House Restaurant, tour the Jack Daniel's Distillery and

taste its family of brands, mill around the town square, go to barbecue school and feast on dinner at Barbecue Hill.

The tuition for Alumni Summer College is \$195 per person, and the registration deadline is Wednesday, May 20. Space is limited. Tuition includes all classes, seven meals and transportation from the Alumni House each day. A detailed schedule and registration information are posted on [www.mtalumni.com](http://www.mtalumni.com).

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*Rhonda Wright is assistant director of Alumni Relations.*

## Correction

A story on page 3 of the March 23 print editions of *The Record*, "Trailblazing speakers bringing unique views to campus: 'Smart design' guru Oakley to lecture April 1," misspelled designer David Oakey's name.

## New CoachStockstill.com site gives fans more access to football news

from MT Athletic Communications  
[goblueraiders.com](http://goblueraiders.com)

Blue Raider fans now have unprecedented access to the Middle Tennessee football program with the launch of Coach Rick Stockstill's new Web site. *CoachStockstill.com* is a part of *GoBlueRaiders.com*, the official Web site of Middle Tennessee athletics, but will provide more of an inside look to Blue Raider football.

"We wanted something to supplement *GoBlueRaiders.com* with more interactivity. We would like to be on the cutting edge to give fans a total immersion into the Blue Raider program that only the newest technology can provide," Stockstill said. "Some schools have sites just for recruiting, but we wanted to provide a venue that every Blue Raider fan and the general public can enjoy."

Recruiting Coordinator Justin Watts sees the site as a great aid on the recruiting trail.

"The site will help recruits visualize all the great things we tell them about Middle Tennessee football, and they get to see what being a Blue Raider is all about before even visiting campus," Watts said.

The newly designed site will provide fans with an interactive look at the

Blue Raider football program. Fans will get an inside glimpse into every facet of the program, including coach and player bios, academics, program history and football facilities. The site will continue to grow and new interactive videos and stories will debut throughout the spring.

"Since interaction is one focal point of the new Web launch, Coach Stockstill's site will serve as a gateway for several forms of communication that will provide the public with up-to-the-minute information and details of the program never seen before," said Andy Vaughn, the program's assistant director of football operations.

Stockstill will get in on the action with Twitter posts that he will update from his Blackberry. The coach also will have a presence on Facebook to share even more information and contact with fans. The Facebook site allows fans to upload pictures and videos of their own favorite Blue Raider moments while keeping up with the program.

The Blue Raider football program also will publish a blog, "The Blue Raider Stock Report," which will provide daily updates and media content to the public, including practice reports, interviews and guest blogs by the coaching staff.



# Campus Calendar

## April 6-19

### Please note:

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

### TV Schedule



**"Middle Tennessee Record"**  
Cable Channel 9:  
Monday-Sunday, 7 a.m., 5 p.m.  
NewsChannel 5+:  
Sundays, 1:30 p.m.  
Visit [www.mtsunews.com](http://www.mtsunews.com) for other cable outlet airtimes.

### Through April 16

**Photo Exhibit: "Al Sol: Photos by Stella Johnson"**  
8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, noon-4 p.m. Saturday, 6-9:45 p.m. Sunday  
Baldwin Photographic Gallery, Learning Resources Center  
For information, contact: 615-898-2085.

### April 6

**Monday, April 6**  
**National Women's History Month: "An Evening with Marjane Satrapi"**  
7 p.m., State Farm Room, Business and Aerospace Building (BAS S102)  
For information, contact: 615-494-8809.

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

### April 7

**Tuesday, April 7**  
**NWHM: Health and Safety Fair**  
10 a.m.-2 p.m., Keathley University Center Knoll  
For information, contact: 615-898-2193.

**LT&ITC's First Tuesday Information Literacy Series: Jason Vance, "Copy and Paste Plagiarism: Promoting the Ethical Use of Information Among Undergraduate Students"**  
11:40 a.m.-1 p.m., Peck Hall 106

For information, visit [www.mtsu.edu/ltanditc/events.shtml](http://www.mtsu.edu/ltanditc/events.shtml) or contact: 615-494-7671.

### Faculty Retirement Reception

3-4:30 p.m., Tennessee Room, James Union Building  
For information, contact: 615-898-5941.

