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Walker Library celebrates a decade

More than 800,000 visits annually to 10-year-old facility

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The James E. Walker Library, named for MTSU's eighth president, opened in 1999 with nearly 645,000 volumes, 3,500 journals and a budget of \$269 per student.

Today, the library has almost a million books and e-books, nearly 20,000 journals and databases and 350 desktop and laptop computers. The budget is \$332 per student.

Advances in student-centered services over the last 10 years include increasing the number of computers; having laptops available for checkout; greater technological access to reference librarians, like instant messaging, texting and e-mailing a librarian for research help; and the availability of research coaches throughout the year.

"The completion of this building after so many years of waiting, discussing, designing and constructing gave the university community a much-needed boost toward what the

university should and could be in the future," says Don Craig, library dean. "Its beautiful appearance, its spaciousness and its functionality have been welcoming over 800,000 campus users each year with many more generations to come in the future."

The first library on campus was housed on the third floor of Kirksey Old Main in 1912. It had 75 donated volumes available for checkout. In 1927 a second library opened with 2,000 volumes, located in Murfree Hall on the site where Peck Hall is today.

In 1958, the Todd Library, designed to handle 150,000 volumes,

opened, an addition was built in 1970 allowing the Library to hold 225,000 volumes. Eventually, Todd would contain more than 600,000 volumes.

Students may enter an anniversary celebration drawing for an iPod and other prizes by explaining their favorite thing about the library. Entry cards are available throughout the building, or students can e-mail their answers to favorites@ulibnet.mtsu.edu. The deadline is Monday, Nov. 30, and the drawing is set for Tuesday, Dec. 1.

For more information about the anniversary, please call 615-898-2817 or go to <http://library.mtsu.edu>.

Seivers headed 'back home' as new College of Education dean

by Lisa L. Rollins
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Dr. Lana C. Seivers, former commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Education, will join MTSU's ranks in 2010 when she becomes the new dean of the university's College of Education.

A 1972 alumna of MTSU with a Bachelor of Science degree in speech and hearing therapy and minors in political science and secondary education, Seivers recently was announced as the newest member of the university administrative and

academic team by MTSU President Sidney A. McPhee. She will assume her new responsibilities Feb. 1.



Seivers

"Dr. Seivers comes with a level of knowledge and experience in the field of education that is second to none," McPhee

said. "Attracting a professional of her extraordinary background and expertise speaks very highly of the university and the quality of our programs, faculty and students. Without a doubt, Dr. Seivers will be a tremendous asset to the university and will provide exceptional leadership for our College of Education."

Most recently, Seivers served as executive director of the Mississippi Center for Education Innovation, an entity funded primarily by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and dedicated to early childhood, teacher quality, community engagement and leadership.

She was appointed by Gov. Phil Bredesen to serve as the state's education commissioner, a job she held for five years until her February 2008 resignation. At that time, in

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Continuing Ed programs receive state awards

MTSU's College for Continuing Education and Distance Learning has received two awards from the Tennessee Association for Continuing Higher Education, the statewide organization representing continuing higher education.

The college received the TACHE's Credit Program Award for its Adult Degree Completion Program, noting its value and impact in facilitating a return to higher education for adult nontraditional students.

"The ADCP is intended to support the governor's initiative to improve college participation and

graduation rates in Tennessee," said Lance Ikard, ADCP director at MTSU. "Many adults in the state of Tennessee have begun college programs only to postpone them due to changes in life and employment situations.

"The overall objective of the ADCP is to make it easier for all adult students to return or enroll at MTSU, regardless of the degree they seek. ADCP offers a 'one-stop' information system that funnels interested individuals to specially trained advisers."

The college also received the association's Non-Credit Program Award for outstanding and innova-

tive noncredit programming, specifically for a joint special project by the CEDL and the Regents Online Continuing Education program to train employees of the Tennessee Department of Children's Services and the Tennessee Center for Child Welfare.

"This program was an extremely cost-effective method to supply required professional-development training to thousands of state employees, contractors and related parties," said David Foster, director of marketing for the college.

"This effort saved the taxpayers of the state of Tennessee a huge

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H1N1 VACCINES PENDING
 MTSU's Student Health Services has received some of its requested doses of the H1N1 vaccine but is still awaiting enough to

conduct shot clinics on campus, Director Rick Chapman said at press time. For the latest updates, check www.mtsu.edu/healthservices; to stay healthier during this flu season, clip and save the H1N1 info bookmark on page 7.



www.mtsunews.com

Remember wounded warriors on your holiday card list

by Lee Ann Newton
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Greetings, everyone! Even though 20,000 Christmas cards for wounded soldiers have been sent since December 2006, the need continues. The hospitals are still full of our wounded warriors, and they continue to arrive daily.

