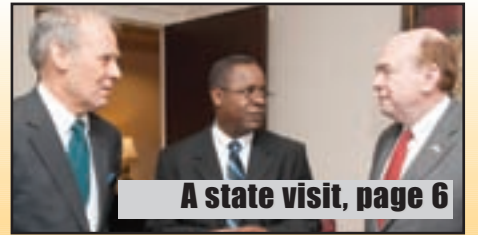




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Mentoring effort has AVID fans

by Drew Dunlop
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“My grades were low, F’s and D’s,” says JaMicah Coley of Antioch High School. “Over the past nine weeks they’ve come up to C’s and B’s.”

Coley credits MTSU and the Advancement Via Individual Determination initiative, or AVID, a college-readiness mentoring program that is designed to increase the number of students who enroll in four-year colleges.

While serving all students, AVID focuses on underserved students who fall into the academic middle range. The program provides training for teachers, counselors and administrators who work with students on their study skills, help build their self-confidence and encourage them to continue their education.

While AVID is active across the nation, it is more an exception than the rule when college students are a component in the program. The MTSU-AVID partnership is the first in Middle Tennessee and one of just a few in the state. In addition to Antioch High, the university has linked up with Glenclyff High School, and East Literature Magnet School is considering a similar partnership with MTSU.

More than 40 MTSU students currently volunteer their time in these Davidson County high schools. They’re even paying their own travel expenses.

“These students will be volunteering, including drive time, more than 1,800 hours during the spring semester,” said Doug Williams, MTSU’s executive director of marketing and communications, who, along with Mark Murphy in the

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Giving back in a BIG BLUE way



THANKS, MA’AM!—Blue Raider junior Anne Marie Lanning, center front, and her teammates grab former Lady Raider Faye Brandon for a hug Feb. 10 after Brandon committed \$100,000 to endow a women’s basketball scholarship. Brandon, a member of the 1946-47 team and a Health, Physical Education and Recreation Department faculty member from 1971 to 1992, is shown at center right with Coach Rick Insell, Director of Athletics Chris Massaro and MTSU President Sidney A. McPhee.

photos by Bradley Lambert



Regional higher-ed center celebrates successful start

by Gina K. Logue
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MTSU and Motlow State Community College celebrated their new Middle Tennessee Education Center at 841 Union St. in Shelbyville with a Feb. 18 open house and ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The center is a partnership between the two institutions and is designed to make access to higher-education classes more convenient for students from Bedford, Coffee, Lincoln, Marshall, Moore, Rutherford and Williamson counties.

“This is a great opportunity for people who never even thought about going to college,” said Bedford County Mayor Eugene Ray. “Students can take classes to

obtain college credit while in high school, and teachers can take classes necessary to earn their masters’ degrees, to name just two examples.”

Among the MTEC’s offerings are:

- an Adult Degree Completion Program for an accelerated path toward a bachelor’s degree at MTSU;
- a Degree Advancement Program to help students who have earned an associate’s degree from Motlow pursue a bachelor’s degree at MTSU; and
- Prior Learning Assessment, which will enable students to earn college credit for military training, previous certifications and professional development; and
- general education and developmental courses.

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The 10th MTSU Gospel Music Extravaganza will be held at 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, at Stones River Church, located at 2315 Joe

B. Jackson Parkway in Murfreesboro. Tickets are \$10 per person, \$5 for students and free for children under 6. For more information about the anticipated Black History Month event, call Mary Glass at 615-898-5145 or Lucille Wilcox at 615-898-5611.



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Join hands with NPA to help MTSU shine on wider stage

by Tom Tozer
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It's a new day at MTSU, and departments are looking in the mirror and scrutinizing the way they do things. Many are implementing new ideas and strategies with fewer people and revamped missions. The Office of News and Public Affairs is undergoing that same process of introspection and evaluation.

We know, for example, that with increasing emphasis on global impact and influence, we have to help determine what exactly that means for us and how we plan to transport the university to a higher level. We need to look hard at who we are and what we have and find people and programs at MTSU to help sharpen and enhance our image. A well-worn slogan of mine about MTSU is that we're not afraid of heights; we're reaching new ones every day. Now, however, we're working even harder to pull the veil from the university's "shining stars" and cast that light farther.