### April 8

**Wednesday, April 8**  
**Executives in Residence Day: Arthur Laffer, "A Supply-Side View of the First 75 Days of the Obama Administration"**  
10:30-11:15 a.m., Tucker Theatre Free, but RSVP needed for seats  
For information/RSVP, contact: 615-898-2764.

### MTSU Percussion Ensemble

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

### April 9

**Thursday, April 9**  
**Health and Education Fair** sponsored by the School of Nursing and Student Nurses Association  
10 a.m.-2 p.m., KUC  
For information, contact: 615-898-5729.

### Red Cross Blood Drive and Bone-Marrow Typing

10 a.m.-3 p.m., KUC 322  
For information, contact: 615-898-5729.

### College of Basic and Applied Sciences Awards Day

3 p.m., Tennessee Room, JUB  
For more information, contact: 615-898-2613.

### MTSU Guitar Ensembles

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

### April 12

**Sunday, April 12**  
**"MTSU On the Record—Summer Language Institute"**  
Dr. Shelley Thomas of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures hosts the seventh annual event introducing a revolutionary method of learning foreign languages



for teachers, law enforcement personnel and others.  
7 a.m., WMOT 89.5-FM  
Podcast available anytime at [www.mtsunews.com](http://www.mtsunews.com).

### April 13

**Monday, April 13**  
**Faculty Senate Meeting**  
4:30 p.m., JUB 100  
For information, contact: 615-898-2582.

### April 14

**Tuesday, April 14**  
**Tornado-Siren Testing**  
12:20 p.m., campuswide (No action is required by building runners)  
For information, contact: 615-898-2424.

### AfroFlow

5:30 p.m., University Honors College Lawn (rain location: Tennessee Room, JUB)  
No admission charge  
For information, contact: 615-898-5304.

### Legends in Forensic Science Lectureships: Roy Hazelwood

7 p.m., BAS State Farm Room  
No admission charge; lecture open to ages 18 and up  
For information, contact: 615-494-7713.

### April 15

**Wednesday, April 15**  
**Red Cross Blood Drive**  
10 a.m.-4 p.m., KUC 322  
For information, contact: 615-898-2591.

### University Honors College Honors Awards Ceremony

4 p.m., Honors Amphitheatre, Room 106  
For information, contact: 615-898-2152.

### April 16

**Thursday, April 16**  
**Women's Studies Research Lectures: Tiffany Dawn Hughes and Brandy Transou, "From Nosferatu to Buffy: The Horrific Evolution of the Female Action Heroine"**  
3 p.m., BAS SunTrust Room (BAS N127)  
For information, contact: 615-898-5282.

**Thursday, April 16**  
**Collage Awards Reception**  
5:30 p.m., Honors 106  
For information, contact: 615-898-2152.

### String Studio Recital

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

### Woodwind Chamber Ensembles

8 p.m., Room 117, Saunders Fine Arts Building  
For information, contact: 615-898-2493.

### April 17

**Friday, April 17**  
**Faculty Piano Recital: Leopoldo Erice**  
8 p.m., Hinton Music Hall  
For information, contact: 615-898-2493.

### April 18

**Saturday, April 18**  
**Grace Moore Vocal Competition**  
9 a.m.-2 p.m., Hinton Music Hall  
For information, contact: 615-898-2493.

### Admissions Office Spring Preview Day

10 a.m., Student Health, Wellness and Recreation Center  
For information, contact: 615-898-5670.

### April 19

**Sunday, April 19**  
**"MTSU On the Record—The Rural Landscape"**  
Dr. Doug Heffington, who teaches a class on rural geography, talks about what his students have learned.  
7 a.m., WMOT 89.5-FM  
Podcast available anytime at [www.mtsunews.com](http://www.mtsunews.com).



### Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing Induction Ceremony

2-4 p.m., Room N109, Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building  
For more information, contact: 615-898-2437.

### MTSU Symphony Orchestra

4 p.m., Hinton Music Hall  
For information, contact: 615-898-2493.

has received a MacArthur Foundation Fellowship (known as the "genius grant"), the Conservation Medal of the Zoological Society of San Diego, the Carr Medal and Japan's International Cosmos Prize.

In 1999, then-President Bill Clinton bestowed the country's highest civilian award in science, The National Medal of Science, for Diamond's landmark research and breakthrough discoveries in evolutionary biology. In 2001, he received the Tyler Prize for Environmental Achievement in recognition of his contributions to the field of conserva-

tion biology.

