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A place to learn



New ed building is part of master plan

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If everything goes as scheduled, the 993 classroom seats and 87 faculty offices in the new College

of Education and Behavioral Science Building will be teeming with eager students, faculty and staff by spring 2012.

Some will make a beeline for a collaborative classroom or the wet lab, while others will find a comfy seat in the 150-seat auditorium, the seminar room or the observation lab.

As the result of a joint venture between Earl Swensson Associates

and Centric Architecture with the support of local legislators in issuing bonds for the project, the new building, with more than 87,300 gross square feet, will provide a dedicated facility for one of the largest colleges at MTSU. Until now, education programs and faculty have been scattered across campus.

"The faculty are very excited," said Dr. Terry Whiteside, interim edu-

cation dean. "When you work together in the same space, you can commiserate, share ideas and do cross-departmental projects. It creates energy when your peers are working in the same space.

"There has been a sense of disbelief from the old-timers," Whiteside continued. "This isn't going to

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Join the party for MTSU's Constitution Day festivities

A single day isn't big enough to contain MTSU's observance of the 222nd anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution! Free events are scheduled for three days—Sept. 16-18—as authors, speakers, singer-songwriters and educators team up across campus to celebrate the document created by "we the people ... in order to form a more perfect union."

Events kick off Wednesday, Sept. 16, with a lecture by Vanderbilt professor and author Bruce Barry on "Free Speech on University Campuses: The State of Play" at 10:20 a.m. in the Keathley University Center Theater. Sponsored by the John Seigenthaler Chair of Excellence in First Amendment Studies and the College of Mass Communication at MTSU, Barry's lecture will be followed at 11:30 a.m. by a "State of the First Amendment" lecture from Gene Policinski, vice president and executive director of the First Amendment

Center in Nashville.

The Seigenthaler Chair events continue at 2:20 p.m. Sept. 16 with a performance in Tucker Theatre by "Freedom Sings," a talented group of singer-songwriters who take the audience on a musical journey of the nation's history of banned and con-

troversial songs. The "Freedom Sings" lineup varies, but regular performers include Craig Kampf, Jonell Mosser, Don Henry, Bill Lloyd, Ashley Cleveland, Joseph Wooten, Jason White, Jackie Patterson, Dave

Coleman and The Wrights.

"The Seigenthaler Chair of Excellence and the College of Mass Communication are celebrating Constitution Day by creating awareness about the First Amendment in a variety of ways during our program," said Beverly Keel, director of the Seigenthaler Chair. "Legendary

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Center for Popular Music boosts collection with Walker donation

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He spent decades on the air and on the road, the consummate disc jockey-turned-country star with hits like "Pick Me Up on Your Way Down" and "Wild as a Wildcat."

Now the personal papers, records and memorabilia of a honky-tonking Texan with more than 50 years in entertainment are being catalogued at MTSU's Center for Popular Music, awaiting the moment when visitors can once again hear announcer Grant Turner's classic Grand Ole Opry intro: "Ladies and gentlemen, Mister ... Charlie ... Walker!"

"This was seven months of work and a lot of therapy," Walker's widow, Connie, explained as she pointed to dozens of repurposed Tony Lama boot boxes filled with scrapbooks, political fliers,

photos, fan mail, 78s, videos, original recording contracts and reel-to-reel tapes in the CPM's climate-controlled, secure storage room in the university's Bragg Mass Communication Building.

The Opry and Country Radio DJ Hall of Fame member with the distinctive baritone died in

September 2008 in Hendersonville, Tenn., at age 81. In addition to his radio and music career, the strapping, Stetson-wearing Copeville, Texas, native tried his hand



Walker

at acting, portraying the doomed Hawkshaw Hawkins in the 1985 film biography of Patsy Cline, "Sweet Dreams."

Walker rose to popularity in Texas through his performances with Bill Boyd and his Cowboy Ramblers, then became a popular disc jockey. When he was stationed

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IN BRIEF

GET FIT, STAY WELL @ THE REC
 Campus Recreation offers two program options for fitness and wellness development: the Faculty/Staff Wellness Program,

which runs Sept. 8-Dec. 4 and costs \$150 per person; and the "Get Fit, Stay Fit" program, which runs throughout the year, is open to faculty, staff, students and members and costs \$30 for students and \$50 for others. For more information, call 615-898-2104.



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'Wounded warriors' offer valuable lessons during internship

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I was admitted into Walter Reed Army Medical Center, or WRAMC. Not as a patient, mind you, but as a guest. As a summer intern assigned to the Army Wounded Warrior Program (AW2), Strategic Communications Branch (Stratcom), it was not uncommon to hear stories involving sacrifices made by soldiers from every part of America. From severe burns to amputations, AW2 has the unbelievable mission of rendering care and support to soldiers and their families "for as long as it takes."

From stuffing envelopes to mailing crates, AW2 Stratcom allowed me an opportunity for some very up-close and personal experiences. I have to say visiting WRAMC rates as one of my most unforgettable moments.

Huge in appearance, yet calm and gentle in the way in which it conducts business, I had a walk-through visit of this historic facility. While the briefings involved mainly AW2-related matters, it was the visit to the Military Advanced Training Center—MATC—that humbled me beyond belief. Spacious, bright and busy, the facility seemed to be the assembly point for wounded warriors with injuries that ran the gamut.

What I saw was amazing. Here I stood, a third-year student, surrounded by soldiers who had lost arms or legs or, in some cases, both. For many people, these heroes are just stories you would hear about, rarely see. They struggled with their exercise equipment; some were trying to stand, some were trying to walk, but all were trying. I was moved deeply. An even greater reality for me, one that was unexpected, was that they were so close to my own age.

