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Last chance!

Celebrate with seniors at tailgate

On Thursday, April 30, MTSU's Office of Development Senior Gift Program, Alumni Relations and the Student Government Association will host the inaugural "Last Senior Tailgate." Spring commencement is Saturday, May 9.

The event will be held for all graduating seniors from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Walnut Grove. It will allow faculty and staff to celebrate with graduating seniors during their last days on campus as students and share with them the importance of continuing to give back to the university.

"We are asking graduating seniors, once they're alumni, to please stay involved through Alumni Relations and give back to MTSU through monetary

donations to ensure that current and future students continue to have the same quality education that they received," said Meredith Kerr, coordinator of annual giving in the Office of Development.

"We will be highlighting at the event how graduating seniors can give back to the university now through the Senior Gift Program."

The Senior Gift Program enables graduating seniors to leave their legacy on campus by helping raise money for certain campus initiatives. Each year, the graduating class chooses a project to support. The Class of 2009 is funding a graduate scholarship for a student attending graduate school at MTSU.

In recognition of their gifts, graduating seniors will receive a unique lapel

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Child-welfare collaboration with DCS nets national award

MTSU has received an Academic Award of Excellence from the American Public Human Services Association, a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit, bipartisan organization concerned with human services.

Frank Solomon, spokesman for APHSA, said the annual award is given to a human service, social work or social-service department or program at a college or university that has distinguished itself in its academic achievements.

MTSU was presented with the award during APHSA's spring conference April 5-7 in Washington, D.C., because of its record as a strong collaborative partner of the Tennessee Department of Children's Services.

Since August 2004, MTSU has assumed responsibility for a multi-million-dollar training grant awarded by the Department of Children's Services. The university houses two programs that have had a significant impact on the public child-welfare reform effort in Tennessee—the Department of Social Work, which served as one of the key catalysts for the creation of the first Tennessee

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MTSU center tackling cancer in high-risk state

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Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in Tennessee, which is one reason the Center for Health and Human Services at MTSU has been working with the Tennessee Department of Health the past five years to compile and distribute the state's first control plan through the Tennessee Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition.

The CHHS also is assisting with the recently revised and updated 2009-12 cancer plan.

Part of the overall effort has been to establish six regional Cancer Coalitions throughout the state to bring together providers, medical centers, universities, researchers and patient advocates to sponsor educational programs and initiatives and to encourage citizens to undergo cancer screenings.

Tennessee ranks third in the nation in deaths caused by cancer, according to February 2009 figures from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The CDC report also states that Tennessee ranks 21st in the nation in new cases of cancer. The only neighboring state that fares worse is Kentucky, which ranks fourth in new cancer cases and first in national death rates.

Why does Tennessee rank so high in cancer diagnoses and deaths? While agencies are joining forces to find those elusive answers, they also are preaching prevention through personal responsibility.

"The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Student launches 'Colleges Against Cancer'

MTSU junior Samantha Nichols, an organizational communication major from Jackson, Tenn., decided to do something positive to fight cancer by starting "Colleges Against Cancer," an organization that is affiliated nationwide with the American Cancer Society.

Nichols is single-handedly recruiting students, faculty and staff to help educate the campus community about cancer-related issues. For starters, she says she plans to push for a tougher policy on campus smoking. Nichols wants to organize regular meetings, develop initiatives and utilize the voices of cancer survivors and those who have lost loved ones to create interest and momentum.

"I really wanted to start this organization because everybody in some way has been affected by cancer," Nichols says. "I have had an uncle and a grandmother pass away from cancer, and two cousins have fought it and beat it. It has all

been on my mom's side. So I've been touched by cancer."

According to 2007 numbers from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 24 percent of adults in Tennessee smoke cigarettes compared to the national average of 19 percent. Forty-one percent of students in Tennessee public high schools smoke cigarettes.



Nichols

The Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids reports that smoking kills more people than alcohol, AIDS, car crashes, illegal drugs, murders and suicides combined.

Nichols says she also plans to organize a mini-relay event in the fall on the MTSU campus. She can be reached for more information at sln2t@mtsu.edu.

—Tom Tozer

tells us that colorectal cancer screening saves lives," says Dr. Martha Jo Edwards, CHHS director and holder of the interdisciplinary Adams Chair of Excellence in Health Care Services at MTSU. "If everyone 50 years and older were screened regularly, as many as 60 percent of deaths from this cancer could be avoided."

While deadly, colorectal cancer is one of the most

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IN BRIEF

LOST & FOUND SALE APRIL 21

One day only—no early birds, please! Visit the MT Unions' annual Lost & Found Sale on Tuesday, April 21, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in

Room 314 of the Keathley University Center. Purchase unclaimed items like cell phones, sunglasses, jewelry, calculators, backpacks, clothing, etc. All sales benefit the campus Habitat for Humanity "Blitz Build" campaign. For information, call 615-898-2782.



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Questions of liberty, responsibility can unite disparate fields

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Has the U.S. Constitution been interpreted over time in a way that has stripped individual liberties from its citizens? Has the burden of proof shifted away from the government's responsibility to protect its people's unenumerated natural rights to the citizenry's need to prove that its enumerated constitutional rights have been violated?

So goes the argument of law professor Randy Barnett in *Restoring the Lost Constitution: The Presumption of Liberty* (Princeton University Press, 2004). Last month, I participated in a two-day Socratic seminar on this book that was hosted by the Liberty Fund, a nonprofit organization committed to exploring issues of liberty and responsibility, at its Indianapolis headquarters. While I may not agree with the book's arguments, I found the breadth of the seminar's discussions exhilarating.