William and Westy Windham, through the MTSU Foundation, established the Windham Lecture Series in Liberal Arts. Dr. William Windham was a member of the MTSU faculty from 1955 to 1989 and served as chairman of the Department of History the last 11 years. The late Westy Windham earned a master's degree in sociology at MTSU and was the founder of Great American Singalong.

The inaugural Windham Lecture in 1990 featured Drs. Dan T. Carter of Emory University and Dewey W.

Grantham of Vanderbilt University, who spoke on "The South and the Second Reconstruction." Since then, the Windham Lectures have addressed topics spanning from American music to presidential rhetoric to gambling to U.S. foreign policy.

The Windham series is sponsored annually by the College of Liberal Arts with assistance from the departments within the college.

For more information, please contact the College of Liberal Arts at MTSU at 615-494-7628.

## A great Discovery



**A NEW HOLDING PATTERN**—Leaders and alumni of MTSU's aerospace department donate the frame of an experimental airplane to the Discovery Center at Murfreesboro to serve as an exhibit for visitors. Making the presentation to Discovery Center Community Outreach Director Lisa Williams, front row center, are aerospace chair Wayne Dornan, left, and Dr. Tom Cheatham, dean of the College of Basic and Applied Sciences, and back row, from left, Bill Allen, director of the aerospace maintenance and management program, and aerospace alumni Jeremy Knight, Russell Harris and Jacob Wiemers.

photo by J. Intintoli

## Hayes

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and Field.

One of Hayes' greatest achievements was his role in integrating MTSU. Hayes signed the first black varsity student-athlete to a scholarship in fall 1965, when Jerry Singleton joined the track program.

"I have seen so many changes at this university since 1965 that I look back in amazement every day," Hayes said. "When I arrived, we had 5,500 students, and today we have 24,000, along with the addition of so many majors. I truly appreciate the opportunity that the university has provided the track program over the years.

"The thing that is the most satisfying to me is the number of great athletes that have passed through here, which has allowed this to happen. Without them, this would never be possible. I also want to recognize my wife and kids, because they have made a ton of sacrifices for me over the years, and I will always be indebted to them."

Hayes, whose career began in 1959, has become a staple in the Murfreesboro community and in the Blue Raider family. He is cur-

rently in his 44th year of service at the university.

His men's teams dominated the Ohio Valley Conference, and his women's teams duplicated that success since Hayes took over the women's program in 1987. His squads continued their early success when Middle Tennessee moved into the Sun Belt Conference, winning 15 of 32 indoor and outdoor titles.

Hayes, a native of Naperville, Ill., began his illustrious coaching career at St. Mel High School in Chicago in 1959 before moving on to De La Salle High in Minnesota. His first collegiate coaching job came at his alma mater, Lake Forest College, in 1963. His arrival at Middle Tennessee in 1965 marked the emergence of a new class of track and field competition. He focused his recruiting efforts on the jumps and relays and securing top-notch competitors for his programs.

Hayes is credited with opening Middle Tennessee track and field to minorities, along with recruiting the school's first international student-athletes. He has guided the

Middle Tennessee program to 29 OVC titles, 15 SBC championships and 18 NCAA Top 25 finishes and has won 12 Sun Belt Conference Coach of the Year awards in addition to his 15 OVC Coach of the Year honors. Forty-eight of his athletes have earned 82 All-American honors, four have become national champions, and a number have gone on to compete internationally in the Olympic Games, World University Games and Pan-American Games.

"Coach Hayes is an ambassador, not only for his sport, but Middle Tennessee as well," added Director of Athletics Chris Massaro. "All of the championships and Hall of Fame honors don't begin to tell the story of the countless numbers of young people he has influenced and provided opportunities for almost half a century while being a driving force in the integration of this university. This honor is certainly warranted and, hopefully, the naming of this stadium assures his tremendous legacy will always be a part of Middle Tennessee."

## Nursing sets Health and Education Fair April 9 in KUC

The MTSU School of Nursing and Student Nurses Association will sponsor the MTSU Health and Education Fair from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Thursday, April 9, on all three floors of the Keathley University Center.

All faculty, staff and students are invited to attend and participate in the screenings and educational presentations, said Dr. Judy Campbell, professor of nursing.