My initial feeling was partially of guilt, as if I should feel bad for being

healthy. Another side of me felt immense pride—they were so young and had sacrificed so much. They were heroes. I think it was the latter that propelled me to make the time to begin speaking with them. Although initially hesitant, I did it anyway. At first I struggled to ask the questions that might be considered offensive or even insensitive: What happened? Does it hurt? How do you deal with this? But I discovered that these people were more than willing to tell their stories. What I found in return were young men who didn't use one moment of their time complaining but who spoke proudly of their comrades and their love for country.

Can you believe it? These guys had every reason to be angry or bitter, yet they were everything but. I watched as they cleaned, adjusted and even removed their prosthetics; attention to detail was essential. They shared with me how their daily routines had gone from barracks maintenance to maintenance of their new legs or arms. They were awe-inspiring.

While my visit entailed only a few hours, the experience will last forever. I left Walter Reed feeling different. For me, the facility is no longer just a hospital; it is a place where so many lives are renewed. Until that day, I never really thought about wounded-warrior care. Through Walter Reed and the soldiers that I met that day, I have gained an awareness that is permanently stamped on my heart. I will never again be just a visitor to a military medical facility, but an individual advocate committed to keeping my wounded-warrior experience alive. I can do that by sharing their stories with others and not allowing them or their sacrifices to be forgotten.

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Arrive hungry: Revamped KUC Food Court to be unveiled Sept. 10

MT Dining will celebrate the grand opening of its newly renovated Food Court in the Keathley University Center on Thursday, Sept. 10, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

MTSU President Sidney A. McPhee will offer welcoming remarks at the formal ribbon-cutting and will be joined by other university officials and ARAMARK representatives.

"The staff would like to share these tremendous improvements with the entire campus, and we appreciate all the efforts of the students, faculty and administrators who helped make this possible," said ARAMARK's Lisa Blackburn.

Festivities throughout the morning and early afternoon in the KUC will include giveaways, Blue Raider trivia and a celebration cake. Special food sampling will include tastes from the first Einstein Bros. Bagel restaurant on campus as well as the new Burger Studio, an ARAMARK proprietary brand.

"It is a great thrill to bring such excitement and change to the campus community and surrounding areas," Blackburn said. "Dining services aspires to be an integral part of the MTSU experience, and this celebration is MT Dining's way of giving a big thank-you to all those who support our efforts. Please come join us for great festivities and door prizes."

For more information, please visit www.mtdining.com.

Launching the flagship



JUST IN TIME FOR CLEMSON—MTSU officials sign a one-year formal broadcasting agreement between the Department of Athletics and WMOT-Jazz 89, making the radio station the flagship for Blue Raider football, men's and women's basketball and baseball. The Aug. 12 pact means WMOT will broadcast all 12 regular season football games, all men's and women's basketball games and 18 baseball games, and also will air the Rick Stockstill Show, Rick Insell Show and Kermit Davis Show. Director of Athletics Chris Massaro, seated at left, and College of Mass Communication Dean Roy Moore, right, who helped orchestrate the agreement, are joined at the signing by Chip Walters, standing at left, the "Voice of the Blue Raiders," and Gary Brown, interim WMOT general manager and longtime engineer. Listen live at 89.5-FM or at www.wmot.org on Saturday, Sept. 5, when the Blue Raiders kick off the 2009 football season at Clemson at 5 p.m. CST.

photo courtesy MT Athletic Communications



Satellite webcasts reaching K-12 classes

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K-12 Education Television Programs ranging from "CSI: Captivating Science Investigations" on Tuesday, Sept. 15, to "WISE Women and Careers in Chemistry" on Tuesday, Dec. 1, mark the MTSU Satellite and Webcasting Center's fall schedule for students.

With two exceptions (Sept. 15 and Nov. 3's "Master Art"), all one-hour student programs will air live starting at 9 a.m. each Tuesday throughout the fall. The program will not air Oct. 6 and Nov. 24.

Other student programs include "What Is Your Watershed Address?," Sept. 22; "America's Best Idea in Tennessee," Sept. 29; "Alvin C. York in the Argonne Forest," Oct. 13;



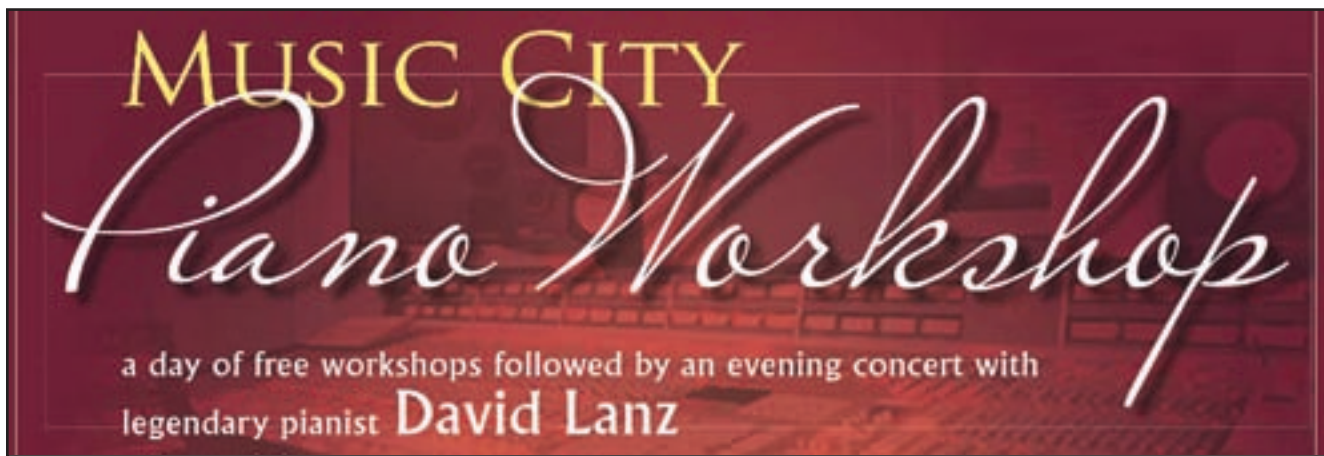
"Animal Training," Oct. 20; "OK, You're Dead, Now What?: Cemeteries Around the World," Oct. 27; "Money, Money, Money: A Guide to Financial Aid and Scholarships," Nov. 10; and

"Discovering Living Primary Sources: What We Can Learn by Interviewing Participants in Historic Events," Nov. 17.