The book raises extensive questions on the relation of liberty rights to government authority and on the viability of the Founding Fathers' vision over the course of American history up to our present. As the only representative of an English department among the 15 participants, I could not claim anywhere near the degree of constitutional expertise that the political scientists, law school faculty, economists, historians and other members of the seminar would hold. I was pleased, however, to find that a broadly humanist perspective on the book was welcome, as the nearly universal conflicts

between individual rights and collective authority or private freedom and public constraint is a subject of inquiry that unites several otherwise disparate fields. Nor should one overlook everyday matters of university administration. Indeed, the constitutional safeguards that Barnett defends reminded me of my experience several years ago on MTSU's Institutional Review Board, which required at least one representative of the humanities to ensure that the rights of those who consented to be subjects of experimentation by science and social sciences faculty would be protected.



Levine

As vigorous as the discussion of constitutional interpretation and construction could become during the seminar, the tensions between individual freedoms and government responsibilities can never be completely resolved and thus were the central focus. My background in 18th-century British literature allows me to appreciate the argument for preserving the "innocent delights" that philosopher John Locke defined as an essential natural right, one that should not be surrendered or unduly limited upon an individual's entry into a rational, benevolent civil society. On the other hand, could the constitutional founders have ever imagined a state of commerce that warranted far greater regulation than the removal of tariffs when a ship from one state needed to be harbored in another's port? Could the founders' rather innocent

definition of "commerce" as the acts of trade and exchange per se be the grounds for preventing further governmental regulation of production and manufacturing? Should the natural and civil rights that Locke viewed as the domain of the free individual be extended to multinational corporations whose economic practices can determine the quality of life for virtual colonies of workers?

Perhaps the best point to bring home from Indianapolis is Barnett's insistence that the validity of a law depends not on simple consent or majoritarian rule, but rather on procedural assurances that it does not unduly restrict the liberties of its subjects. If I cannot immediately think of ways to apply this principle to the everyday matters of faculty governance on campus, I can appreciate its implications. For a law to be "binding in conscience," it must respect the beliefs and values of those in the community who may not assent to, and indeed may dissent from, the established policies of the authority that implements it. What better way can there be of ensuring that the sometimes contradictory forces of our nation that have depended on the Constitution to maintain their rights for over two centuries can equally energize the life of the campus community?

Dr. William Levine is an associate professor of English at MTSU. Listen to "MTSU On the Record—Liberty Fund Seminar," his conversation with Gina K. Logue of News and Public Affairs, on Sunday, April 25, at 7 a.m. on WMOT 89.5-FM, or via podcast at www.mtsunews.com.

Horse events draw visitors, competitors to town

1st QuarterFest set for Miller Coliseum

by Randy Weiler
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MTSU and the Tennessee Miller Coliseum will serve as host for the first national QuarterFest, which will be held Friday through Sunday, May 1-3.

"This is a huge event for Miller Coliseum," said Anne Brzezicki, veteran MTSU equestrian team coach and horse-science faculty member. "It will bring people from all areas of the country, and they will see our students, horses and facilities."

"The festival is all about the American Quarter Horse, which has the largest breed association

in the world. QuarterFest is aimed at the recreational rider rather than show people. It will bring a lot of recognition to the university. We couldn't purchase this kind of coverage and goodwill, and we need to take advantage of this event for our students to participate and to help with it."

Brzezicki said Nashville-based RFD-TV will be in Murfreesboro to provide QuarterFest coverage, which will air at a later date.

She added that QuarterFest will have something for everybody—and you do not have to bring a horse to participate.

There will be three days of clin-

ics, seminars, special events, children's activities, conservation-related topics, trail-ride and ranch center events and nightly entertainment. Interactive clinics will feature Curt and Tammy Pate, Julie Goodnight and Jeff Griffith.

"We see this as a great way to kick off the summer riding season," said Tom Persechino, AQHA executive director of marketing and communications, in a news release. "The Murfreesboro facility is close to near-

by trails, so we're looking at offering trail rides, trail-ride competitions and American Quarter Horse test rides."

Brzezicki said MTSU Horse Science helped with an American Quarter Horse

Association field-marketing project last spring when AQHA officials came to Tennessee to tour Miller Coliseum and the horse science department.

"Our location, facilities and support staff are the reasons they came here (with QuarterFest)," she said.

She added that horse science students would have invaluable opportunities to "make great contacts to learn and make contacts with employers and other people in the horse industry."

For more information about QuarterFest and a complete schedule of events, visit www.aqha.com/quarterfest.



IHSA schedules national championship

by Claire Rogers
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MTSU once again will host the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association National Championships at Tennessee Miller Coliseum, with this year's events set Thursday through Sunday, April 23-26.

MTSU has seven riders advancing to the championships, including Megan Hephner, a sophomore from Georgetown, Ky., in the advanced Western division and Korry Bailey, a freshman from Cookeville, in the reining division.

MTSU also hosted the regional competitions for Western riders on March 15 at Miller Coliseum in the adjacent Horse Science Arena. Regional competitions are divided by riding style, whether Western or hunter seat.

MTSU hosted the 1979 IHSA National Championships, where Western horsemanship was first included in IHSA events and team competition was introduced into the nationals. The university hosted the national competition again in 2003 and 2004.

"We have the best facility in America for this competition," Equestrian Team Coach Anne Brzezicki said of MTSU's selection as host university. "We are also in a region that is known for being very involved with and supportive of IHSA."

Brzezicki rode in and coached the equestrian team at the University of Connecticut before moving to MTSU to teach in 1976.

She founded the MTSU Equestrian Team in 1977, which helped add a new region to IHSA competition by including schools west of Virginia.

During her time at MTSU, Brzezicki has coached the team to numerous regional and zone championships in both the hunter seat and Western styles. In 2003, Brzezicki received the IHSA Lifetime Achievement Award, and she was named IHSA Coach of the Year in 2004. She will serve as a horse selection chair for this year's national competition.

Competing students ride horses provided by the host university, and horses are matched with riders by random selection.

"The competition will borrow about 170 horses—10 will come from MTSU, and the rest from nearby IHSA schools and farms as far as Virginia and Illinois," Brzezicki said.