Tozer

We need your partnership to do that. We need to get to know departments and faculty better. We must learn what you do and why you do it—be it teaching methods, classroom discoveries, research or special projects. We need you to explain, decipher and translate what you do into easy-to-understand language, and we need you to help us determine who ought to know about you and your work and why.

A necessary question in every news interview we do is, "Why should the public care about this?" If we can't answer that question while we're pitching a story—your story, which also is our story—to the media, why should they care to give us ink or air? Getting your story out to the world requires a partnership between you and our office. You're the experts. We're the conveyors of information. You can help us find those story gems, and we can help you polish them for public consumption. This requires connection, cooperation and open communication.

Having said that, we need to reach beyond our grasp. Yes, we want the community and region to know about MTSU. We will continue to share stories with local media, but we also need to tell our story to a national and international audience. To appear and shine on a national and international stage, we at MTSU must look deeply within and find those nuggets that shout, "You will not hear about this from any other institution of higher learning in the world! You are about to learn something special, unique and, perhaps, unforgettable! This is who we are, and that's why we're here among the major players!"

Gaining this higher profile, and maintaining it, will require us all to dig together. We've tweaked, refined and even expanded our "beat lists" in News and Public Affairs to put our best people in the best positions to tell your best stories. Those lists—which let you know who'll be contacting you and whom you should contact to tell your stories—are below and online at www.mtsunews.com.

In the NPA office, the university's three main goals are our guideposts. We continue to tout student-centeredness, academic quality and university partnerships with outside entities. And now we must use these guideposts to help us climb to greater heights. How are we student-centered at MTSU, and how does that set MTSU apart from every other university that puts students first? Where is that unique story? How is our commitment to academic quality propelling us to levels of distinction? Where are those stories? And while we are already involved in successful partnerships that have elevated many of our programs, what partnerships are we contemplating or might we contemplate that will remain only dreams at other institutions? That's a story only MTSU can tell. Where is it?

On one level, we already have a firm grasp on our three goals. Now, as a university, as a faculty and staff and as your News and Public Affairs organization, we must ask ourselves: With who we are and what we have, how far can we reach? We look forward to that ascent with you.

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News and Public Affairs: Who covers what across campus?

MTSU's Office of News and Public Affairs is ready to help you get noticed!

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- the College of Continuing Education and Distance Learning;
- WMOT-89.5 FM and the Center for Popular Music;
- the Faculty Senate;
- Academic

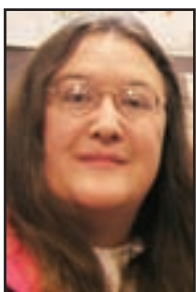


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- Enrichment;
- Transfer Student Services;
- Dual Enrollment Programs and the Adult Degree Completion Program;
- the English Language Institute;
- *The Record*; and
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- the Jones College of Business—Economics and Finance (including the Weatherford Chair of Finance), Business Communication and Entrepreneurship and the Business and Economic Research Center;
- the Academic Support Center;
- the Middle Tennessee



Logue

- Education Center in Shelbyville;
- the Confucius Institute;
- the University Library;
- Student Life and sub-areas;
- Off-Campus Student Services, the Women's Studies Program and National Women's History Month;
- International Programs;
- the American Association of University Women, Commission on the Status of Women and Women in Action;
- the Southern Girls Rock and Roll Camp;
- the Middle East Center;
- "Today's Response";
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- and
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- the College of Education;
- the College of Liberal Arts;
- the Center for Dyslexic Studies;
- the Academic Support Center;
- the Center for Historic Preservation;
- Project Help;
- the Holocaust Studies Conference and Black History Month;
- Counseling Services;
- Intercultural and Diversity Affairs;
- the Office of Equity and Compliance;
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- Newswise postings;
- commencement; and
- the Governor's School for the Arts and Girls State.



Rollins

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- the College of Basic and Applied Sciences and Chairs of Excellence (Adams Chairs);
- the College of Business—Martin Chair of Insurance and the Departments of Management and Marketing, Accounting, and Computer Information Systems, along with the Free Enterprise Chair, Economic Outlook Conference and Urban and Regional Planning Chair;
- the University Honors College;
- the Division of Student Affairs, Student Services and sub-areas;
- the Information Technology Division;
- the Admissions, Financial Aid and Enrollment Services offices;
- the Instructional Media Support Center;
- the Tennessee Math, Science and Technology Education Center;
- Scholars Week;
- the McNair Scholars;
- the Baldwin Gallery;
- Institutional Effectiveness and Research;
- Athletic Communications;
- Expanding Your Horizons;
- the Miller Coliseum; and
- the *Alumni Record*.