Campbell added that an American Red Cross blood drive and bone-marrow typing will be offered in KUC Room 322 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Vendors scheduled to participate include the National Kidney Foundation, McCabe Vision for vision screening, Vanderbilt Coalition for osteoporosis screening, HIV screening, dermatology, podiatry, plastic surgery and internal-medicine specialties, massage therapy, nutrition counseling, hearing screening and student nurses screening blood pressure, blood sugar and hemoglobin.

For more information, contact Campbell at 615-898-5729.

## Intercultural awards banquet planned April 8

Terrell "T.J." Johnson, president and chief executive officer of the Wake Up Youth Foundation, will be the keynote speaker at MTSU's 18th annual Intercultural and Diversity Affairs Awards Banquet at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 8, in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building.

Johnson, a former gang member and drug dealer, is the first former felon hired by the Memphis Police Department. After his appointment by Mayor Willie Herenton as prevention and intervention coordinator for the city's Juvenile Justice Abatement Project, Johnson launched an anti-violence initiative in the city school system.

In 2005, Johnson became an official member of the Tennessee General Assembly Black Caucus Criminal Justice Panel. His awards and honors include the Youth Service Award from the Rainbow PUSH Coalition. Johnson also serves as pastor of Temple of Faith Deliverance Full Gospel Church in Bolivar and pastor of Wake Up Ministries in Memphis.

Tickets are \$11 for students and \$20 for adults. For more information, contact Valerie Avent at 615-898-2718 or [vavent@mtsu.edu](mailto:vavent@mtsu.edu).

# Student-athletes honored for academic achievements

from MT Athletic Communications  
goblueraiders.com

Middle Tennessee's Athletics Department inducted nine student-athletes March 16 into the Chi Alpha Sigma National College Athlete Honor Society during a ceremony in the Rose and Emmett Kennon Hall of Fame Building.

Chi Alpha Sigma is a nonprofit organization established to recognize college students who earn a varsity letter in at least one sport while maintaining a 3.4 or higher cumulative GPA throughout their junior and senior years. The organization honors outstanding academic achievement by intercollegiate athletes.

The Tennessee Beta Chapter of the organization recognized Middle Tennessee as a member in 2006; it now has 70 members.

This year's scholars' class includes:

• **Caitlin McLure** (softball), a special-education major scheduled to graduate in 2011. McLure has been on the Commissioner's List and the Dean's List for seven semesters, is a member of Phi Sigma Pi national honor fraternity and was on the National Softball Coaches Association honor roll in 2007 and 2008. She's been a regular mentor and tutor at various elementary schools, works softball camps and volunteers with Read to Succeed.



McLure

McLure plans to become a special-education teacher and work with a therapeutic horse-riding program for disabled children. She says her greatest accomplishment is making the Commissioner's List each semester.

• **Lindsay Vander Lugt** (softball), an interdisciplinary-studies major with a math emphasis and a minor in psychology who is scheduled to graduate in May 2011. Vander Lugt was named to the 2007 Sun Belt All-Tournament and 2007 Georgia Tech All-Tournament teams and was named Sun Belt Conference Pitcher of the Week. She was ranked first in the nation for least walks per seven innings in 2008 and was named to the Commissioner's List each semester. She volunteers in the Read to Succeed program, mentors at Christiana and Peter G. Schmidt Elementary Schools and is a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. She intends to graduate with honors and become a fifth- or sixth-grade teacher and says her greatest accomplishment is maintaining a 3.89 GPA while



Vander Lugt

playing collegiate softball.

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• **William Songock** (track), a nursing major minoring in political science who's scheduled to graduate in May 2011. In 2006, William earned all-conference honors while also being named the Sun Belt Freshman of the Year. He also earned all-conference honors in 2007, won the 5,000-meter competition at the Sun Belt Championships and was the runner-up in the 10,000-meters event at the 2008 Sun Belt Championships. Songock is a member of the Student Athlete Advisory Council and visits the sick in local hospitals on a regular basis. He plans to become a clinical physician, and he says his greatest accomplishment is being admitted to nursing school and making the Dean's List each semester.