"We look for highly trained horses, because riders are asked to demonstrate complex maneuvers, but the horses must also be forgiving. A competition horse must have a good attitude and can tolerate being ridden by several people in one day."

By eliminating the cost of owning, boarding and transporting horses, IHSA shows are financially accessible to more students. It also allows students to compete regardless of their riding experience.

For more information about and show details for the IHSA Nationals, visit www.ihsainc.com and click the "IHSA Nationals" link.

29 retirees honored for 747 combined years of MTSU service

Twenty-nine MTSU employees were honored for their service to the university at a special reception April 7 in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building.

Retiring in the 2008-09 academic year with a combined 747 years of service to the university are:

- Dianne A.R. Bartley, health and human performance;
- Kenneth D. Bow, Phillips Bookstore;
- Robert F. Carlton, physics and astronomy;
- Carole M. Carroll, sociology

and anthropology;

- Sue A. Cathey, Phillips Bookstore;

• Suma M. Clark, publications and graphics;

• Boyd A. Evans Jr., economics and finance;

• Patricia H. Farrar, computer information systems;

• Harley W. Foutch, agribusiness and agriscience;

• Kay R. Garrard, speech and theatre;

• Jo Ann Goodman, athletics;

• Patricia M. Grizzle, academic

support services;

- Earl T. Harris, Phillips Bookstore;

• Dean A. Hayes, athletics;

• Peter L. Heller, sociology and anthropology;

• Evelyn D. Jared, Tennessee Center for Child Welfare;

• Larry Glover Mapp, English;

• Patricia Ann O'Leary, nursing;

• Michael G. Patrick, public safety;

• Barry D. Porterfield, building

services;

• Nancy C. Preston, psychology;

• James E. Richardson, custodial services;

• Betty P. Rowland, Gore

Research Center;

• O. Kenneth Sergeant Jr., engineering technology;

• Dean Price Smith, facilities services;

• James E. Taylor, social work;

• Robert A. Travis, distribution

services;

• E. Joyce Warpoole, student programming; and

• Boone E. Westfall, parking and

transportation services.

Flying high

Professor takes ride of a lifetime

by Erin Bridges
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Each year the U.S. Navy Blue Angels stun spectators at air shows across the country, and every year they select a few people to fly with them.

Dr. Wayne Dornan, chair of the Department of Aerospace at MTSU, was honored to be one of those chosen for the 2009 season. He strapped himself in and took flight April 1, just before the Blue Angels air show in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

The Blue Angels selected Dornan in honor of MTSU's nationally recognized aerospace department, the high caliber of students produced by the program and the department's many contributions to the military. Dornan's pilot was Blue

Angel Lt. Ben Walborn.

"To me, it's quite an honor to be invited to do this," Dornan said.

"You'd never dream you would even have this opportunity unless you were a Blue Angels pilot. So for me to experience this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

"They rarely choose from school programs," he added. "Normally celebrities or university presidents are chosen."

Prior to takeoff, Dornan underwent medical tests to ensure that he could handle the physical stress of the flight. The F/A-18 Hornet can travel faster than the speed of sound and reaches heights resulting in weightless flying.



UP AND AWAY—MTSU Aerospace Chair Wayne Dornan gives a thumbs-up from the cockpit just before taking off in an F/A-18 Hornet jet with the U.S. Navy Blue Angels.

photo submitted

The Blue Angels were created in 1946 to keep the public interested in naval aviation. Since then, they have captivated growing audiences, drawing more than 13 million spectators to last season's shows.

Dornan came to MTSU in 2003.

WMOT celebrating 40 years on air

The 89.5 FM frequency in middle Tennessee went on the air in April 1969, and now WMOT-JAZZ 89.5 is celebrating 40 years of providing award-winning local news, features, commentary and, of course, great jazz.

The National Public Radio-member station also will conduct its spring fundraiser April 20-29.

"This is the perfect opportunity for the community to show MTSU administration the importance of having WMOT on the air to train and mentor students, promote the university and to provide news, arts and culture for the community as a whole," said Keith Palmer, WMOT development manager. "Every dollar raised means a dollar less the station has to rely on university funding, which, as we've seen recently, has become very precarious."

Discussions of closing or reorganizing the station to help meet MTSU's ongoing financial cutbacks have resulted in an outpouring of support from listeners from all over the world, thanks to the station's international reach via live stream-

ing audio at its Web site, www.wmot.org. In 1980, WMOT became the first radio station in Tennessee to use satellite broadcasting. It began broadcasting online in 2003, expanded its signal strength with a new antenna in 2005 and began simulcasting on HD Radio in 2008 to offer better fidelity via digital technology.

"You can even listen to WMOT on your iPhone or iPod Touch!" Palmer said of the station's ever-increasing availability to fans.

As a public broadcasting station and a public service of MTSU and its College of Mass Communication, WMOT relies on funding from MTSU and the public through membership dollars, business-support underwriting and fundraising ventures. The station recently received a \$1,000 donation from the Wal-Mart Foundation and is encouraging fans to consider corporate support and including WMOT in estate-planning efforts.

For information on how your dollars can help, or to donate, visit www.wmot.org anytime or call 615-898-2800.



Expert to address 'misunderstood child' at PBSI conference April 30

by Erin Bridges
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Eighty percent of behavioral problems come from 20 percent of students, says Dr. Zaf Khan, assistant professor of elementary and special education at MTSU, which is why he has invited Dr. Mel Levine to talk about working with the "misunderstood child."

MTSU's Positive Behavior

Support Initiative will present its third annual conference Thursday, April 30, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Tucker Theatre.

The conference is free and open to teachers, parents, MTSU students—anyone who is involved in teaching children.

Levine will present "The Difference that Differences Make: What we are learning about learning processes and the differences they bring out in students."