Professional Development Programs for teachers in kindergarten through 12th grades will air live at 3:30 p.m. every Thursday from Sept. 17 through Dec. 3, except for Oct. 8 and Nov. 26.

In Murfreesboro and Rutherford County, the student and teacher programs air on ERC@MT (MTSU Channel 9). School and center sites from Dyersburg and Memphis in West Tennessee to Knoxville and Church Hill in East Tennessee will carry the broadcasts.

For more information, please visit the center's Web site at www.mtsu.edu/~itsc and click on the blue "schedule" hotlink.



Join pros for day of music, business and fun Sept. 25

Musicians from across the midstate will be clamoring for a seat at the first Music City Piano Workshop and Concert, scheduled for Friday, Sept. 25, at the Sound Kitchen in Franklin and made possible by a public-service grant from MTSU.

Students, teachers and aspiring professionals can learn about music production, music business, performance and more during a day of three free workshops with industry professionals at the Southeast's largest recording and production studio, located at 112 Seaboard Lane in Franklin, Tenn.

After the workshops, a Whisperings Solo Piano Concert, featuring the renowned David Lanz and guests, is planned for 8 p.m. at the same location. The intimate concert will include other artists featured on Whisperings: Solo Piano Radio, the No. 1 broadcast on *Live365.com* for almost four years running. The program can be heard on iTunes, the Windows Media Tuner and TiVo and streams to nearly a million piano-music fans all over the world every month.

Pianist/composer Dr. Joseph Akins and audio engineer/music editor Michael Fleming, who are assistant recording industry professors in MTSU's College of Mass Communication, will kick off the daylong event with the first MCPWC workshop, "Recording the Piano." The interactive workshop, set from 10 a.m. to noon, will teach participants about the musical and technical steps that are essential for capturing a great-sounding piano recording in a studio, church, home or recital hall. Their discussion will cover the process of preproduction, microphone selection and recording technique and will include a session in the Sound Kitchen's "Big Boy" studio.

From 1 to 3 p.m., Whisperings founder and pianist/composer David

Nevue will show participants how anyone can use the World Wide Web to market and sell recordings in the day's second MCPWC workshop, "How to Promote Your Music Successfully on the Internet." Nevue has gone from recording one album while working a "day job" with a computer company to selling and promoting albums of piano music for a living. He's the author of *How to Promote Your Music Successfully on the Internet* and the founder of The Music Biz Academy (www.musicbizacademy.com), an educational Web site for musicians. He launched Whisperings: Solo Piano Radio in August 2003.

In the day's final MCPWC workshop, set from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., Grammy nominee Lanz will perform and talk with participants, encouraging their questions and discussing his creative process with topics such as composing, improvisation, inspiration and dealing with performance anxiety. Lanz's "Heartsounds" album helped launch the famed Narada record label in the early 1980s, and his composition "Cristofori's Dream" was No. 1 on Billboard's first adult alternative/new age chart for 27 weeks and eventually sold platinum.

The Whisperings Solo Piano Concert, which will feature performances by Lanz and guests Nevue, Akins and composer Philip Wesley, will cap the daylong music event at 8 p.m. The musicians will perform

and tell the stories behind their compositions during the two-hour concert. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for students and may be purchased at www.solopiano.com in advance or at the door.

Seats for the free workshops are limited and should be reserved in advance at www.musiccitypiano.com.



Akins



Lanz



Nevue



Wesley

Get noticed in *The Record!*

Submit your news tips to gfann@mtsu.edu by 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9, for the Sept. 21 edition of *The Record* or by 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23, for the Oct. 5 *Record*. Don't forget to include the specifics—who, what, where, when and why, plus contact information—with your contributions! Make sure you're reaching your audience in plenty of time by checking *The Record's* 2009 deadline schedule at http://frank.mtsu.edu/~proffice/rec_deadlines.htm.

Brooks takes reins as new School of Journalism director

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Dr. Dwight Brooks has spent his academic career engaging students in exploring media depictions of race and gender issues. His ascension to the administrative level has not diminished his enthusiasm for the subject. As is the case with any true scholar, he loves it because it's so challenging.

"It's perhaps the most difficult issue that I've found in teaching, and I've taught race and gender issues for 20-odd years," Brooks says.

He enters the directorship of the MTSU School of Journalism following two years as chair of the Department of Mass Communication at Jackson State University. From 1997 to 2007, he was a journalism faculty member at the University of Georgia, where he won a Student Government Association Professor of Excellence Award and a Department of Telecommunication Teaching Award. He taught at Indiana University from 1992 to 1997.

Since mass media are the prisms through which society views itself, one of Brooks' goals is to get students to understand that race and gender are not concepts with concrete, universal definitions.

"My approach is to move through different media and give them different examples to deconstruct," he says. "If you really want to understand

that race and gender are socially constructed categories of difference, you then have to figure out where they get socially constructed."

Part of the issue for journalists, as Brooks sees it, is language. While admitting that it may be well-intended, he is averse to the term "people of color."

'It is our job to train them ... to work in an industry that is changing.'

Dr. Dwight Brooks, director, MTSU School of Journalism



"The other part of understanding diversity is understanding what some would call the flip side of racism—the privilege that certain individuals get by being white," Brooks says. "A term like 'people of color' only works to reinforce the notion that white is not a color and that white people are not a race."

Another expression that annoys Brooks is "playing the race card," especially regarding stories about President Barack Obama. Despite his efforts to present himself as postracial, the nation's first African-American chief executive has encountered challenges that Brooks believes have racial under-

currents, even though they are presented as race-neutral.