Songock

• **Alexander McCann** (tennis), a finance major with a minor in business administration who's scheduled to graduate in May 2010. He volunteers with the Special Kids program and at area elementary schools while assisting with youth tennis camps and instruction. He plans to continue his education and work for his father at Burley Clay Products, and he says his greatest accomplishment is maintaining a 3.5 GPA while playing intercollegiate athletics.



McCann

• **Blake McDade** (baseball), a concrete-management major with a minor in business administration. He volunteers at Mitchell-Neilson Elementary School and in the Read to Succeed program and intends to find a satisfying job and provide for his family and loved ones upon graduation. He says his greatest accomplishment is his successful balance of academics and athletics.



McDade



Roberts

• **Kenneth Roberts** (baseball), an exercise-science major with a minor in pre-physical therapy who's scheduled to graduate in May 2010. He's a member of the Student Athlete Advisory Council, volunteers at Mitchell-Neilson Elementary School and is involved in the Read to Succeed program. He plans to attend physical therapy school and become a therapist, and he says

his greatest accomplishment is maintaining a high GPA while playing collegiate baseball.

• **Clara Leathers** (golf), a geography major with minors in psychology and entrepreneurship who is scheduled to graduate in May 2010. She's a two-time letter-winner for the women's golf program, a National Golf Coaches Association Academic All-American and a member of the Sun Belt Conference Commissioner's List and the Dean's List. She volunteers at local elementary and high schools to work with students in the classroom and plans to earn a master's degree and play professional golf. Leathers says her greatest accomplishment so far has been finishing seventh at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock Women's Classic with a three-under 69, which was the low round of the tournament.



Leathers

• **Sarah Beth Lee** (soccer), a history major who's minoring in Spanish and is scheduled to graduate in May 2010. She's made the Sun Belt Conference Commissioner's List and Dean's List each semester, received the Raider Award for athletes with a 4.0 GPA and is a two-year letter-winner. Lee also serves as vice president of the Student Athlete Advisory Council, mentors children at Reeves-Rogers Discovery School, served on mission trips to Bolivia and Mexico, is a volunteer at the Operation Christmas Child Factory and a bell ringer for the Salvation Army, and has been selected by the NCAA to attend the National Development Conference in May. She plans to attend graduate school in public history and eventually work for the state or National Park Service as a preservationist for an historical site. She says her greatest accomplishment is receiving the Raider Award for achieving a 4.0 GPA.



Lee

• **Richard Cowden** (tennis), a psychology major with minors in criminology and mental health services who is scheduled to graduate in May 2010. He's a member of the Student Athlete Advisory Council and volunteers regularly with Special Kids. Cowden plans to obtain a master's degree and a doctorate in sports psychology and eventually open a private practice in sports psychology. He says his greatest accomplishment is reaching the finals of the Southern Intercollegiate Tournament.



Cowden

## Financial Aid shifts this fall to Federal Direct Loan Program

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Effective for the fall 2009 semester, MTSU will participate in the Federal Direct Loan Program for Stafford and PLUS loans, Financial Aid Director David Hutton said.

MTSU will no longer process Stafford and PLUS loans through lenders in the Federal Family Education Loan Program, he said.

"Our main reason for the change is to help guarantee the availability of loan funds and to help simplify the loan process for our students," Hutton said. "This year, several lenders have stopped processing loans, they have been late in delivering funds, or they changed guarantors without notifying their borrowers, which required students to sign additional promissory notes.

"With MTSU having over 12,000 students borrowing in excess of 90 million dollars each year, we do not want these problems to occur again next fall, so we examined the process and decided that now is the time to switch to Direct Lending," Hutton continued. "Under this program, students will borrow funds directly from the federal government. The loans will be guaranteed faster, and MTSU can disburse funds quicker."

Early indications are that students are adapting to the change quickly.

"Three days after notifying students of the change, we had more than 500 (students) electronically signing Direct Lending master promissory notes," Hutton said.

MTSU is joining the universities of Louisville, Auburn and Alabama, Motlow and Nashville State Community Colleges and others in shifting to the Federal Direct pro-

gram, said David Chambers, financial aid assistant director, who added that the program "is becoming more and more prevalent."

Until this year, Federal Family Education Loan Program lenders offered attractive benefits to MTSU borrowers, Hutton said.

Recent volatility in the national credit markets and reductions in federal subsidies available to lenders participating in the Federal Family program, however, have led many lenders to stop offering borrower discounts or to discontinue participation in the program altogether.