"Dr. Levine takes an alternative view when he talks about learners and learning differences," notes Khan, who is PBSI grant project director. "He'll ask us pivotal questions such as, 'Can we teach without labels?'"

Khan adds that Levine will focus on the "misunderstood child" and approaches to dealing with individual learning differences.

"I think the No. 1 thing that is going to resonate through his presentation will be positive expectations. He will leave us with a new mindset and a new frame of reference of looking at things when dealing with all children."

Khan is encouraging teachers, parents and MTSU students of all majors to attend because he says the conference will create a good dynamic for understanding human behavior.

Registration forms as well as an agenda for the conference can be found at www.mtsu.edu/pbsi. For more information about PBSI and the conference, contact Khan at zkhan@mtsu.edu.



Khan

Campus Calendar

April 20-May 3

Please note:

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

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Sundays, 1:30 p.m.
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April 20

Monday, April 20
MTSU Concert Band
7:30 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, contact:
615-898-2493.

April 21

Tuesday, April 21
News and Public Affairs
"Get Noticed" Lunch
noon (Dutch-treat),
Faculty Dining Room,
James Union Building
For information, contact:
615-898-5591.

Martin Chair of Insurance Invitational Scramble Golf Tournament

sponsored by BlueCross
BlueShield of Tennessee
and the MTSU Foundation
10:30 a.m. registration/lunch;
noon, shotgun start;
4:30 p.m., dinner and awards
Champions Run Golf Course,
Rockvale
For information, contact:
615-898-2673.

MTSU Women's Chorale
7:30 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, contact:
615-898-2493.

April 22

Wednesday, April 22
Earth Day,
Administrative Professionals'
Day

Wednesday, April 22
**Employee of the Year/
Secretarial/Clerical Award
Reception**
sponsored by the MTSU
Employee Recognition
Committee
9 a.m.-10:30 a.m., Tennessee
Room, James Union Building
For information, contact:
615-898-5344.

April 23

April 23-26
**International Horse Show
Association Nationals**
Tennessee Miller Coliseum
For information, contact:
615-904-8481.

Thursday, April 23
**Military Science Spring
Awards Ceremony**
11:30 a.m., Keathley University
Center Theater
For information, contact:
615-898-2470.

MTSU Wind Ensemble
7:30 p.m., First United
Methodist Church (265 W.
Thompson Lane, Murfreesboro)
For information, contact:
615-898-2493.

**MTSU Osterfield
Composition Studio**
8 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, contact:
615-898-2493.

April 24

Friday, April 24
String Chamber Recital
3 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, contact:
615-898-2493.

April 25

Saturday, April 25
**Phi Mu Alpha
Small Group Concert**
7 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, contact:
615-898-2493.

April 26

Sunday, April 26
**"MTSU On the Record—
Liberty Fund Seminar"**
English professor Dr. William
Levine speaks on his participa-
tion in the Liberty Fund
Socratic Seminar, a
discussion of the
Constitution's basis
in 18th-century
natural-rights theory and
how it's evolved over time.
7 a.m., WMOT 89.5-FM
Podcast available anytime at
www.mtsunews.com.



April 27

Monday, April 27
**College of Mass
Communication "Wall of
Fame" and Student Awards
Ceremony**
4 p.m., Cantrell Hall, Tom
Jackson Building
For information, contact:
615-898-5872.

Accompanying Class Recital
5 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, contact:
615-898-2493.

Faculty Recital:
H. Stephen Smith, tenor;
Angela DeBoer, horn; and
Paul Osterfield, composer
8 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, contact:
615-898-2493.

April 28

Tuesday, April 28
**MTSU Symphonic Band and
Symphonic Brass Ensemble**
7:30 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, contact:
615-898-2493.

April 29

Wednesday, April 29
Last day of classes

Wednesday, April 29
**MTSU Commercial Music
Ensemble**
7:30 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, contact:
615-898-2493.

April 30

Thursday, April 30
Study Day

**Annual OWLs (Older Wiser
Learners) and Pinnacle Picnic**
5:30-7:30 p.m., Barfield-
Crescent Park Pavilion No. 1
For information, contact:
615-898-5989.

Free Legal Clinic
sponsored by the June
Anderson Women's Center
7-9 p.m., JUB 206
Open to all MTSU personnel;
appointments required
For information, contact:
615-898-2193.

MTSU Flute Choir
7 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, contact:
615-898-2493.

May 1

May 1-7
Final Exams

Friday, May 1
First Friday Star Party:
Dr. Jana Ruth Ford,
**"Meteorites: Special
Deliveries from Space"**
6:30 p.m., Wiser-Patten Science
Hall 102
For information, contact:
615-494-8854.

May 3

Sunday, May 3
**"MTSU On the Record—
Ghana Study"**
Dr. Andrew Owusu
(health and human
performance)
explains the second
phase of his study of the
health habits and health-risk
behaviors of Ghanaian youth.
7 a.m., WMOT 89.5-FM
Podcast available anytime at
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Get noticed in *The Record!*

Submit Campus Calendar items to gfann@mtsu.edu by 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, for publication in the May 4 *Record* or 3 p.m. Wednesday, May 6, for the May 18 *Record*. Don't forget to include the specifics—who, what, where, when and why, plus contact information—with your submission!

ET open house is showcase for student projects, research, awards

The Department of Engineering Technology's third annual open house, set Thursday, April 30, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Tom H. Jackson Building's Cantrell Hall, has multiple reasons to invite the MTSU community.

The free open house will:

- showcase student projects, research and national awards;
- exhibit departmental talent to the campus community; and
- introduce major areas of study to interested students.

Planned exhibits will include an electro-hybrid retrofit automobile; "Concrete: The Sustainable Building Material"; hydraulic lever systems; robotics; hydrogen fuel cells; friction welding; rockets; a Space Elevator; construction management's National Association of Home Builders national student team award; TN LEAP's lead elimination economic impact study; and more.

At 3:30, there will be an awards ceremony for outstanding students and scholarship recipients.