In October 2006, I learned that a friend's son had lost both of his legs in an IED explosion in Iraq. Through his personal blog over the next two years, I and many others came to realize the extent of such horrific wounds and how they can require multiple surgeries and years of recovery and rehabilitation time. Josh was in the hospital for more than a year and on-site rehab for two more. That is what sparked me to create Operation Christmas Care, Christmas Cards for Wounded Soldiers.



Newton

Operation Christmas Care is staffed and supported by yours truly each Christmas season.

While most everyone has heard of Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., Brooks Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, is not so well-known. However, with hundreds of amputees and burn victims from IED explosives in the hospital and rehab facility there, the need for ongoing support is critical to their recovery.

Unfortunately, our soldiers' support system sometimes dwindles after the life-threatening danger has passed, but the painful daily grind of recovery continues. E-mails are nice, and they're appreciated, but colorful cards or letters

with a heartfelt message of support and encouragement can beam from the walls of their hospital rooms until they leave.

I've placed a drop box in the hallway on the first floor of the Fairview Building for your cards for Operation Christmas Care. If you would like to create a drop box for your area, let me know, and I will send you the Operation Christmas Care logo to put on the box. You also can send your cards via campus mail to me at Box 82. If you prefer to send a "Season's Greetings" card or one that simply says, "Thinking of you," that would be great, too.

If you wish to send your own package of cards from co-workers, friends and family, please reference "Operation Christmas Care" in your return address and send them in care of Judith Markelz, director, Soldier and Family Assistance Center, Powless Guest House, Second Floor, 3625 George Beach Road, Fort Sam Houston, Texas 78234.

If you wish to contribute more than a card, here is a brief list of items that are always appreciated and needed. Many of our wounded warriors no longer have the ability to hold a book, and many have been left blind, so electronic books, DVDs and CDs help them pass the hours. Other items that help them in their everyday rehabilitation are:

- athletic shoes (men's sizes nine to 13);
- soft "cushie pillows" (small pea-filled pillows) used to relieve pressure points in bed;
- large duffel bags and backpacks;
- small electronic games;
- portable CD players;
- CDs (any style of music);
- battery-powered electric shavers;
- nonskid slipper socks;
- fleece blankets;
- men's winter jackets (any size);
- men's and women's drawstring pajamas (all sizes);
- board shorts (baggy knee-length shorts);
- boxers;
- hoodie sweatshirts; and
- long-sleeved T-shirts.

To ensure timely delivery, I will be sending the last batch of cards on **Tuesday, Dec. 15.**

Thank you for remembering our wounded warriors this holiday season.

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amount of money by leveraging the assets and capabilities of several state agencies and provided time-sensitive training to the DCS staff. This methodology can be of benefit to many state agencies, organizations, associations or companies that have employees with training needs in multiple locations."

To win the awards, each program had to be less than five years old; reflect originality in approach, content and delivery; be marketed toward new audiences or in innovative formats; and be easily replicated at other institutions.

"I feel extremely honored that our college was the recipient of these awards," said Dr. Mike Boyle, dean of the College of Continuing Education and Distance Learning. "This demonstrates that our ongoing effort to develop creative solutions to current issues is effective and is being recognized by our peers. As we expand our efforts, we anticipate finding more innovative solutions to the education issues confronting Tennessee."

For more information about the College of Continuing Education and Distance Learning, visit its Web site anytime at www.mtsu.edu/learn or call 615-898-2177.

You also can follow the college on Twitter (www.twitter.com/MTSUanytime) or Facebook (www.facebook.com/MTSUanytime).

Correction

A cutline on page 5 in the Nov. 17 print edition of *The Record* provided an incorrect date. The photo accompanying the "New passport to success: Study Abroad Fair Nov. 17" article was taken in June 2009.

Delta delegation



GETTING GUIDANCE—MTSU Center for Historic Preservation Director Van West, right, presents information on creating a similar center to a delegation from Mississippi Valley State University, including Delta Research and Cultural Institute Director Dr. Marvin Haire, left, and Dr. Joseph Martin Stevenson, center, MVSU provost and senior vice president for academic affairs, during a Nov. 9 visit to MTSU. CHP Coordinator Elizabeth Moore, center left, joined the presentation to MVSU, which may create a center of its own, with Delta State University, for the Mississippi Delta region.

MTSU Photographic Services photo by Andy Heidt

Seivers

announcing Seivers' departure from his cabinet, Bredesen described her service to Tennessee as "truly exemplary," citing her leadership in a number of initiatives designed to enhance the quality of Tennessee's education system, including working to raise teacher pay above the south-eastern average to expanding the state's pilot pre-kindergarten initiative into a program for 4-year-olds across the state.