"I think once you peel away some of those layers, it is about race," Brooks says of those who question Obama's citizenship. "There are people who do not accept, in my estimation, the legitimacy of President Obama, in part because he's black."

The ability of journalists to "peel away some of those layers" may depend, in part, on their ability to integrate academic theories and concepts with "real world" experience. However, Brooks admits that those two realms are at odds in many J-schools.

"In my years in the academy, we haven't done a very good job of balancing that," says Brooks. "What you often have are people who are one or the other—the folk who have worked in the industry, or are still working, and the academics."

For the sake of the profession, the academy and those future journalists, Brooks' mantra is simple: Put the students first.

"Most of our students come to us, especially at the undergraduate level, with a desire to work in some aspect of the industry," Brooks says. "It is our job to train them and develop them to work in an industry that is changing so dramatically that it becomes more incumbent upon us as professors and faculty to keep abreast of what's going on."

Campus Calendar

Sept. 7-20

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
for other cable-outlet airtimes
or www.youtube.com/mtsunews
for the complete archive.

Through Sept. 17

Biennial Faculty Art Exhibition

8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, Todd Gallery
For information, visit www.mtsu.edu/~art
or contact: 615-898-5653.

Sept. 7

Monday, Sept. 7

Labor Day

No classes; university closed.

Sept. 8

Tuesday, Sept. 8

Volunteer Fair

10 a.m.-2 p.m., Keathley University Center Courtyard
For information, visit www.mtsu.edu/leadandserve
or contact: 615-898-5812.

Sept. 9

Wednesday, Sept. 9

Voluntary Buyout Program information session

9-11 a.m., Room 100, Ingram Building
For information, visit <http://hrs.web.mtsu.edu/VBP/index.html> or contact: 615-898-2929.

Student Organization Fair

10 a.m.-2 p.m., KUC Knoll
For information, visit www.mtsu.edu/leadandserve
or contact: 615-898-5812.

Wednesday, Sept. 9

Faculty Recital:

Laura Ann Ross, oboe
8 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, visit www.mtsumusic.com
or contact: 615-898-2469.

Sept. 10

Thursday, Sept. 10

Retired Faculty/Staff Coffee

9:30 a.m., Foundation House
For information, contact: 615-898-5756.

State of the College (Basic and Applied Sciences)

3 p.m., Rooms N109 and N111, Cason-Kennedy Nursing Bldg.
For information, contact: 615-898-2613.

Sept. 12

Saturday, Sept. 12

MT Football vs. Memphis

6 p.m., Floyd Stadium
For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com
or contact: 615-898-2450.

Sept. 13

Sunday, Sept. 13

"MTSU On the Record—Wrestling with the Angel"

Author and playwright Susan Griffin talks about her latest book, *Wrestling with the Angel of Democracy: On Being an American Citizen*.
7 a.m., WMOT 89.5-FM
Podcast at www.mtsunews.com.



Sept. 14

Monday, Sept. 14

Honors Lecture Series:

Dr. Jan Leone, "The Founding of MTSU"
3-3:55 p.m., Honors Room 106
For information, visit www.mtsu.edu/~honors
or contact: 616-898-2152.

Faculty Senate Meeting

4:30 p.m., Room 100, James Union Building
For information, visit www.mtsu.edu/facultysenate
or contact: 615-898-2582.

Faculty Recital:

Todd Waldecker, clarinet

8 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, visit www.mtsumusic.com.

Taking care of business



MORE GREAT WORK!—Martha Slaybaugh, center, executive secretary for Mike Gower, left, associate vice president of business and finance, accepts the first quarterly Clerical/Secretarial Award for 2009 from Ben Jones, chairman of MTSU's Employee Recognition Committee. The committee regularly salutes staffers who make outstanding contributions and demonstrate excellence in their roles. To nominate a co-worker, download a nomination form at <http://hrs.web.mtsu.edu/er/recog.html> and submit it to Human Resource Services in Room 204 of the Ingram Building.

MTSU Photographic Services photo by J. Intintoli

Thursday, Sept. 10

Faculty Recital:

Angela DeBoer, horn
6 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, visit www.mtsumusic.com
or contact: 615-898-2469.

Sept. 11

Friday, Sept. 11

TIAA-CREF Individual Financial Counseling Sessions

8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Room 313, KUC; appointments preferred
For information, visit <http://tiaa-cref.org/moc> or contact: 866-842-2336, extension 252903.

Sunday, Sept. 13

Guest Artist Recitals:

Carolyn Treybig, flute;
Dan Lochrie, clarinet;
Jerome Reed, piano
2 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, visit www.mtsumusic.com
or contact: 615-898-2469.

Guest Artist Recitals:

Brandon Jones, euphonium;
Matthew Mazzoni, piano
5 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, visit www.mtsumusic.com
or contact: 615-898-2469.

Sept. 17

Thursday, Sept. 17

Faculty Recital:

Don Aliquo, saxophone
8 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, visit www.mtsumusic.com.

Sept. 18

Friday, Sept. 18

Broadway Hits Review: Middle Tennessee Choral Society and Don Aliquo Trio

8 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
Admission: \$10 per person
For information, visit www.mtsumusic.com.

happen,' they would say. When they see it ... this is big-time."

"The new building will help in faculty recruitment and perhaps in attracting students to the teaching profession," noted Dr. Jim Huffman, chair of the Department of Educational Leadership. "People will see that this is a classy operation, that it enhances the image of teacher education. Teacher education won't be all over campus; it will be in one location. ... It will give us a lot more flexibility. When we have a conference, we won't have to go to the Foundation House or country club."

Everyone, including clerical staff, had a hand in selecting the furniture, Whiteside said. Secretaries helped determine the layout of their offices, and faculty had input in the design of the building.

"One of the architects made a statement that I think is symbolic," he said. "Where the building is located, you go from the old area to the new area of campus, and you have this education building sitting in the corner. We came from being a 'normal school,' and now we're turning the corner on the next 100 years—and education sits on the corner. Nice symbolism."