Door prizes will include jump drives and an iPod. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call 615-898-2776.

Accounting Alumni Appreciation Day planned April 30

The 18th annual Accounting Alumni Appreciation Day at MTSU will be held Thursday, April 30, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:50 p.m. in the State Farm Lecture Hall of the Business and Aerospace Building, Room BAS S102.

The event targets those interested in accounting, auditing, taxation and computer training. The fee will be \$100 for MTSU alumni and \$135 for all others. Net proceeds will be earmarked for accounting scholarships. Lunch will be provided.

Participants will earn eight hours of CPE credit and have the opportunity to visit with alumni and former professors and see how the campus configuration is changing.

Alicia Posta, executive director of the Financial Accounting Standards Advisory Council, will open the conference with a session on international financial reporting standards.

MTSU accounting professors Bill Mooningham and Dr. Tammy Bahmanziari will present concurrent sessions on risk-assessment standards and XBRL. Additional breakout sessions are scheduled.

Seating is limited, so participants should register early at www.mtsu.edu/~actgdept. For more information, call the Department of Accounting at 615-898-5306.

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pin to wear on their graduation gowns. The pins will only be available to graduating seniors who contribute to the Senior Gift Program. The students also will be acknowledged at graduation as donors to this initiative.

Seniors who give to the program and enter graduate school the following fall are given preference when applying for the scholarship.

"The Senior Gift Program is something that both Vice President (of Development and University Relations) Joe Bales and President Sidney McPhee see as both extremely important and necessary for MTSU," Kerr

said. "It ensures that students start as graduating seniors seeing the value and importance of giving back to MTSU. Both Joe and Dr. McPhee plan to be in attendance at the event.

"We'd like to invite all of our faculty and staff to stop by the event to congratulate all of the seniors with us," she continued. "We are also inviting all faculty and staff to stop by and eat with us. We will be serving hamburgers and hot dogs courtesy of Aramark. I hope everyone can make it!"

For more information about the program or the Last Senior Tailgate, contact Kerr at 615-898-2728 or mkerr@mtsu.edu.

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Social Work Education Consortium, and the Tennessee Center for Child Welfare, an MTSU program that began in 2004 as the DCS child-welfare training operations base.

The TCCW subcontracts with TSWEC members to implement regional learning centers that provide professional training programs for DCS staff in the state's 13 regions. The center also has pioneered a corps of supervisory specialists who support direct-service supervisors across the state.

The center recently established the Tennessee Child Welfare Learning Collaborative—a partnership of TCCW, the consortium, DCS and private-provider staff—in developing a statewide training system that promotes practice excellence.

"The Tennessee Department of Children's Services has made great strides to reform public child welfare," said DCS Commissioner Viola Miller, who nominated MTSU for the award. "Without the strong support of MTSU, we could not have achieved so much so quickly."

Spring tour



BIG WELCOME—MTSU President Sidney A. McPhee, center, and former state Rep. John Hood of the university's Office of Community Engagement and Support, right, join State Sen. Dolores Gresham, R-Somerville, left, and State Rep. Harry Brooks, R-Knoxville, during an informal April 2 visit to campus to learn more about Tennessee's fastest-growing university. Following lunch, the president took the legislators, who chair their respective education committees in the state Legislature, on a driving tour of campus. They saw the new Health and Wellness Center and pharmacy, took a turn on the new roundabout and viewed the sites of the future Student Union, College of Education Building and the proposed Science Building.

photo by J. Intintoli

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commonly diagnosed forms of cancers, Edwards added.

Colorectal cancer, in most cases, develops from precancerous polyps, or abnormal growths, in the colon or rectum. Screening tests can find those polyps early and often prevent cancer from proliferating.

Edwards says that studies show that increasing physical activity and maintaining a healthy weight may decrease the risk of colorectal cancer. Other prevention measures are less clear; experts agree that a diet low in animal fat and high in fruits, vegetables and whole-grain products

reduces the risk of chronic diseases.

When detected early, the five-year survival rate for colon cancer is 90 percent, but only 39 percent of colorectal cancers are diagnosed in the earliest stages due to low rates of screening, noted Cindy Chafin, who is CHHS project director for the Cancer Control Project. And as a person gets older, the five-year survival rate after detection declines dramatically. According to information from the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, the recommended screening tests for this type of cancer include:

- a colonoscopy every 10 years;
- a high-sensitivity fecal occult blood test every year; and
- a flexible sigmoidoscopy every five years.

For more information about the work of MTSU's Center for Health and Human Services, in conjunction with the TCCCC, contact Edwards at 615-898-2905 or Chafin at 615-847-3081. For a copy of the 2009-12 Coalition Control Plan, visit <http://health.state.tn.us/CCCP>.

Graduating cadets may consider Officer Candidate School

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The chair of MTSU's military science department, Lt. Col. Mike Walsh, wants all graduating seniors to know that the U.S. Army Officer Candidate School might be for you.

"It's an opportunity graduating seniors may not know about," Walsh said, adding that candidates may be eligible to be an officer in the U.S. Army, reserves or active duty, and that the Army will repay up to \$65,000 in student loans.

The salary for active-duty officers is roughly \$48,000, with 30 days paid leave and paid medical coverage—and you don't have to have any military background, Walsh said.

It all starts with a 23-week training program, which includes Initial Entry Training (basic training) and Officer Candidate School, Walsh said.

In the nine weeks of Initial Entry Training, participants will learn the basics of soldiering from some of the best soldiers anywhere. They will attend classes and participate in calisthenics, drills and weapons training to grow physically and mentally.

Upon graduation, officer candidates will attend Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga. OCS is 14 weeks of intense classroom and field training. Participants will receive the kind of leadership-development training that is unmatched by any other program, developing their potential mentally, physically and emotionally.

Candidates will be grouped into squads to gain experience in all leadership roles, culminating in verbal and written feedback on their improvement.