"MTSU played a significant role in my life, and the opportunity to return to my alma mater is exciting and humbling," Seivers said of her decision to seek the MTSU deanship. "Dr. McPhee has set high expectations that we become a national leader in teacher education, and I am

very eager to work with him and MTSU's excellent College of Education faculty and staff.

"The rich history of MTSU's teacher-preparation program, the number and quality of teachers we currently graduate and the national focus on teacher-education programs create a perfect environment to make the president's vision a reality," she added. "It is wonderful to be back 'home' and to be a part of educating future teachers."

The recipient of numerous awards, including her 2008 induction into the Tennessee Teachers Hall of Fame, Seivers graduated from high school in Clinton, Tenn., before earning her undergraduate degree from MTSU. She received a Master of

Science degree in educational administration/supervision in 1984 and a doctorate in educational leadership in 2003, both from the University of Tennessee.

Seivers's appointment follows an extensive nationwide search to replace former education dean Dr. Gloria Bonner, who moved into MTSU's new Office of Community Engagement and Support in April 2008. Longtime psychology professor Dr. Terry Whiteside has served as interim dean for the college and has guided efforts to design and outfit the new College of Education building, which is under construction with a target opening date of spring 2012.

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Concert promotion class slates Dec. 2 show

Advanced Concert Promotion, a hands-on recording industry class in MTSU's College of Mass Communication, will turn its final class project into a concert as it presents AutoVaughn at the Tennessee Room in the James Union Building on Wednesday, Dec. 2, at 9 p.m.

AutoVaughn, winners of the 2009 Fender Road Worn competition, will follow opening acts Modoc and Thief, who'll take the stage beginning at 8 p.m.

The Murfreesboro Pulse, a regional entertainment publication, has partnered with the class to present the show. Other sponsors include 615 Music, MTSU Student Programming and Omega Delta Psi professional music industry fraternity. Tickets are \$6 for students and \$8 general admission and can be purchased at www.boropulse.com/autovaughn as well as in front of the Keathley University Center on campus through Dec. 2.

"Our students obtained sponsors, negotiated the performance agreement, designed the tickets and ticket dis-

tribution system and marketed the event," said Dr. Rich Barnet, instructor of the class. "The production coordinator is a member of the class and will recruit members of Omega Delta Psi to serve as techs for sound, lights and staging."

AutoVaughn is a four-piece Nashville indie-rock band that's been receiving national attention in the past year and is touring in support of its upcoming studio release, "Rise."

"The Cycles," the band's previous EP, was recorded and mixed by Brian Virtue, best known for his work with Jane's Addiction, Audioslave and Deftones. Griff Morris, Amazon MP3's senior business developer, dubbed AutoVaughn "the best band at SXSW 2008."

For more information on AutoVaughn, including photos, contact information and MP3s, visit www.autovaughn.com.

Contact Barnet at rbarnet@mtsu.edu for group discounts on orders of four or more tickets.

TECTA offers new support for child care education

Tennesseans who want to pursue their training in child care or early childhood education have a new scholarship option, thanks to the Tennessee Early Childhood Training Alliance.

TECTA will be providing scholarships for the 2009-10 academic year to cover 100 percent of a recipient's tuition, plus related expenses for Child Development Associate or Infant Toddler credentials, technical certificates and academic degrees as funds allow.

These scholarships give full tuition support for one or two courses per term to retrain displaced and underemployed workers in the child care field as well as those who want to make the transition to a career in child care, organizers say. This is the first initiative to allow TECTA to provide full tuition support for students at both public and private two- and four-year institutions and is designed to remove the financial constraints for adults entering and returning to school.

The scholarship program is open to permanent residents of Tennessee who meet the requirements for admission.

"In keeping with the illustrious history of TECTA, we are extending our services to assist Tennesseans in overcoming the current economic condition with the provision of funding for tuition and mentoring in the field of early childhood education to individuals that have been affected," says Katari Coleman, TECTA statewide program director.

An applicant may qualify if he/she:

- has lost a job due to a plant or job closing or layoff caused by corporate economic hardship or competition;
- is underemployed (working but not in the desired capacity in terms of compensation, hours or level of skill and experience);
- lives in a county affected by the current national economic crises; and/or
- is currently working directly or indirectly in the child care industry.

Applicants may contact the TECTA site in their region. At MTSU, the TECTA site phone number is 615-904-8318, or applicants may contact Site Director Debbie Simpson at dsimpson@mtsu.edu.

The TECTA program, managed by the Center of Excellence for Learning Sciences at Tennessee State University, is sponsored and funded by the Tennessee Department of Human Services. TECTA is a consortium of nine Tennessee Board of Regents universities and community colleges that provides an academic gateway for preparation of professional early childhood personnel.