Weiler

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Lynch

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Morton

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- the College of Graduate Studies and the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs;
- the president's office, the Office of Community Engagement and Support and the executive vice president and provost's office;
- the Division of Business and Finance and the university legal office;
- emergency notification and preparedness;
- Community Engagement and Support;
- Campus Planning, Construction Administration and Facilities Services;
- Public Safety, Housing and Residential Life, and Transportation and Parking Services;
- community partnerships, institutional diversity and the Contracts Office.

Find your department and your news partner in NPA, then contact us with your news soon. We look forward to hearing from you!

Adventures await at 2010 Science Olympiad

by Claire Rogers
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On Saturday, Feb. 27, MTSU once again will host the regional competition of the Science Olympiad, when 14 high-school and 10 middle-school teams will participate in 23 different events located across the university's campus.

"Science Olympiad is the best competitive program out there for science, technology, engineering and mathematics, because it's not just a test of memory," said Dr. Patricia Patterson, MTSU chemistry professor and Science Olympiad coordinator.

"The kids get to build things, and they have to apply their knowledge."

Events include:

- "Road Scholar," where students work with various types of maps;
- "Shock Value," which deals with circuits, electricity and magnets;
- "Wright Stuff," where teams will design and build a propelled aerodynamic device;
- "Battery Buggy," which features construction of an electric vehicle; and
- "Mousetrap Vehicle", where teams must create vehicles that meet specifications and use two mousetraps as the only means of propulsion.

"People are beginning to realize this is where it's at. This competition is the best I've ever worked with," said Patterson. "It's for all ages, all grades. No matter what your skill set, you've got an opportunity."

Students with a background in Science Olympiad often benefit from their experiences far into the future, as well.

"I've heard stories of kids who are applying to schools and other programs, and if Science Olympiad is on their application, it can often lead to that student being preferred over another," Patterson said.



Sponsors of the 2010 Regional Science Olympiad include MTSU's College of Graduate Studies and the College of Basic and Applied Sciences as well as State Farm Insurance. State Farm's sponsorship is given in the form of scholarships awarded to each school after competition to help offset the cost of fees and supplies.

MTSU recognizes the Science Olympiad as a great place for bright young minds to gather, and the university attempts to make participants feel at home on the campus.

"Dr. (Tom) Cheatham, dean of the College of Basic and Applied Sciences, always shows up and makes the rounds, because he knows some of these kids (later) will be MTSU students,"

Patterson said. "It's best to shake their hands and see what they're working on so if they come to interview or end up on the campus, he can recognize them and make them feel welcome."

MTSU has hosted the regional competition for 15 years and supports the Olympiad with large numbers of volunteers as well as sponsorship and the use of facilities.

"About 90 percent of our volunteers are MTSU students, faculty or staff from several departments, and the other 10 percent come from outside the university," the coordinator explained. "My work-study and pre-service students love working with the kids, because they're going to be teaching some of them in their future careers. You want them to feel the excitement about science in general and about math, uses of technology and engineering."

MTSU also will host the Science Olympiad Elementary School competition this April.

Anyone interested in volunteering with the Science Olympiad should contact Patterson at ppatters@mtsu.edu.

Associate AD Turnham honored for athletic equity efforts

by Gina K. Logue
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Diane Turnham MTSU's associate athletic director and senior woman administrator, received the 2010 King-Hampton Award from the Association of Faculty and Administrative Women and the June Anderson Women's Center Feb. 16.

The King-Hampton Award, established in 1990, is named for Miss Jeanette Moore King, a member of the first Middle Tennessee Normal School faculty, and Miss Martha Hampton, the

first woman administrator at MTSU.

This honor is presented to an individual from the MTSU community who has made an outstanding contribution to improve the status and equality of women on the campus.

Turnham arrived at MTSU in 1982 as head coach of the women's volleyball team and assistant coach of the women's basketball team. The women's teams had no athletic trainers,



Turnham

sports-information directors or bus drivers at that time. In addition to coaching, Turnham did yeoman's work as statistician, academic adviser, uniform launderer and chauffeur.