Walsh said candidates must be U.S. citizens and pass a physical examination; they also must have graduated from a four-year university with a minimum 2.0 GPA and must be able to obtain a secret security clearance. Following the 23-week program, candidates will be commissioned second lieutenants—the same rank that graduates of West Point and ROTC programs receive.

For more information, contact Maj. Trey Brannom, assistant professor, at 615-898-5702 or SFC Alex Lopez at 615-898-2564. Interested cadets also may visit www.goarmy.com/ocs.

Walsh set for Iraqi Army advisory role

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After three years at MTSU, Lt. Col. Mike Walsh is leaving as professor of military science and taking another promotion with the U.S. Army.

Walsh officially leaves his university post Friday, April 24, but he will return April 30 to attend a going-away picnic with cadets and remain for the spring commissioning ceremony on Friday, May 8.

The career military man said he will become an adviser to an Iraqi Army leadership unit.

"I will advise them on equipping, manning and training," Walsh said.

Before traveling to the Middle East, he will go to Fort Riley, Kan., for about three months "to learn and understand my role ... with the Iraqi Army division."

Walsh said he is to lead a 15-

man military transition team to work with the Iraqi division leadership.

A Brentwood resident, Walsh has been head of MTSU's military science program since June 2006.

He made the promotion list to colonel in November 2008 and is expected to be promoted in August or September.

The departing commander recently announced that

Lt. Col. Tharrel "TK" Kast will replace him as professor of military science. Kast will be coming to MTSU from his role with the 1st Theater Sustainment Command at Fort Bragg, N.C., and is expected to arrive on campus in late June.



Walsh

37 area schools invited to state math contest

Thirty-seven middle Tennessee schools have been invited to compete in the 53rd annual Statewide High School Mathematics Contest.

MTSU's Department of Mathematical Sciences again will serve as a regional host for the contest, which will begin at 9 a.m. Tuesday, April 21, in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building. Dr. Jinjia Li, an assistant professor, is the test center chair.

The 37 invited schools will bring 300 to 400 elementary, middle, high-school and home-school students to campus, organizers said. Participants may compete in one of six test divisions: Algebra I, geometry, Algebra II, statistics, precalculus, calculus and advanced topics.

Invited schools include Barfield Elementary, Blackman High and Middle Schools; Buchanan Elementary; Cannon County High; Cedar Hall School; Central Middle; Christiana Elementary; Coffee County Central High; Eagleville High; East and West Middle (Tullahoma); Heart & Hearth Home Educational Support Group; Harris Middle (Shelbyville); Holloway High; Kittrell Elementary; Lascassas Elementary; La Vergne High and Middle Schools; McFadden School of Excellence; Oakland High; Riverdale High; Rock Springs Middle; Rockvale Elementary; Roy Waldron; Saint Paul the Apostle School (Tullahoma); Shelbyville Central High; Siegel High and Middle Schools; Smyrna High and Middle Schools; Stewart's Creek Middle; Thurman Francis Arts Academy; Tullahoma High; Watertown; The Webb School; and Westwood Junior High (Manchester). For more information, call 615-898-2669.

Aiding the arts



NATIONAL HONOR—Lori Kissinger, center, executive director of VSA arts Tennessee, delivers the national organization's Outstanding Community Partner Award to Speech and Theatre Chair Dr. Rebecca Fischer, left, and former chair Dr. Russell Church to acknowledge the department's role in supporting VSA arts, which provides opportunities for people with disabilities to participate in the arts and arts education. Kissinger, who also is an MTSU speech and theatre instructor, nominated the university for serving as a fiscal agent to found VSA arts of Tennessee in 2001 and for partnering on programs, recognizing the work of its artists, assisting with publicity and providing volunteers and financial assistance.

photo by J. Intintoli

Blue Raider Golf Scramble planned June 8

from MT Athletic Communications
goblueraiders.com

The sixth annual Greater Nashville Blue Raider Golf Scramble, presented by Atmos Energy, has been set for Monday, June 8, at Temple Hills Golf Club in Franklin, Tenn.

The Blue Raider Athletic Association sponsors the annual event in an effort to reach out to MT alumni in the Greater Nashville area and encourage them to become involved with the BRAA to help fund MT athletic scholarships and development of facilities.

The event gives individuals the opportunity to meet MT coaches and administrators as well as enjoy a great day of golf and fun. Last year, the golf scramble drew a record 216 participants and raised more than \$25,000 for the BRAA.

As part of the entry fee, each participant will receive a round of golf, use of a golf cart, range balls, a goody bag of special items and a player's gift, such as a golf shirt, wind shirt or other golf item. The entry fee also includes lunch, all beverages at the event and sandwiches

after the scramble.

Entry fees are \$150 per person or \$600 per team if paid by Monday, May 25. Fees are \$165 per person or \$700 per team after that date.

Two mulligans will be allowed per person for a \$25 charge, which includes a chance to win a set of golf irons.

Individual prizes will be offered for many contests on the course, including the long drive, longest putt, etc., and team prizes will be offered for the team winner in several flights. Door prizes also will be available for some individuals, and a silent auction will be conducted on approximately 20 items.

Sponsorships include the silver package for \$1,250, which includes foursome play and tee/green signage, and the gold sponsorship for \$2,500, which includes all elements of the silver package plus tournament signage. Individual hole sponsorships for a tee or green are available for \$125 each.

For more information and to register, contact the BRAA at 615-898-2210.