VA visit



TEAMWORK—Members of the Blue Raider football team and MTSU's Army ROTC battalion pose for a photo with a patient at the Alvin C. York Veterans Medical Center, during a Nov. 12 visit to the Murfreesboro facility. The MTSU crew, which also included members of the Blue Raider cheerleading squad, spent about two hours at the hospital to talk with veterans. Standing are, from left, Phillip Tanner; Maj. Trey Brannon; Jerry Hill, Disabled American Veterans hospital service coordinator at the York Center; Capt. Aaron Billingsley; and Michael Cannon.

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Stanford chemist Zare plans lectures

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Renowned laser chemistry researcher Richard N. "Dick" Zare of Stanford University will be an MTSU Distinguished Lecture Series speaker in early December, Department of Chemistry officials said.

Zare, who is the Marguerite Blake Wilbur Professor of Natural Science and department chair at Stanford, will present a community lecture, "How to Be Successful," at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, in the Business and Aerospace Building's State Farm Lecture Hall.

He'll also present a student lecture, "The Joys of Chemical Discovery," at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 2, in the Paul W. Martin Sr. Honors Building Amphitheatre, Room 106.

For the community lecture, Zare, who will use American industrialist Andrew Carnegie as a segue, wrote in his abstract that he "will concentrate on tips for problem-solving."

"I suggest that these same tips, when vigorously pursued, lead to happy outcomes, whether or not a particular problem gets solved. They

lay the basis for the wonderful life of the mind."

For the student-focused lecture, Zare wrote that he "will take this opportunity to share with you the thrills I have had in some of my own discoveries, ancient and quite recent."

At 9 a.m. Dec. 1, Zare will participate in a live satellite videoconference on "Women and Careers in Chemistry" with chemistry professor

'These tips ... lead to happy outcomes, whether or not a problem gets solved.'

Dr. Richard N. Zare, Stanford chemist, on his Distinguished Lecture topic



Dr. Judith Iriarte-Gross and Cacy DeSheles, assistant director of the Girls Raised in Tennessee Science program.

Between then and the lecture, Zare will tour the MIMIC Center with students, talk to an Honors College class, have lunch with students, be open to meetings with faculty and attend an informal pizza party with students in Monohan Hall.

His Dec. 2 agenda includes a possible campus tour, talking to non-

science majors, having lunch with chemistry faculty, touring the Honors College, meeting Honors Dean John Vile and Basic and Applied Sciences Dean Tom Cheatham and having dinner with WISE, honors and Chemistry Club students before his student lecture.

At Stanford, Zare's research pursuits are in physical and analytical chemistry.

Iriarte-Gross and chemistry professor Dr. Preston MacDougall, who wrote and reviewed the lecture series proposal, respectively, led the efforts to bring Zare to MTSU.

Zare's visit is being co-sponsored by the Distinguished Lecture Committee, the CBAS and Honors College, the

Women in Science and Engineering student organization and Honors Student Association, MTSU Housing and Residential Life, the Nashville Section of the American Chemical Society and MTSU Chemistry Club, the College of Education and Behavioral Science and the Tennessee Math, Science and Technology Center, and the Women in STEM Center.

For more information, call 615-904-8253.

Campus Calendar

Nov. 30-Dec. 13

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 a complete show archive.

Through Dec. 9

Photo Exhibit: "Memory Loss/ Lost Library: Photographs by Stan Strembicki"

8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-
Friday, noon-4 p.m. Saturday,
6-9:45 p.m. Sunday
Baldwin Photo Gallery
For information, contact:
615-898-2085.

Nov. 30

Monday, Nov. 30
**Voluntary Buyout Program
application period begins**
For information, visit
[http://hrs.web.mtsu.edu/
VBP/index.html](http://hrs.web.mtsu.edu/VBP/index.html) or contact:
615-898-2929.

**Our Friends, Our Selves
Bookclub**
featured book: *The Lovely Bones*
3:30-4:30 p.m., Room 206,
James Union Building
For information, contact:
615-898-2193.

**MTSU String Studio Recital
(violin/cello)**
7 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, visit
www.mtsumusic.com
or contact: 615-898-2469.

Dec. 1

Tuesday, Dec. 1
Red Cross Blood Drive
10 a.m.-3 p.m., Room 322,
Keathley University Center
For information, visit
www.givelife.org.

Tuesday, Dec. 1
**JAWC Career/Professional
Brown Bag: Luther Buie,
"Grade 'A'ttitude: Maintaining
'A' Positive Outlook"**
Noon-1 p.m.,
Dining Room C, JUB
For information, contact:
615-898-2193.