Over the years, Turnham labored for greater scholarship opportunities for women athletes, acquisition of up-to-date uniforms and equipment and access to funding support necessary to cover women's team transportation, lodging and meals. Due in no small measure to her efforts, the university hired additional coaches and support staff and increased operating budgets for women's sports.

Help restore Haiti at benefit concert

"Restoration Haiti," an informational benefit concert planned and performed by MTSU students to help victims of the Jan. 12 earthquake, will be held at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 27, at MTSU's Wright Music Hall.

Admission is \$10 for nonstudents and \$5 for students. All proceeds go to the American Red Cross.

MTSU student Ertha Luma, a Haitian native, will share photographs and stories of catastrophic conditions in the Caribbean nation. As of Feb. 16, the official death toll stands at more than 230,000, and more than one million Haitians have been left homeless by the quake. Prime

Minister Jean-Max Bellerive has estimated that it will take 10 years to rebuild his country.

The concert is the brainchild of MTSU junior Jasmine Pratt, a 20-year-old English major from Atlanta, Ga., who not only is organizing the event but is among the scheduled performers.

"When students get together with a common thought, a common mind and a common heart to really do something, we can all get together and make a change," Pratt said.

For more information, contact the Office of Leadership and Service at 615-898-5812 or e-mail Pratt at princess.jasmine213@gmail.com.

History Day Competition slated

Friday, Feb. 26, is a red-letter day for middle- and high-school history scholars as they bring their research projects to the Middle Tennessee District History Day Competition at MTSU.

Projects will be judged from 10 a.m. to noon in the James Union Building, Keathley University Center and Tom Jackson Building. An awards ceremony is set for 2:30 in the KUC Theater.

Since 2002, the History Department and the College of Liberal Arts have co-sponsored the Middle Tennessee District History Day competition, one of four district competitions in Tennessee that

lead to a statewide competition in April and culminate in a national competition each June.

The National History Day educational program works to engage middle- and high-school students in historical thinking through research projects that result in exhibits, documentaries, dramatic performances, research papers and Web-based interpretation.

For more information about the History Day Competition on campus, contact the History Day Office at histday@mtsu.edu or co-coordinators Rebecca Conard or Janice M. Leone at rconard@mtsu.edu or jmleone@mtsu.edu, respectively.

Weird weather? Watch the Web this winter

When inclement weather arises, MTSU closing information will be available online, via MTSU's Rave Alert emergency notification system and on area radio and TV stations. Class cancellations will apply to all classes, credit and noncredit. All MTSU offices will be open unless the message specifically says all offices will be closed. Overnight closing decisions will be announced by 6 a.m. the next day.

Learn more anytime at www.mtsunews.com by clicking the "Inclement Weather Information" link. You also can follow @MTSUalert and @MTSUnews on Twitter or visit www.mtsu.edu/alert4u. To register for the Rave Alert system, visit www.getrave.com/login/mtsu and log in with your MTSU e-mail address and password. You also may choose and revise the way you're alerted—via e-mail, text message, telephone call or any combination you prefer—at the site.

Campus Calendar

Feb. 22-March 7, 2010

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.

Radio Schedule

"MTSU On the Record"
8 a.m. Sundays,
WMOT 89.5-FM
Podcasts available
anytime at
www.mtsunews.com.



Through March 4

**Art Exhibit: "PRINTS:
Through the Collector's Eyes"**
9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Thursday,
9 a.m.-noon Friday, Todd Gallery
For information, contact:
615-898-5653.

Feb. 22

Monday, Feb. 22
**Spring Honors Lecture—
Dr. Amy Sayward, "Main
Themes in American Foreign
Relations Toward the Middle
East Since World War II"**
3-3:55 p.m., Room 106, Honors
Amphitheatre
For information, visit
www.mtsu.edu/~honors
or contact: 615-898-2152.

**Composition Studio Recital:
Paul Osterfield**
8 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, visit
www.mtsumusic.com
or contact: 615-898-2493.

Feb. 23

Tuesday, Feb. 23
**MT Men's Tennis vs. Brown;
Men's Tennis vs. Tenn. Tech**
Time TBA, Nashboro Village
For information, visit
www.goblueraiders.com.

Feb. 24

Wednesday, Feb. 24
**West Point Woodwind Quintet
(U.S. Military Academy Band)**
7:30 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, visit
www.mtsumusic.com.