ENTERPRISING SPEAKERS—MTSU's annual Executives-in-Residence Program always draws fascinating lecturers and professionals to offer advice and guidance to students, faculty, staff and guests, and the April 8 event was no exception. In the photo above left, Dr. Arthur Laffer, front left, the renowned supply-side economist, talks before his Tucker Theatre keynote address with MTSU accounting professor Dr. Phil Harper, front right, as fellow accounting professor Dr. Betty Harper, seated right, and Laffer Investments Portfolio Manager Mike Madzin, seated left, listen. In the photo above right, entertainer/businessman/philanthropist Charlie Daniels, second from left, holds the 2009 Joe M. Rodgers Spirit of America Award. Daniels is joined by College of Business Dean Dr. Jim Burton, left, Laffer and Aubrey Harwell, chairholder of the Jennings A. Jones Chair of Excellence in Free Enterprise, during the presentation of the award, which honors a businessperson who has demonstrated the best of the spirit of America through significant contributions to government, education and/or civic and charitable organizations. The late Rodgers, a Nashville entrepreneur and former U.S. ambassador to France, preceded Harwell as holder of the Jones Chair. The award that carries his name is presented during each Executives-in-Residence Program, which is sponsored by the Jones Chair of Excellence and MTSU Distinguished Lecture Committee.

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New development director brings 'diversity of experiences'

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After conducting an eight-month national search, MTSU found new Director of Development Nick Perlick right in its backyard.

Perlick, 31, a Pittsburgh, Pa., native and former development director and officer at Ohio State University from 2003 to 2005, moves to MTSU after serving as the Middle Tennessee Medical Center Foundation's executive director since December 2006.

"I'm very excited to be here," said Perlick, who started March 23. "Most of my previous experience has been in higher education at large state universities. I'm hopeful that some of the things I learned at those institutions we can bring here to help MTSU.

"In the first few weeks," he added, "I have found the staff in development and university relations to be a wonderful group of people. They have been great to work with so far."

In his position, Perlick will oversee an office of 10 people, which includes development directors who work with the Colleges of Basic and Applied Sciences, Business, Education/Distance Learning, Liberal Arts and Mass Communications; an assis-

tant director and coordinator for annual giving; an executive aide; and a secretary.

Joe Bales, vice president for development and university relations, said he is pleased with the selection of Perlick and his decision to accept the job's challenges.

"We're extremely excited to have Nick here," Bales said. "The diversity of experiences he brings, having worked at two major institutions (Ohio State and Florida State universities) and the hospital, is an added dimension.

"He will bring new ideas and perspectives to our program and help provide the highest service to our donors and alumni. He will be a great fit for us."

Perlick said development's "primary job is to raise private funding for a wide variety of university needs."

In light of current economic times, Perlick said he knows the challenge will be great.

"Clearly, the great challenge the university is facing now is similar for us in development," he said. "The alumni and donor prospects we will be engaging are facing the same economic difficulties

the university is facing.

"Interestingly, what we're going through provides a unique opportunity to strengthen our case for support. ... Never before have we needed philanthropy to be such a major part of the university's funding."

The new development director said he "hopes the dollars the development office is able to raise can help significantly in the continued transformation of the university."

At the MTMC Foundation, Perlick led the oversight and management of all fundraising efforts. In his role there, his personal cultivation and solicitation of individual, corporate and foundation gifts ranged from \$100 to \$10 million. When he left, the MTMC Foundation was in the midst of planning and coordinating a \$20 million capital campaign.

Perlick replaces Kirk Purdom, who left MTSU in July 2008 to become vice president of advancement at Kentucky Wesleyan College in his hometown of Owensboro.

Perlick and his wife, Erin, a native of Crossville, live in Murfreesboro. They have a 7-month-old son, Ross.



Perlick

Faculty

performed an excerpt from her solo performance piece "Going Back To Where I've Never Been" at the American College Dance Festival Southeastern Conference, which was hosted by MTSU March 7-10. The piece was performed in its entirety at the recent Black College Dance Exchange at MTSU.

Professor Ray Wong (graphic communication) gave a presentation, "Newspaper Design in a Multimedia Setting," at the Southeast Journalism Conference at Belmont University Feb. 13. The presentation addressed information design utilizing multimedia platforms in relation to the printed newspaper as well as critiques of

college newspapers in the Southeast.

Publications

Dr. Mike Alleyne (recording industry) published an editorial, "Facing the Music: Album Cover Art Helped the Music Business—And Its Disappearance Is Now Hurting It," in the March 21 edition of *Billboard* magazine.

Dr. Minsoo Kang (health and human performance) has co-authored the following papers: "Validity and reliability of Omron pedometers for prescribed and self-paced walking" with E.A. Holbrook and T.V. Barreira

in *Medicine and Science in Sports and Exercise*, 41(3), 669-673; "Validation of the Actiheart monitor for the measurement of physical activity" with T.V. Barreira, J.L. Caputo, R.S. Farley and M.S. Renfrow in *International Journal of Exercise Science*, 2(1), 60-71; and "Issues in outcome research: An overview of randomization techniques for clinical trials" with B.G. Ragan and J.H. Park in *Journal of Athletic Training*, 43(2), 215-221. The latter paper is the first runner-up for the 2008 *Journal of Athletic Training* Kenneth L. Knight Award for Outstanding Research Manuscript.

Dr. Debra Rose Wilson (nursing) has published "Memory repression in

adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse" in *The Journal of Community and Health Sciences*, Issue 4, March 2009.

Workshops

Mary Ellen Pozzebon and **Mayo Taylor** (Walker Library) presented a half-day workshop on "Electronic Management in Today's Library" at the 14th Biennial Conference of the Association for College and Research Libraries March 12-15 in Seattle, Wash. The workshop covered legal, financial and technical aspects of managing online resources.

Busy 80-year-old makes time for master's

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By the age of 80, most people have lived a life full of memorable experiences. Lorraine Guth, however, may have set a record.

Guth has done more in her 80 years than the average person could accomplish in 100, due to her persistence and unwavering positive attitude. As she approaches her 81st birthday, Guth is pursuing a master's degree in criminal justice at MTSU.

"Life's short," says Guth. "I simply can't wait for tomorrow to do what I should today."