Dec. 2

Wednesday, Dec. 2
**"Disney Keys to Excellence"
Free Leadership Session**
open to all staff and students
9-10:30 a.m., Cantrell Hall, Tom
Jackson Building
Advance registration required
For information, e-mail
ckoepfge@mtsu.edu or contact:
615-898-2764.

Celebrating a centennial of education



TASTEFUL TRAINING—MTSU's Department of Human Sciences puts out the good china for their Centennial Celebration open house with the theme "From the Cradle to the Grave." Students exhibited their work in child development and family studies; early childhood education; family and consumer sciences; food science; textiles, merchandising and design; and interior design. At center left, Chef Rick Martinez, an adjunct instructor in culinary arts, explains some of the tasty morsels he prepared for students, staff and other guests at the Oct. 28 event in the Ellington Human Sciences Building.

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Dec. 3

Dec. 3-5
**MTSU Dance Theatre
Fall Dance Concert**
7:30 p.m., Tucker Theatre
For information, visit
www.mtsu.edu/~theatre
or contact: 615-494-8810.

Thursday, Dec. 3
Retired Faculty/Staff Coffee
9:30 a.m., Foundation House
For information, contact:
615-898-5756.

MTSU Percussion Ensemble
8 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, visit
www.mtsumusic.com
or contact: 615-898-2469.

Dec. 4

Friday, Dec. 4
**First Friday Star Party:
Jeff Gritton, "Binary Stars:
Strange Star Dances"**
6:30-8:30 p.m., Wiser-Patten
Science Hall 102
For information, contact:
615-898-2130.

Dec. 5

Saturday, Dec. 5
MTSU Flute Studio Recital
1 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, visit
www.mtsumusic.com
or contact: 615-898-2469.

Saturday, Dec. 5
**MTSU Women's Choral
Victorian Holiday Feast**
6 p.m., Tennessee Room, JUB
For information, visit
www.mtsumusic.com
or contact: 615-898-2469.

Dec. 6

Dec. 6-7
MTSU Music: "Messiah"
7:30 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
Admission: \$10 at the door
For information, visit
www.mtsumusic.com
or contact: 615-898-2469.

Sunday, Dec. 6
MTSU Symphony Orchestra
4 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, visit
www.mtsumusic.com
or contact: 615-898-2469.

Dec. 7

Monday, Dec. 7
Faculty Senate Meeting
4:30 p.m., JUB 100
For information, visit
www.mtsu.edu/facultysenate
or contact: 615-898-2582.

Dec. 8

Tuesday, Dec. 8
Tornado Siren Test Date
(test only; no action needed)
12:20 p.m., campuswide
For information, contact:
615-898-2424.

MTSU Symphonic Band
7:30 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, visit
www.mtsumusic.com.

Dec. 9

Wednesday, Dec. 9
Last day of classes

**MTSU Commercial Music
Ensemble**
7:30 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, visit
www.mtsumusic.com.

Dec. 10

Thursday, Dec. 10
Study Day (no classes)

MTSU String Chamber Recital
7:30 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, visit
www.mtsumusic.com.

Dec. 11

Dec. 11-17
Final exams

Join children's book drive

by Lisa L. Rollins
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The University Writing Center at MTSU has joined forces with Project Help and Murfreesboro City Schools Outreach during the holiday season to encourage children's literacy.

In its team effort to promote the cause, UWC staff will accept new and gently used children's books now through Wednesday, Dec. 9, as well as monetary donations, which will go toward the purchase of youth titles.

Meagan McManus, a peer mentor and UWC writing assistant, said

that members of the UWC staff will attend Project Help's fall semester celebration on Thursday, Dec. 17, to share some of the donated books with the lab's children.

Those interested in donating children's books may deposit them at the campus-based writing center, located in Room 325 in Peck Hall, during its regular operating hours. The center is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fridays and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays.

For more information on the children's holiday book drive, please contact the UWC at 615-904-8237 or e-mail McManus at mcm2r@mtsu.edu.

Make reservations now for Jan. 14 educators' pre-retirement seminar

The Rutherford County Retired Teachers Association is sponsoring a free Pre-Retirement Seminar for educators on Thursday, Jan. 14, from 3:30 until 6 p.m. at North Boulevard Church of Christ, 1112 N. Rutherford Blvd.

Participants should make reservations before Monday, Jan. 11, to ensure that they receive needed seminar materials. Reservations may be made via e-mail to Sarag49@aol.com; please leave a name, school and telephone number for any necessary pre-seminar contact.

This year's presenter will be Ron Pendergrass, associate executive director of the Tennessee Retired Teachers Association. Any educator who will retire under the state retirement plan, whether or not he/she is a member of the Tennessee Education Association, will learn information beneficial in making decisions concerning retirement.