Hutton said it became evident during MTSU's research that the Federal Direct Loan Program was better for students and parents here. He added that the National Direct Student Loan Coalition document, "Benefits of Direct Lending," provides an excellent comparison of loan

programs.

For fall '09 and spring 2010, all returning and new borrowers will need to sign a Federal Direct/Stafford master promissory note at <http://dlenote.ed.gov/empn/index.jsp>. All new students must complete an entrance interview at [www.dl.ed.gov/borrower/EntrCounselingStart.do](http://www.dl.ed.gov/borrower/EntrCounselingStart.do).

The master promissory note and entrance interviews generally must be completed once. Direct Lending makes the process easier for students because the federal Web sites are easier to navigate and the results can be electronically loaded to the student's account.

The MTSU Financial Aid Web site, [www.mtsu.edu/financialaid](http://www.mtsu.edu/financialaid), has additional information, including a section on frequently asked questions about the Federal Direct lending program.

# Graphic novelist views Iran through prism of women's rights

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Iranian author Marjane Satrapi, whose novel *Persepolis* recently was made into a movie, is slated to speak at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 6, in the State Farm Room of MTSU's Business and Aerospace Building (Room S102). The free public event will coincide with the 30th anniversary of the Iranian Revolution.

One of the best-known Iranian woman artists in the West, Satrapi

uses visual and narrative elements to tell stories that illuminate children's perspectives, women's rights, political oppression and daily life in Iran in the 1970s and 1980s. The wearing of the veil, coming of age, political oppression, conflicts between East and West, and emigration are among the many issues Satrapi addresses in



Satrapi

her work.

Several instructors at MTSU have incorporated *Persepolis* into their courses this spring. A blurb from the dust jacket of *Persepolis* describes the novel this way: "In powerful black-and-white comic-strip images, Satrapi tells the story of her life in Tehran from ages six to 14, years that saw the overthrow of the Shah's regime, the triumph of the Islamic Revolution and the devastating effects of war with Iraq."

Satrapi's presentation is spon-

sored by MTSU's Middle East Center with support from the Distinguished Lecturer Fund, the Virginia Peck Trust Fund, the National Women's History Month Committee, the College of Liberal Arts and the University Honors College. A book signing and reception will follow Satrapi's lecture.

For more information, contact Dr. Allen Hibbard, director of the Middle East Center, at 615-494-8809 or [ahibbard@mtsu.edu](mailto:ahibbard@mtsu.edu).

## Saving lives



**A DIME AT A TIME**—Carol Smith of MTSU's Center for Health and Human Services, center, accepts a check for \$8,704 from Leigh Tenewitz, left, and Tamara Currin of the March of Dimes Tennessee Chapter at the Discovery Center at Murfreesboro. The funds will be used to conduct Sudden Infant Death Syndrome risk-reduction education in Rutherford County. This is the second year that the MoD's Tennessee Chapter Community Grants Program has provided funding for MTSU's SIDS project, which offers risk-reduction education to teen parents and parents who use health-department services as well as to teens and others involved in early-childhood education programs in middle Tennessee. Rutherford County has the fourth highest number of SIDS deaths in the state, after Shelby, Davidson and Hamilton counties, Smith said.

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## Faculty

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Randal Lee Clark; and three brothers, Drs. James Eldred Wisner, C. Wymer Wisner and Winfred L. Wisner. Mrs. Frazier, a member of East Main Street Church of Christ, is survived by two daughters, Elizabeth Anne Clark of Covington, Ga., and Peggy Lee Frazier of Murfreesboro; a brother, Verlon Wisner, and a sister, Eunice Driver, both of Shelbyville; grandchildren Crystal Pulliam of Covington, Ga., and Matthew Lee Brown of Fall Creek Falls; and great-grandchildren Autumn Pulliam, Reagan E. Brown and Joshua L. Brown.

**Dr. Larry W. Howard** (management and marketing), 58, passed away March 12. He had worked at MTSU since August 1999. A native of Zeeland, Mich., and the son of the late Wilmer and Esther Boerman Howard, Dr. Howard is survived by his wife, Ruth Howard; stepdaughters Katelyn and Deanna Thurrow of Murfreesboro and Dena Osbourne of Colorado Springs, Colo.; sisters Sharon Riley of Loveland, Ohio, and Linda Leach of Hopkins, Mich.; and grandchildren Tara and Spencer Osbourne. Memorials may be made to the Arthritis Foundation.