Guth has a long-term relationship with the justice system, having worked off and on as a legal secretary for 30 years since age 17. Her accomplishments are certainly not limited to criminal justice, however.

She has worked as a real estate agent, owned a chemical company with her husband, prepared advertising for a New York magazine, worked for RCA on the Apollo space program, pursued a career as a painter, recorded and released seven country and gospel CDs, and been named Entertainer of the Year by the Atlanta Country Music Hall of Fame, among her myriad achievements.

The remarkable things Guth has done in her life are especially staggering in the face of all she has had to overcome. She was adopted at 18 months after both her biological parents died. Guth says such a loss paralyzed her with fear, causing her to put off attending college because she worried about leaving her adoptive family.

Over the next 40 years, Guth worked several jobs to support her six children and was simply too busy to go back to school. After the death of her husband in 1990 and one of her sons shortly after, Guth went to college for the first time and earned a certificate as a private investigator from Gwinnett Technical College at age 66.

She says she was driven to become a P.I. after

escaping from an ex-boyfriend who kidnapped her at knifepoint. Guth helped the police catch and prosecute her attacker by tracking him through his friends and known hangouts. Once he was released from prison, Guth also sued him for damages in civil court.

"There isn't a day in my life I don't use my investigative skills," Guth says.

After six years of work as a private investigator, Guth decided she wanted to attend law school, and she enrolled in Georgia State University to earn her bachelor's degree. While at Georgia State, she received many academic honors, including scholarships, and made the dean's list several times.

In 2003, at age 74, she graduated with a degree in criminal justice and moved from Georgia to middle Tennessee to enroll in the Nashville School of Law and to be closer to her family. She left law school after two years and filed a complaint with the U.S. Justice Department because she says the school refused to accommodate her needs, such as a front-row seat in classes so she could hear better. (The complaint is pending; NSL now has a three-page policy addressing accommodations for students with disabilities.)

Despite this setback, Guth says she was determined to continue her education.

"I don't let anything put me down. I'm like a dandelion, I get right back up," she says, so she decided to come to MTSU because of its location and criminal justice program.

"I just wanted to be in school. I said I would audit classes, not take classes for credit, just to be here."

MTSU has supported Guth's ambition, and she now takes classes part-time while working toward her master's and preparing her eighth album.

"Some days I wonder, 'What am I doing this for?' I could just be traveling," Guth told *Georgia State Magazine* in 2005. "But it's been known that staying active is a deterrent to Alzheimer's, and



BUSY WOMAN—Lorraine Guth pauses for a quick photo with three of her music CDs. She's working on her master's degree in criminal justice administration at MTSU.

photo by News and Public Affairs

there are a lot of brilliant people who don't keep their minds active."

The MTSU student's story also is included in a new book, *You-Turn: Changing Direction in Midlife*, by Dr. Nancy Irwin, available at local bookstores.

Guth encourages anyone considering going back to school to take those first steps. While you may run into hurdles, she says, "don't let it discourage you.

"You've got to think positive!"

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Appearances

Drs. Nate Phillips and Warren Anderson (agribusiness and agriscience) were judges at the March 26 Middle Tennessee Floriculture contest, which was hosted by MTSU's School of Agribusiness and Agriscience. Twenty-one teams, including 11 Future Farmers of America chapters, participated.

Passages

Mr. John Miller Downs (energy services), 67, passed away March 9. Mr. Downs worked for MTSU from September 1977 until his retirement as supervisor of heating and air in the energy services department in June 2008. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Carole Lee Downs; a daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and George Gossage; a son, John Miller Downs Jr., and his friend Theresa; all of Murfreesboro; a brother, Billy Downs of Lynchburg; grandchildren Rachel Gossage Deml and her husband, Mark, and Amanda Grace Gossage; and a great-grandson, Elijah Jackson Deml, all of Murfreesboro. Mr. Downs was a member of the Westvue Church of Christ. Memorials may be made to the Jernigan Cemetery Trust Fund, P.O. Box 1112, Murfreesboro, Tenn., 37133.

Dr. Anne T. Sloan (provost's office), 59, passed away April 4. Dr. Sloan had worked at MTSU since August 1993 and was currently employed as the special assistant to the provost for international education. She is survived by her husband, Steve Saunders; daughter, Samantha T. Saunders, a freshman at the University of Virginia at Charlottesville, Va.; brothers Gene Sloan of Murfreesboro; Joe Sloan and his wife, Janet, of Nashville; and Bill Sloan and his wife, Sharon, of Murfreesboro. Dr. Sloan attended Campus School and was a 1967 graduate of Central High School. She earned her bachelor's degree from MTSU in 1971, her master's degree from Louisiana State University in 1974 and her doctorate from The Ohio State University in 1982. Before coming to MTSU, she taught at the University of South Carolina and the State University of New York at Albany. While at MTSU, she held several positions, including associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts and associate professor of political science, before assuming the provost's assistantship full-time in January 2006. She will be remembered for her curricular innovations, which included the creation of courses on U.S. national security policy and comparative international politics. In addition to her academic achievements, she was a member of North Boulevard Church of Christ

and the Col. Hardy Murfree Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Memorials in honor of Dr. Sloan may be made to the Middle Tennessee State University Foundation, P.O. Box 109, Murfreesboro, Tenn., 37132.

Presentations

Dr. Warren Anderson (agribusiness and agriscience) discussed "Composting" at Linebaugh Public Library March 28. Twenty-eight people, including a master gardener from Wilson County and one from Williamson County, attended.

Drs. Judy Campbell and Debra Rose Wilson (nursing) made presentations on "The Role of the Professional Nurse" March 2 at the Williamson Medical Center/Columbia State Community College nursing symposium.

Assistant Professor Jacqueline Springfield (speech and theatre) sat on a panel on Fitzmaurice Voicework and its incorporation into university drama and music programs at the Southeastern Theatre Conference 60th annual convention in Birmingham, Ala., March 4-8. Springfield also

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