"In today's classroom, all the technology is around the room, so faculty are out in the open," said Dr. Watson Harris, director of academic technology planning, adding that the new education building will be wired for learning.

"In the collaborative rooms, the round tables go up to a flat panel. Students bring a laptop to the table; they log in to TeamSpot, and they can communicate by sliding a document with their mouse onto a common screen. TeamSpot is ideal for collaborative research where students can share documents, data, links and other information."

Using ClassSpot, another collaborative software, instructors can communicate with students and decide how much of the public screens they want students to access, Harris explained. The instructor can lock out all students and control the three screens, allow students to access one or more screens or turn over the entire display to a single student. There will be five aptly named "collaborative classrooms" on the first floor of the building.

Both Whiteside and Huffman agreed that the new facility opens up possibilities to promote the Teaching Quality Initiative, especially in the areas of math and science. In 2008-09, MTSU was one of two Tennessee Board of Regents schools that piloted TQI, which redesigns instructional modules to better prepare students for the teaching profession.

"The new building gives us the technology and flexibility to increase our efforts in promoting problem-based learning," Huffman said, "and TQI promotes that methodology. The day of the talking head in front of class—I think the sun is setting on that."

The new building also will be the first on the MTSU campus to be built according to the new sustainability guidelines for capital construction in Tennessee, which will stand as a model of good sustainable design and construction practices. Capital projects in Tennessee are subscribing to newer standards in the areas of erosion impact, landscape design for native planting and reduced irrigation, storm-water management, exterior lighting, energy efficiency, recyclable materials, indoor air quality and construction innovation.

"It is a positive step for Tennessee to be following good design and construction processes," Patti Miller, assistant vice president for campus planning, said of the Education Building as well as future projects.



TAKING SHAPE—Shown above is an artist's rendering of the new College of Education and Behavioral Science from an exterior corner perspective. This is how the new building, which is under construction on the old Intramural Field east of the Business and Aerospace Building, will appear to someone looking northeast from the quad. The three-story building, designed by Earl Swensson and Associates and Centric Architecture, features 87,300 gross square feet, including multiple classrooms, labs, seminar and conference rooms as well as faculty and staff offices and student gathering areas.

graphic courtesy Earl Swensson Associates/Centric Architecture

Center

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in Japan after World War II, Walker worked with the Armed Forces Radio Network. His band was one of the first American groups to perform live on the radio in Japan and helped popularize country music there.

He returned to Texas after the war and in the early 1950s built a big following on Radio KMAC in San Antonio, where he also ran a club, The Barn. He continued to perform and record; his best-known record was 1958's "Pick Me Up on Your Way Down." After a move to Nashville in 1967, Walker became a member of the Grand Ole Opry and enjoyed a career in music until his death.

"He kept just about everything," Connie Walker continued, pointing to her late husband's November 1952 contract with Commodore Records, complete with the original envelope.

"When a very close friend of mine, a librarian at Hunter College in New York City, found out I was looking for a place for Charlie's stuff, she started



PRECIOUS MEMORIES—Connie Walker, center, widow of country star Charlie Walker, examines some of the memorabilia she donated to MTSU's Center for Popular Music as librarian Grover Baker, left, and director Paul Wells look on.

MTSU Photographic Services photo by J. Intintoli

contacting folks around the country for me. She said, 'Hey, MTSU has an archive!' and that was the first I'd heard of it. Charlie's kids wanted to find something close to home."

Mrs. Walker got in touch with CPM Librarian Grover Baker who told her, "Yes, this is just the sort of thing we want to have." Baker and CPM Director Paul Wells trekked to Hendersonville to meet with Mrs. Walker and inspect the collection.

"We saw the scrapbooks she had assembled, and looked at what was in the boxes and said, 'Yes, ma'am,' immediately," Wells said. "This sort of collection is invaluable to researchers, particularly those looking into the business of country music."

Baker and Wells returned two days later with a van to pick it all up, bring it to MTSU and begin poring—and exclaiming—over it.

"Another thing that sold me on MTSU was the audio restoration facilities (in the center)," Walker added. "I wanted a place that could digitize the reel-to-reel tapes and archive them, too."

The Center for Popular Music was established in 1985 as one of 16 Centers of Excellence across the Tennessee Board of Regents university system. The archive and research center is devoted to the study of American popular music from the prerevolutionary era to the present with a mission to promote research and scholarship in American vernacular music. Its collections support research in all musical genres and specialize in rock and roll and its roots, the various forms of vernacular religious music, and the music of Tennessee and the Southeast.

Cataloging the Walker collection will take quite some time. "Because of the extent of the collection, it will be many months before we have it fully processed and available for researchers," Wells explained. "We're making it a high-priority project and will have it accessible as soon as possible."

Mrs. Walker also has hopes that her husband's collection will prompt others to relay more information to his family.

"We'd love to find some eyewitness accounts of shows at his club in San Antonio, The Barn, in the '50s during his radio days at KMAC," she said. "He was the first DJ to have a five-hour country music show on the station."

Her chief goal, though, is to make these treasures available to students and researchers.

"I'll be helping the archivists out as I can, coming down and answering questions and helping make notes," she explained. "We just want people to know it's here and make sure the students know about it, so they can use it."

For more information about the Center for Popular Music at MTSU and its collections, visit its Web site at <http://popmusic.mtsu.edu>.

journalist and First Amendment advocate John Seigenthaler, for whom the chair is named, is famous for saying, 'Freedom of expression is never safe, never secure, but always in the process of being made safe and secure.'

"The underlying theme will be, 'What does the First Amendment mean in 2009?' My hope is that this program will make everyone reflect on the First Amendment freedoms that many of us either misunderstand or take for granted."

The work continues Thursday, Sept. 17, with a morning of panel discussions in the KUC Theater. At 9:40 a.m., a panel will address "The Internet and the First Amendment," moderated by Seigenthaler and featuring Robert Cox, president of the Media Bloggers Association, Nashville attorney Lew Conner and a representative from the Associated Press.