### Presentations

**Dr. Mark Anshel** (health and human performance) presented a paper, "A Values-Based Approach for Changing Exercise and Dietary

Habits: An Action Study," at Oregon State University March 6 as part of its guest-scholar seminar series.

**Dr. Warner Cribb** (geosciences) and undergraduates **Aaron Mayfield** and **Brad Anderson** presented "Hazardous metals in Tennessee Copper Basin stream sediments: sources, concentrations and distributions" at the 2009 meeting of the Southeastern Section of the Geological Society of America in Tampa on March 13. Cribb and undergraduates **Jennifer Pickering**, **Jessica Tonish** and **James Cares** also presented "Optimization of X-ray fluorescence spectrometry for environmental analysis of arsenic at low concentrations in sediment and soil materials" at the same meeting. Both also were published in *Geological Society of America Abstracts with Programs*, Vol. 41, No. 1.

**Dr. Joon Soo Lim** (journalism) presented "Public engagement in risk communication during the U.S. beef import controversy in South Korea" at the 12th International Public Relations Research Conference in Miami March 11-15.

**Dr. Clarence Johnson** (philosophy) presented a paper, "Public Morality, Liberalism and Virtue Ethics," at the First Global Conference on Ethics and Public Policy in Salzburg, Austria, March 12-15. Johnson also delivered a keynote

address, "Democracy in Pluralistic Societies: Challenges of Difference," at a March 20 conference, "A New Democracy? Economics, Culture and Difference." The event was hosted by Duquesne University and co-sponsored by Duquesne University's Center for Qualitative and Interpretive Research, the Critical Race Theory Speakers Series and the University of Pittsburgh's Center for Cultural Studies.

**Dr. William Yelverton** (music) performed guitar concerts in February at Wofford College in Spartanburg, S.C.; the University of South Carolina in Columbia; Triangle Guitar Society in Durham, N.C.; Elon University in Elon, N.C.; Weaver Academy in Greensboro, N.C.; and at Vanderbilt's Blair School of Music in Nashville. In March, he directed and performed in the Tennessee Guitar Festival at MTSU, a five-day festival made possible by grants written by Yelverton and received from the Tennessee Arts Commission and the D'Addario Foundation, among others. Yelverton is scheduled to perform at Binghamton, N.Y., in May with pianist John Covelli; in Buffalo, N.Y., at the Rantucci International Festival; and at the Classical Minds Festival in Houston, Texas, in June.

### Publications

**Drs. Mark Anshel, Colby Jubenville** (health and human per-

formance) and **Toto Sutarso** (information technology) have published their article, "Racial and Gender Differences in Sources of Acute Stress and Coping Style Among Competitive Athletes," in the *Journal of Social Psychology*, Vol. 149, pp. 159-177.

**Barbara Draude** (academic and instructional technologies) and **Drs. Maria Clayton** (English) and **Tom Brinthaup** (psychology) have published an article, "'We're changing again? No way!' A case study of a course management system transition" in the *Journal of Online Learning and Teaching*, 5, pp. 131-137.

A co-authored book review by **Drs. Debra Rose Wilson** and **Cathy Cooper** (nursing) has been accepted for publication in the June 2009 *Journal of the National Medical Association*, 101(6). The review examines the 2006 book *Letters to My Sisters: Plain Truths and Straightforward Advice from a Gynecologist* by Dr. Ngozi Osuagwu.

### Get noticed in *The Record*!

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# State job puts MTSU senior right in the middle of history

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While most students at MTSU are preparing for their careers in classrooms this semester by memorizing facts, writing papers and taking tests, Steven Altum, a senior political science major, is preparing by getting out into the workforce and learning firsthand about his chosen career path.

Altum works amid the hustle and bustle of downtown Nashville at the State Capitol, his classroom for this semester, as an assistant clerk and vote runner for the Tennessee State Legislature.

"During session, I keep track of votes and I'm the speaker's assistant, because his assistant can't come on the floor while we're in session," Altum said.

He will gain internship credit through MTSU for his work, but the position is actually a full-time job. Altum works 40 to 60 hours a week and is not attending classes this semester.