Seminar participants should enter the church on the north side via the side door marked "Fellowship Kitchen." Organizers will serve light refreshments between 3:30 and 4 p.m., and the seminar will begin promptly at 4.

Recognizing excellence



GREAT WORK!—Pam Davis, center, executive aide for the Department of Political Science, accepts the latest quarterly Secretarial/Clerical Award from her boss, Dr. Stephen Morris, left, chair of the political science department, and Ben Jones, right, Business Office manager and chairman of MTSU's Employee Recognition Committee. MTSU's Employee Recognition Committee salutes staffers who make outstanding contributions and demonstrate excellence in their roles. For information on nominating an administrative, secretarial/clerical, classified or technical/service co-worker for the quarterly award program, go to <http://hrs.web.mtsu.edu/er/recog.html>, download an employee recognition form and submit it via campus mail to Human Resource Services at Box 35.

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Online: www.KeysNashville.com

Email: registrations@KeysUS.com

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LEADERSHIP

Discover how effective leadership has driven Disney's employee/customer satisfaction and bottom-line results, from the company's inception to today.

MANAGEMENT

Understand the importance of integrating your corporate culture into selection, training, and care of your employees.

CUSTOMER SERVICE

Explore world-renowned Disney principles for service excellence.

LOYALTY

Learn key practices and principles in building and sustaining loyalty that have made Disney a trusted and revered brand around the world for more than 75 years.

Nominate your 'unsung heroes' for 2010 awards

MTSU's Black History Month Committee is accepting nominations for unsung heroes to be honored at the 2010 Unity Luncheon, which is slated for Feb. 3.

Nominees must be individuals who have made outstanding contributions to their community, are age 60 or older and have lived in the Middle Tennessee area at least 25 years.

The deadline for nominations is Friday, Dec. 11.

To nominate an unsung hero in the community, go to www.mtsu.edu/aahm/nominations.shtml and fill in the questionnaire.

For more information, contact Valerie Avent, assistant director of the Office of Intercultural and Diversity Affairs, at 615-898-2718 or vavent@mtsu.edu.



Newly tenured, promoted faculty honored at Nov. 17 event

MTSU recognized and honored 39 newly tenured and/or promoted faculty members at a Nov. 17 reception in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building.

Newly tenured faculty and their respective colleges are:

- Business—Rajesh Srivastava, management and marketing;
- Education and Behavioral Science—Linda A. Gilbert, educational leadership, and Leslie R. Lee, psychology;
- Liberal Arts—James N. Comas, English; John W. Maynor, political science; Joan McRae, foreign languages and literature; Stephen D. Morris, political science; and Christoph Rosenmuller, history; and
- Mass Communication—Dwight E. Brooks, journalism.

Newly tenured and promoted faculty are:

- Basic and Applied Sciences—Daniel B. Erenso, physics and astronomy; Joseph C. Hawkins, aerospace; Anhua Lin, mathematical sciences; David C. Stephens, mathematical sciences; Lita F. Warise, nursing; and Ping Zhang, mathematical sciences;
- Business—Charles O. Kile, accounting; Thuhang T. Tran, management and marketing; and Patricia S. Wall, accounting;
- Education and Behavioral Science—Kyle A. Butler, educational leadership; Minsoo Kang, health and human performance; and Monica A. Wallace, psychology;
- Liberal Arts—Sekou M. Franklin, political science, and Noel D. Lorson, art;
- James E. Walker Library—R. Neil Scott; and
- Mass Communication—Sanjay Asthana, jour-

nalism, and Michael S. Fleming, recording industry.

New promotions include:

- Basic and Applied Sciences—Ngee S. Chong, chemistry; Ronald H. Henderson, physics and astronomy; and Eric W. Klumpe, physics and astronomy;
- Business—Robert B. Blair, business communication and entrepreneurship;
- Education and Behavioral Science—Stuart E. Bernstein psychology, and James C. Tate, psychology;
- Liberal Arts—Martha P. Hixon, English; Philippa Holloway, history; Nuria M. Novella, foreign languages and literature; Carl M. Ostrowski, English; and Philip E. Phillips, English; and
- Mass Communication—Michael R. Alleyne, recording industry, and L. Clare Bratten, electronic media communication.

Reaching for the moon, stars with NASA and MTSU

A BIG STRETCH—Midstate high-school students attend a series of pre-service NASA classes at the Tennessee Mathematics, Science and Technology Education Center in the Fairview Building. In the photo at right, students peek through 3-D glasses Nov. 10 during the “Earth, Moon and Stars” program on NASA’s future plans. Below, students learn how to visualize and plot the different altitudes for spacecraft orbiting the earth as compared to where weather balloons, jet aircraft and the Hubble Space Telescope travel during the Nov. 17 workshop, “How High is It?” A Nov. 9 workshop, “Swim, Sink or Be Neutrally Buoyant,” taught participants how to help an “astronaut” work in a pool.