At 11:20 a.m., a "Panel on the First Amendment Freedoms" will explore the state of the First Amendment's five freedoms—religion, speech, press, assembly and petition—and what they mean today. Panelists include Seigenthaler; Richard Land, president of the Southern Baptist Convention's Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission; and Elaine Jones, former president and director/counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund.

At 1 p.m., author, journalist and professor Mark Danner will lecture on "Torture, Democracy and the American Press" in Room 221 of the McWherter Learning Resource Center. Danner, who has written about foreign affairs and American politics for more than two decades and is a contributor to *The New York Review of Books* and *The New York Times Magazine*, also teaches at the University of California and at Bard College. His lecture is co-sponsored by MTSU's Distinguished Lecture Committee.

At 2:40 p.m., Roger Newman, author and Columbia University Graduate

School of Journalism professor, will lecture in the KUC Theater on "Civil Liberties: Surveillance and Terrorism" and lead a discussion on the civil-liberties aspects of the "war on terror" and technology's impact on the First Amendment. Newman's book *Hugo Black* was a Pulitzer Prize finalist.

At 7 p.m. on Sept. 18, the action moves into MTSU's Business and Aerospace Building for a lecture from renowned author Susan Griffin on her latest book, *Wrestling with the Angel of Democracy: On Being an American Citizen* in the State Farm Lecture Hall (Room BAS S102).

Griffin also will facilitate a workshop for faculty, "Teaching Democracy: Integrating Themes of Social Responsibility in the Curriculum," from 1 to 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, in the Faculty Senate Chambers (Room 100) on the first floor of the James Union Building.

Wrestling with the Angel of Democracy "weaves memoir with history while exploring the inner life and psychologies that are engendered by democracy and that sustain self-government," says Griffin. She says she will focus on "the role empathy plays in this process and connect environmentalism, a crucial part of the evolution of democratic thought, with social justice."

Her lecture and workshop are sponsored by the American Democracy Project with money from the Distinguished Lectures Fund and the Learning, Teaching and Innovative Technologies Center. Griffin also will be the guest on the Sept. 13 "MTSU On the Record," airing at 7 a.m. on WMOT-Jazz 89.

To register for Griffin's workshop, contact the LT&ITC at 615-494-7671 or ltanditc@mtsu.edu. For more information about the Seigenthaler Chair events, contact Keel at 615-898-5150. For more information about Griffin's events, contact Dr. Jim Williams at 615-898-2633.

Latest partnership will help adults finish degrees

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By partnering with other colleges, school systems, counties and chambers of commerce, MTSU is taking higher education on the road throughout middle Tennessee to help citizens obtain or finish their college degrees and contribute in even greater ways to the economic vitality of their communities and the state.

Lincoln County is the newest partner in the program to provide additional educational benefits for its citizens.

Officials on the Motlow State Community College campus in Lincoln County also are part of this latest strategic partnership and have offered space that will be used by academic advisers and financial-aid experts from both MTSU and MSCC. This will help create a smooth application process for enrollees who want to complete their baccalaureate degree through MSCC's local campus and MTSU's Adult Degree Completion Program. Together, they are exploring assistance in the form of scholarships, internships and matching-fund programs, among others.

"The idea behind these strategic partnerships is to establish a mechanism that provides quality educa-

tional opportunities to as broad an audience as possible, which is what MTSU is all about," said Dr. David Gotcher, director of academic outreach and distance learning at MTSU. "We're focusing particularly on adult learners, those people whose life experiences have taken them beyond that of just being out of high school."

Gotcher said everyone understands the value of education when they talk about the connection between education and individual economic attainment as well as economic development.

"Community leaders become stakeholders with a vested interest in making sure their citizens can take advantage of these opportunities," he noted.

"We are extremely excited about the partnership between our Fayetteville-Lincoln County Motlow Center and MTSU," Lincoln County Mayor Peggy Bevels said. "This will provide our community the availability of educational opportunities that have never been offered. If you are really serious about getting an educational degree, you do not have to leave Fayetteville-Lincoln County."

Bevels also credited Motlow director Laura Monks and her staff for their hard work and dedication to the education "of all students

regardless of age."

Gwen Shelton, mayor of Fayetteville, added that an area's economy is no longer defined simply by its political boundaries of city, county or state.

"Economies are defined regionally by a diverse group of industries, supported by factors such as infrastructure investment and an availability of local talent," she said. "This regional concept promotes partnerships among key community players."

"The civic and corporate leaders of Lincoln County understand the value of education and are willing to help create a means to encourage their citizens and aid in their academic progress," noted Dr. L. Diane Miller, interim executive vice president and provost at MTSU. "We're excited to be a part of it."

Gotcher said these partnerships work because MTSU, in partnership with community colleges like Motlow, provides the high-quality academic programs and technical expertise, and the county entities provide such things as emotional support and a pat on the back for the students. "Once they come to the point of decision and have decided to go back and finish their degree, we have to keep them going ... on track, motivated and encouraged."

Dr. Mike Boyle, dean of the

College of Continuing Studies and Distance Learning, agreed, attributing the success of MTSU's Adult Degree Completion Program to the fact that courses can be fit around a person's daily responsibilities. "It's wonderful to see how those individuals and agencies that play such a critical role in the leadership of Lincoln County and its cities are getting behind this program," he said.

Students will be able to do coursework with a combination of classroom and online study. Gotcher said he would like to kick off the program with a cohort of 15 to 25 students who become a close-knit group throughout their educational experience.

"We want to stand behind them and push them and root for them," Gotcher said. "What we would like to do is find a source to fund this first group of students in an initial course that they would take together."

The delivery of education in these strategic partnerships could take many forms over time, Gotcher said, as officials look at compressed-learning programs, accelerated courses of study and even awarding academic credit for certain types of training and experiences.