Feb. 25

Thursday, Feb. 25
**18th Annual Invention
Convention**
for Midstate fourth-, fifth- and
sixth-grade students
Murphy Center
For information, visit
[www.mtsu.edu/elementary/
invention_convention.shtml](http://www.mtsu.edu/elementary/
invention_convention.shtml)
or contact: 615-898-5500.

**Teaching Excellence Webinar:
Dr. Brian Palfrey (Harvard
Law School), "Born Digital"**
11:40 a.m.-1 p.m., Room 475,
Walker Library
For information, visit
www.mtsu.edu/ltanditc/events.shtml
or contact: 615-494-7671.

Free Legal Clinic
sponsored by the June
Anderson Women's Center
6:30-8 p.m., Room 206, James
Union Building
Open to all MTSU personnel;
appointments required
For information, contact:
615-898-2193.

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

Feb. 26

Feb. 26-28
MT Baseball vs. Ohio
3 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. Saturday,
1 p.m. Sunday
Reese Smith Jr. Field
For information, visit
www.goblueraiders.com.

Friday, Feb. 26
**Faculty and Guests Recital:
Laura Ann Ross, oboe,
William Sauerland, counter-
tenor, and Leah Bowes, piano**
6 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, visit
www.mtsumusic.com.

Feb. 27

Feb. 27-28
**MT Track: Sun Belt Indoor
Championships**
Murphy Center
For information, visit
www.goblueraiders.com.

Saturday, Feb. 27
**MTSU School of Music
Audition Day No. 3**
For information, visit
www.mtsumusic.com.

Regional Science Olympiad
for Midstate middle- and high-
school students
For information, contact:
615-898-5085.

**MT Women's Tennis
vs. Marshall**
1 p.m., Nashboro Village
**MT Men's Tennis
vs. Vanderbilt**
Time TBA, Nashboro Village
For information, visit
www.goblueraiders.com.

Feb. 28

Sunday, Feb. 28
MT Men's Tennis vs. ETSU
Time TBA, Nashboro Village
For information, visit
www.goblueraiders.com.

MTSU Symphony Orchestra
4 p.m., Hinton Music Hall

**MTSU Brass Chamber
Ensemble**
7 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, visit
www.mtsumusic.com.

March 1

Monday, March 1
Red Cross Blood Drive
10 a.m.-4 p.m., Room 322,
Keathley University Center
For information, contact:
615-898-2590.

**Spring Honors Lecture—
Dr. Andrei Korobkov,
"Chechnya: Statehood,
Religion and Nationalism"**
3-3:55 p.m., HONR 106
For information, visit
www.mtsu.edu/~honors.

**Faculty Recital: Deanna Little,
flute; Wendell Little, piano**
6 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, visit
www.mtsumusic.com.

March 2

Tuesday, March 2
**First Tuesday Series on
Experiential Learning:
Laura Clippard, Judy
Campbell and Ronald Kates,
"Developing Effective Service
Learning Projects"**
11:40 a.m.-1 p.m., JUB 100
For information, visit
www.mtsu.edu/ltanditc/events.shtml.

**National Women's History
Month: Gloria Steinem**
4:30 p.m., Tennessee Room, JUB
For information, contact:
615-898-2193.

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

March 3

Wednesday, March 3
World Percussion Concert
7:30 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, visit
www.mtsumusic.com.

March 4

Thursday, March 4
MTSU Wind Ensemble
7:30 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, visit
www.mtsumusic.com.

March 5

March 5-7
Orpheus Vocal Competition
For information, visit
www.mtsumusic.com
or contact: 615-898-2493.

Friday, March 5
**First Friday Star Party:
Dr. Eric Klumpe,
"Kepler Telescope: Finding
Earth-Like Exoplanets"**
6:30-8:30 p.m., Wisner-Patten
Science Hall 102
For information, contact:
615-898-2483.

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official publication!**

Check out (and bookmark!)
The Record's 2010 deadline
schedule at
[http://frank.mtsu.edu/~proffice/
rec_deadlines.htm](http://frank.mtsu.edu/~proffice/
rec_deadlines.htm).