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Aerospace and AOPA partner; students, donors recognized

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MTSU’s nationally recognized aerospace program honored scholarship recipients and donors and announced a unique partnership with the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association during the inaugural Aerospace Scholarship Awards Banquet Nov. 21 in the Tom H. Jackson Building’s Cantrell Hall.

“AOPA is the largest pilots’ association in the world,” said Dr. Wayne Dornan, aerospace department chairman. “We are excited about the partnership. Part of the agreement is that they will provide a free membership to all our students while they are in school.”

Amit Sircar, vice president of marketing of the AOPA’s Air Safety Foundation, presented the first of what will become an annual \$7,500 scholarship award to MTSU President Sidney A. McPhee, who spoke about the aerospace scholarship program and the new partnership with AOPA.

Also attending from AOPA were Bruce Landsberg, executive vice president; Marci D’Alessio, marketing coordinator; Patrick Haller, director of marketing; and Bob Minter, the organization’s southeast regional representative and founder and chairman of the Tennessee Aviation Hall of Fame.

Certificates were presented to the scholarship recipients who attended,

and most sat with the donors of their awards, said event organizer Andrea Georgiou.

“This was a recognition for the students who have received scholarships and an appreciation to the donors for continuing to provide scholarships,” said Georgiou, an assistant professor and flight-dispatch coordinator in the department.

Since 2005, she said, approximately 123 scholarships have been awarded to aerospace students.

“Many of the donors said they were extremely pleased with the banquet and pleased to see the faces behind the (scholarship) awards,” Dornan said.

In addition to Georgiou and Dornan, event committee members included adviser Andrew Symonds and Jennifer Allen, the development director for the College of Basic and Applied Sciences.

Aerospace is considered one of the university’s signature programs. There are five major concentrations, more than 750 students and 24 faculty and staff members, Dornan said.

Major concentrations include aerospace administration, technology, flight dispatch and scheduling, maintenance management and professional pilot. The department also offers an air traffic control/collegiate training initiative program for students.

Computer science team takes 6th in regional competition

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Brian Ponath and Michael Chasteen led the MTSU Black Mesa Dev team to a sixth-place showing out of a 23-team field in the recent IBM-sponsored 2009 Association for Computing Machinery Mid-Central USA Programming Contest at Tennessee Tech University in Cookeville. Ponath and Chasteen combined

to solve four problems out of nine during the five-hour contest Oct. 24. "It is the first time for Brian and Michael to participate in the regional programming contest," said Dr. Zhijiang Dong, assistant professor in the Department of Computer Science and coach of two entering teams. "They did a very good job. It was a great achievement."

The MTSU Blueraider2 team—Nathan Perry, Sarah Bell and Joseph Henry—solved three problems and

finished 17th in the contest. It was their second year to enter; they solved one problem in 2008.

"That's big progress," Dong said of the Blueraider2 team.

Dong said the MTSU Black Mesa Dev team ranks 55th and Blueraider2 ranks No. 103 in the entire nine-site region.

Vanderbilt Gold and Tennessee Tech 1 placed first and second, respectively, and have earned the right to compete in the ACM-

International Collegiate Programming Contest World Finals next April in Harbin, China.

Event promoters bill the spring event as the most prestigious programming competition of its kind. Teams of university students use their programming skills and rely on their mental endurance to solve complex, real-world problems within a five-hour deadline.

Facts about H1N1 Flu (Swine Flu)

- H1N1 flu (Swine flu) is a respiratory disease caused by type A influenza viruses.
- H1N1 flu spreads the same way regular flu spreads. People with the flu pass it to others by coughing and sneezing.
- H1N1 flu can cause fever, runny nose, tiredness, sore throat, and coughing.
- H1N1 flu is not spread by eating pork. This flu has not been found in pigs in the United States.
- Most of the time, H1N1 flu sickens people for a short while. But, as with regular flu, some people have gotten very sick, and a small number have died.
- There are medicines that can treat H1N1 flu.



How can you stay healthy and keep from getting H1N1 flu?

- Wash your hands often with soap and water.
- Avoid close contact with sick people.
- Try not to touch things that may have the flu virus on them.
- Stay home when you are not feeling well.
- After sneezing, wash your hands or use a hand sanitizer with 60 percent alcohol.
- Sneeze into a tissue, your sleeve or your elbow. Do not cover your mouth with your hands.