"I was hired on by the chief clerk and the speaker (of the state House of Representatives) to work as an assistant clerk, and the university, through the political science department, gave me credit," Altum said. "So they're calling it an internship, but actually I was hired directly by the state."

Altum says his job is worth much more than internship credit. It also serves as a valuable learning experience for someone who wishes to have a future in politics.

He was present in January for Rep. Kent Williams' surprise election as speaker of the state House of Representatives, just one of many historic moments he will most likely witness during his employment with the legislature.

There are currently several bills coming up that may be controversial, Altum said. "I'm expecting some of them to get pretty heated when they come up on the floor," he noted.

Altum's employment with the Legislature will



**WATCHING HISTORY**—MTSU senior Steven Altum, center right, an assistant clerk at the Tennessee Legislature, looks on as Rep. Kent Williams, R-Elizabethton, center, receives congratulations on his election as state House speaker during the opening session of the Tennessee House of Representatives Jan. 13 in Nashville. Altum found himself in the middle of history when Democrats banded together to nominate and support Williams, giving him a one-vote victory over fellow Republican Rep. Jason Mumpower of Bristol.

Associated Press photo by Mark Humphrey

end in June when the session is scheduled to end, and he hopes to graduate in December.

"If I graduate in December, hopefully I'll come back here (to the Legislature) full-time. I don't know if I'll do the same job that I do now or not," Altum said. "I'd like to, it's nice; but they might

move me somewhere else if I come back full-time in January."

The experience has been good overall, he said.

"I want to go into public service," Altum said. "I would love to be a representative up here. This is what I want to do. I want to go into politics."

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## Faculty/Staff Update

### Appearances

**Dr. Warren Gill** (agribusiness and agriscience) delivered a speech on cattle minerals at the Bledsoe County Cattlemen's Association meeting in Pikeville on March 10.

### Awards

**Drs. Edd Applegate** (journalism), **Robert Kalwinsky** and **Dennis Oneal** (electronic media communication) have received a second-place award from the Broadcast Education Association for "Deans of ACEJMC-Accredited Colleges and Schools: A Demographic Profile," a paper that competed in the BEA's Open Division, Courses, Curricula and Administration. Oneal will present the paper, which was based on a national survey, April 24 at the BEA's national conference in Las Vegas.

### Conferences

**Diane Turnham** (athletics) participated in the third annual Business Ethics Symposium at Martin Methodist College Feb. 24. The topic was "Ethical Dilemmas in the Big Business of Sport."

### Elections

**Faye Johnson** (provost's office) was elected to the 2009 Board of Directors of Alive Hospice in Lebanon.

### Exhibitions

A computer-designed tea set by **Dr. Marc J. Barr** (electronic media communication) has been accepted into an internationally juried exhibition, "Feats of Clay XXII," sponsored by the Lincoln Arts and Culture Foundation in Lincoln, Calif., and scheduled for the McBean Terra Cotta Factory in April and May. Barr's entry was one of only 75 selected for the exhibition from 1,100 entries.

### Fellowships

**Dr. John Omachonu** (mass communication) has been selected as a member of the 2009-10 class of the American Council on Education Fellows Program. During the next few weeks, Omachonu will be contacting various university campuses to determine a host institution where he will spend the next academic year being mentored by a president, provost or other academic leader. The ACE Fellows Program strengthens institutions and leadership in American higher education by identifying and preparing promising senior

faculty and administrators for responsible positions in college and university administration.

### Honors

**Dr. Sidney A. and Elizabeth "Liz" McPhee** and **Dr. Linda Gilbert** (educational leadership) were honored for their contributions to education March 26 at the Bradley Academy Museum and Cultural Center's annual Willie McGowan Banquet. Dr. McPhee has been MTSU's president for eight years, while Mrs. McPhee has taught for 30 years, currently in the Murfreesboro City Schools system. Gilbert was named as the Tennessee Education Association's distinguished higher-education professional in 2008 and also received the MTSU Foundation's 2008 Public Service Award for her community work.

### Passages

**Mrs. Mildred L. Wiser Frazier** (housing), 94, passed away March 6. Mrs. Frazier, a hall director for the Housing Office, worked at MTSU from September 1966 until her retirement in August 1984. She was preceded in death by her husband, Aubrey Lee Frazier; a grandson,

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