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Scutero named director of men's basketball operations

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Kermit Davis, head men's basketball coach, has hired Mike Scutero as the program's new director of basketball operations.

Scutero comes to Murfreesboro after five years as the assistant coach and recruiting coordinator for Odessa College. He replaces Brian Burg, who accepted an assistant job at Campbell University.

Scutero helped lead Odessa to three straight 20-win seasons, including a conference championship in 2007-08.

"I am very excited to have Mike join our staff," Davis said. "He worked for one of my good friends in Dennis Helms, who has been one of the most successful junior-college coaches in the country over the past 25 years."

"Mike has an outstanding work ethic and excellent energy and will be a good addition to our staff. We look forward to having him and his family as part of the Murfreesboro community."

Scutero spent many years in



Scutero

the high school and AAU ranks in Florida before jumping to the collegiate level.

"I am excited for the opportunity to work under Kermit Davis and the other guys on staff at a school the quality of Middle Tennessee," Scutero said. "This is a great chance to be a part of a winning program, a great university and a thriving community."

Scutero is a graduate of the University of Central Florida with a degree in liberal studies and a minor in athletic coaching. He and his wife, Kimberly, have a son, Noah.

High-school students cross Summer Bridge with some help from TSLAMP

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MTSU is a member of the Tennessee Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation, or TLSAMP, which is underwritten by the National Science Foundation.

Along with fellow alliance member schools including Vanderbilt, the University of Memphis, the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, Tennessee State University and Lemoyne-Owen College, the TLSAMP aim is to increase retention and graduation rates for underrepresented students who are STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) majors, said Mimi Thomas, who serves as director of the MTSU TLSAMP program.

Dr. Tom Cheatham, dean of the College of Basic and Applied Sciences, is the program's principal



BREAK BETWEEN CLASSES—Participants in the 2009 Summer Bridge Program, sponsored by the Tennessee Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation, take a break in a classroom at Tennessee State University in Nashville. MTSU sponsored 13 of the participants for this year's event, which offers intensive college prep for students interested in science, technology, engineering and math.

photo submitted

investigator.

Each summer, TLSAMP sponsors a collegiate Summer Bridge Program for up to 50 Tennessee high-school graduates who have applied for admission to attend an alliance member school in the fall, Thomas said.

"Selected students attend a four-week program that exposes them to the rigors of college classes, life in the residence halls and general academic discipline," Thomas said. "Students are also pre- and post-tested for status evaluation and program assessment."

MTSU sent 13 pre-enrolled students to the TLSAMP Summer Bridge Program, which took place on the TSU campus June 7-30.

"Student participants received daily instruction in physics, chemistry, math and English," Thomas said. "And on the weekends they visited other alliance member campuses, including MTSU."

While at MTSU, students toured the university's nationally recognized aerospace and horse science departments, she said.

"A capstone of their summer included a daylong visit to the Oak Ridge National Laboratories," Thomas said. "While there, students viewed a multimedia facility overview."

Afterward, with previous governmental clearance, they were able to

witness a presentation on the Spallation Neutron Source—an intense, pulsed accelerator-based neutron source that provides scientific information about the positions, motions and magnetic properties of solids, Thomas said.

The students' Summer Bridge experience culminated in the Bridge Awards Banquet, where each student was recognized for outstanding merit and academic improvement, she added.

For more information about the program, call Thomas at 615-898-5311 or e-mail mthom@mtsu.edu.

Another record: Fall '09 enrollment could top 25,000

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Enrollment Services officials anticipate MTSU's combined fall enrollment to reach and surpass 25,000, which will be a record, by the time final totals are submitted to the Tennessee Board of Regents in mid-September.

"Enrollment continues to look strong," said Dr. Deb Sells, vice president for student affairs and vice provost for enrollment and academic services. "We are hoping to manage an increase in enrollment of somewhere between 2 percent and 3 percent for this fall.

"Much of that growth is likely to come from new transfer students and from new graduate students. Across the United States, numbers of high-school graduates are beginning to level off after a slight 'boom' in that group over the past several

years, and we therefore expect a leveling off in the growth rate of our new freshman class."

MTSU's fall 2008 head count was 23,872—or 128 shy of 24,000 combined undergraduate and graduate students. That total was an increase of 626 students from fall 2007.

At one juncture during fall 2008's registration process, the university did pass 24,000, said Sherian Huddleston, associate vice provost for enrollment services. Because of student withdrawals and nonpayment of fees, however, the head count dropped below 24,000.

Sells said MTSU continues "to see an increase in the successful retention of our current students, so we also expect part of our enrollment increase to reflect greater numbers of our already-enrolled students continuing their programs without interruption."

She added that university officials "have sig-

nificantly increased the amount of financial aid awarded for this year."

"MTSU added approximately \$1 million to our pool of university-funded scholarships this year," Huddleston said, "and we also have made significant new awards for students from the federal stimulus money the university received."

Sells added that this year, MTSU has begun participating in the Direct Lending Program, which means the loan proceeds for the students come directly from the federal government.

Previously, loan funds were disbursed to MTSU via one of several banking institutions from which the student selected, she said.

"This will avoid the situation experienced last fall when loans for some students were delayed due to late arrival of funds from the banks," Sells said.

Agriculture Field Day planned for Sept. 17

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The School of Agribusiness and Agriscience at MTSU is hosting a field day starting at 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, on MTSU's new Agricultural Laboratory Farm at 3301 Guy James Road, said Dr. Warren Gill, director for the school.

"The primary focus this year will be on home gardens and innovative nursery ideas, but there will also be updates on haylage production and use by beef cattle," Gill said.

Other topics will be presented, including a report on the Switchgrass, Bluestem, Indiangrass and wildlife plots being done in partnership with the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture Extension Service.

Students will present displays, guide tours and be involved in every aspect of the program, Gill said. Dr. Jessica Carter, an associate professor in the school, will conduct a live animal demonstration with cattle from the MTSU angus herd.