(New Hampshire Dept. of Health and Human Services)

H1N1 Flu and You

H1N1 (swine) flu may make influenza more common this year. Be prepared!

Know the Signs

- Fever Over 100 Degrees
- Cough
- Sore Throat
- Runny/Stuffy Nose
- Headache
- Muscle Aches

Protect Yourself and Others

- Cover coughs and sneezes.
- Wash your hands often, or use alcohol-based cleaners.
- Get adequate rest.

Did You Know?

The CDC recommends staying home until fever has been gone for 24 hours.

See www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu or www.mtsu.edu/healthservices for additional information.

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National town hall meeting to air live Dec. 15 on ERC@MT

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"Student Voices on Education: A National Town Hall Meeting with Arne Duncan" will air live on the Education Resource Channel@Middle Tennessee at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15.

Duncan, who is the U.S. secretary of education, will serve as moderator for the broadcast, which will air live locally on Comcast Channel 9. The program is part of the monthly "Education News Parents Can Use" series that airs evenings on ERC@MT during the kindergarten-through 12th-grade school year.

Gail Fedak, director for Instructional Media Resources at MTSU, said the program's town hall-focused format will allow for call-in and e-mail questions. In turn, schools in Rutherford County that normally receive the university's K-12 programming on ERC@MT, as well as interested community members, may tune in to participate in the live discussion.

The Dec. 15 broadcast will focus on improving the quality of students' educational experiences, their aspirations for college and future careers, contributions to civic life through volunteer service and critical influences on young people's decision-making and academic choices, Fedak said.

"The Education Resource Channel@Middle Tennessee will run this program live during school hours so students can hear and have the opportunity to participate in this national discussion," she noted.

For more information about the program, please visit <http://register.event.ed.gov/index.cfm?fuseaction=viewer.description&intEventID=231>.

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Showing their blue, learning about green



FUTURE FARMING FUN—MTSU's School of Agribusiness and Agriscience welcomed more than 140 high-school Future Farmers of America members to the Ag RaiderFest before the Blue Raiders' home football game against Mississippi State. After a morning of mini-seminars and tours of the school's facilities, the visitors enjoyed a meal served by ag students, including Tiffany LaLonde and Meghan Hephner, at left, and joined in the pregame face-painting fun. In the photo above, Gina Locke of Page High School, center, shows off her new Blue Raider makeup job as Kaitlyn Carrington, left, cuts up with Shelby Glenn. Tractor Supply Company co-sponsored the event and provided \$1,200 for the students' guest tickets to the football game.

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Faculty/Staff Update

Awards

A paper co-authored by graduate student **Phil Lee** (psychology) and **Dr. Jwa Keun Lee** (psychology), "Psychometric validation of the Cross-Cultural Religiosity Scale," won a "Research in Progress" award from the Mid-South Educational Research Association in Baton Rouge, La., Nov. 4-6. The award included a \$200 cash prize.

Dr. Jane Marcellus (journalism) received two top awards Oct. 10 from the American Journalism Historians Association during its 2009 meeting in Birmingham for her paper "'Dear D': Sophie Treadwell's 1915 Reporting from the 'Big War Theatre'"—the David Sloan Award for Outstanding Faculty Paper and the Maurine Beasley Award for Outstanding Paper in Women's History. Marcellus also presented the paper at the meeting.

Elections

Randy O'Brien (WMOT) has been elected president of the Tennessee Broadcasters Association.

Presentations

Dr. Cedric Dent (music) lectured at Belmont University Nov. 16 on "Black Religious Quartets and the

Development of Gospel Music" for a convocation series, "Funding the Christian Imagination: Regarding the Arts and the Gifts They Bring," sponsored by Belmont's School of Religion.

Drs. Marva Lucas and **Nancy McCormick** (mathematical sciences) presented "Exploring the Significance of Mathematics College Readiness" at the 25th Annual Conference of the Tennessee Association of Developmental Education Oct. 28-30 in Dickson, Tenn. McCormick and **Dr. Linda Clark** (academic enrichment) presented "Promoting Complex Mental Skills in Mathematics" at the same conference.

Dr. Joan Raines (academic enrichment) presented "Using the Probability Simulator APP and Games to Teach Probability Theory" Oct. 29 at the Tennessee Association for Developmental Education confer-

Publications

ence in Dickson.

Dr. Janet Belsky (psychology) has published the second edition of *Experiencing the Lifespan* (Worth Publishers), a major textbook in human development.

Dr. Minsoo Kang (health and human performance) has published

two papers with co-authors: "How many days are enough? A study of 365 days of pedometer monitoring" for *Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport*, 80(3), 445-453, and "Effect of pedometer-based physical activity interventions: A meta-analysis" on pages 648-655 in the same edition.

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