"There also will be an update on the Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Program that is sponsored by the Tennessee Department of Agriculture," Gill said. "The TDA commissioner, Ken Givens, has been invited to address this topic, and MTSU faculty will tell how the TAEP has been critical to developing the farm laboratory programs."

MTSU's ag alumni also are inviting several sponsors to prepare a meal and share product information.

The second Ag Field Day is open to the campus community and general public. Please call the extension office at 615-898-7710 or call or e-mail Carter (615-898-2419 or jcarter@mtsu.edu) by Thursday, Sept. 11, if you plan to attend.

To reach the farm from MTSU, take Halls Hill Pike 4.5 miles past the Rutherford Boulevard-Greenland Drive intersection. Look for a sign for the Ag Field Day, turn left and drive a half-mile to the event site.

For more information call Carter, Gill (615-898-2404), Dr. Nate Phillips (615-494-8985) or Tim Redd (615-898-2431).

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D.A. Rowe, T.V. Barreira, T.S. Robinson and M.T. Mahar in *Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport*, 80(2), 131-137. She also began serving in May as a section editor in physical activity for the *Measurement in Physical Education and Exercise Science* journal.

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Koritsanszky leads successful neutron-scattering proposal

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MTSU is the leader of a successful collaboration to bring a state-of-the-art instrument for the neutron analysis of advanced materials to one of the world's top centers for neutron scattering.

MTSU joined with North Carolina State University, Hauptman-Woodward Medical Research Institute and Oak Ridge National Laboratory to obtain a single-crystal neutron diffractometer, also known as IMAGINE, through the National Science Foundation and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Principal investigator Dr. Tibor S. Koritsanszky, a professor of chemistry at MTSU, and colleague Flora Meilleur from NCSU, in collaboration with Robert Blessing from Hauptman-Woodward and ORNL's Bryan C. Chakoumakos, will use IMAGINE to analyze light atom positions in materials of interest across the diverse fields of chemistry, structural biology, pharmacology, condensed-matter

physics, nanostructured materials and in the environmental, biomedical and geological sciences.

"This diffractometer will fill a gap in U.S. neutron diffraction capabilities, since no similar capability or instrumentation is currently available at a neutron reactor source in the United States," Koritsanszky said.

The instrument will take advantage of neutrons produced by ORNL's High Flux Isotope Reactor. The Department of Energy facility is the nation's most powerful research reactor and the benefactor of a recent upgrade with new beam lines and instruments.

IMAGINE will be placed on a beam line with a cold neutron source, in which neutrons are chilled to reduce their energy and make them more useful for analyzing materials' properties at longer microscopic lengths.

Single-crystal neutron crystallography allows

accurate and precise determination of the full three-dimensional structure of a molecule and provides accurate information about the spatial arrangement of molecules relative to the neighboring molecules. It is especially useful for determining the position of hydrogen atoms, which the related technique of X-ray diffraction cannot do as well.

"Because of the HFIR's high intensity of neutrons, we will be more able to study the structure of compounds that produce relatively small crystals," Koritsanszky said. "These studies will have an impact in a number of areas ranging from systems of medium-size molecules of biological interest to large molecules containing metal organic frameworks useful in materials research.

"This instrument will be an integral part of teaching as well as research," he said.

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Awards

Dr. Chuck Higgins (physics and astronomy) received the 2009 McGuffey Longevity Award from the Text and Academic Authors Association for *An Introduction to Physical Science, 12th ed.*, written by Higgins, **Dr. Aaron W. Todd** (chemistry) and Drs. James T. Shipman and Jerry D. Wilson and published by Houghton Mifflin (now Cengage). The late Dr. Todd was recognized at the conference for his 10-year contribution to the textbook.

Grants

Dr. Minsoo Kang (health and human performance) has received funding for the project "Establishing a criterion-referenced cutoff score of daily step counts" from the Research Consortium of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

Media

Dr. Ron Aday (sociology and anthropology) was interviewed by Patt Morrison of KPCV Southern California Public Radio on the topic of compassionate release in the wake of the release of convicted Lockerbie bomber Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi.

Dr. Pat Spangler (Health Services) was interviewed Aug. 26 by WKRN-TV about MTSU's preparations for the H1N1 virus.

Passages

Kristafer Shane "Kris" Bristow (Audio/Visual Services), 34, passed away Aug. 15. Kris had been employed at MTSU as an electronic equipment technician in Audio/Visual Services since November 2007. He is survived by his son, Gavin Bristow; mother, Liz Laupert; stepfather, Vic Laupert; father, James Garrett Bristow; sisters Pam Sparks, Terressa Griffiths and Jennifer Lamantia; brother, Steve Miles; and girlfriend, Jessica Armocida.

Presentations

Dr. Minsoo Kang (health and human performance) presented "Walking and pedometers" at State Farm Insurance Co.'s Murfreesboro Operations Center in July.

Maria Knox (Provost's Office) attended the CollegeNet User Conference, held July 27-30 in Portland, Ore., where she gave a presentation, "X25: Tell Us Your Story." She won the trip to the conference by submitting a narrative of how the

university uses the X25 program.

Drs. Marva Lucas and Nancy McCormick (mathematical sciences) presented "Research Results for Underprepared Students in a Redesigned College Algebra Course" at the Annual Summer Meeting of the Mathematical Association of America, MathFest 2009, Aug. 6-8 in Portland, Ore.

Dr. Ping Zhang (mathematical sciences) co-presented "Gender Differences in Internet Use: A Logistic Regression" at the 15th Americas Conference on Information System, held Aug. 4-7 in San Francisco.

Publications

An article by **Dr. Zaf Khan** (elementary and special education), "Improving the Quality of Preservice Teachers' Field-Based Experience," will be published in the *Journal of Research in Childhood Education*, a publication of the Association for Childhood Education International.

Dr. Minsoo Kang (health and human performance) has published "Individual information-centered approach for handling physical activity missing data" with co-authors

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