AVID LEARNERS—Students at Antioch High School in Davidson County listen to their MTSU mentors during sessions with the Advancement Via Individual Determination, or AVID, college-readiness program. Sophomore Courtney Jaudon, shown at center right in the photo above, answers questions from the high schoolers.

photo by News and Public Affairs

“I’m looking to go to one of the big schools—Vanderbilt, Duke, Harvard or Yale,” said Christopher Adereti, an Antioch ninth-grader who wants to be a doctor.

AVID should help improve his chances. In 2007, 100 percent of all AVID seniors in Metro Nashville Public Schools graduated from high school, and 100 percent completed their college-entrance requirements. In addition, 98 percent of MNPS AVID seniors applied to a four-year college; 92 percent of MNPS AVID graduates are attending two- or four-year colleges.

Antioch High Assistant Principal Retonia Moore said she believes the positive effect on attitudes is reaching more than just the students.

“The teachers’ optimism is rising because they see that the students who used to just hang out in the classes are getting help and becoming better students,” Moore said.

Antioch AVID teacher Laura Wiseman reflects that spirited attitude.

“I have been overwhelmed by the caliber of the MTSU students who have helped our children,” she said. “The response from both our AVID students and MTSU tutors has been extremely positive ... and relationships and leadership qualities are developing and being strengthened.”

Williams credited MTSU’s Dr. Ron Kates, associate professor of English, and Dr. Jill Austin, chair of the Department of Management and Marketing, for their help in creating the new EXL 3010 AVID Mentoring class, which several MTSU students are taking this spring.

To learn more about AVID, visit www.avid.org.



Wiseman

Office of Leadership and Service, helped established the partnership.

“Amazingly, 60-plus additional students have inquired about the program, and we have sent them applications.”

Williams added that other high schools have expressed interest in AVID.

“I think we help them out by just being here,” said AVID mentor Courtney Jaudon, a sophomore electronic media communication major at MTSU. “If they’re in a bad mood and we’re just in the best of moods, they can feed off your energy, so that always brightens your day.”

MTSU senior Brandee Lee said she chose to work with the program because of the similarities between her background and the students’.

“I’ve come from a background where we didn’t have the most money,” the health education major explained, “and ... I would want to be there to help them get through something.”

Elaine Buckner Plummer, an MTSU alumna and AVID coordinator at Antioch High School, said that she was counting the days to retirement until she became involved in the program. Now, she said, she feels she could teach another 10 years.



Plummer

“Bringing in young students from MTSU is key because the high-school students often are more willing to take advice from them than from an older teacher,” she said. “It’s really very rewarding working with motivated kids.”

Plummer pointed out that while there are various levels of AVID participation, students at each level focus on improving their writing skills and developing their study and organizational skills. AVID students continue to sharpen and enhance those areas through their junior and senior years while they’re guided through the college-application process.



‘NOTE TO SELF’—Brandee Lee, an MTSU senior health-education major, smiles with approval at her young students’ efforts with the Advancement Via Individual Determination, or AVID, college-readiness partnership at Antioch High School.

photo by News and Public Affairs

Setting the example



CELEBRATING SERVICE—MTSU’s Black History Month observance always recognizes those whose service and dedication set an example for every member of the university community. The month launched with the 2010 Unity Luncheon on Feb. 3. Shown above left with their awards are, from left, Unity Luncheon honorees Mary McKnight Wade, chair of the Murfreesboro City School Board; Bedford County Mayor Eugene Ray; and community activist and longtime foster parent Nora L. Clark Waters. In the photo above right, Dr. Dwight Patterson, left, MTSU chemistry professor, smiles after receiving the 2010 John Pleas Faculty Award from Professor Emeritus John Pleas, center, and MTSU President Sidney A. McPhee during a Feb. 10 ceremony. The award has been presented since 1996 to a minority faculty member who makes significant contributions to the university and community.

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Gloria Steinem will keynote Women's History Month

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Writer and lecturer Gloria Steinem, whose pivotal role in the women's rights movement has resulted in great strides toward equality, will deliver the keynote address for MTSU's National Women's History Month celebration at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2, in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building.

This event is free and open to the public and will be followed with a reception and book signing.

Steinem, a co-founder of *Ms.* magazine in 1972, raised the public profile of feminism with her writing, lectures and public appearances.

"Gloria Steinem is an icon!" says Terri Johnson, chair of



Steinem

MTSU's Women's History Month Committee and director of the June Anderson Women's Center. "Her place in the women's movement is one that will always be

respected and honored. She opened doors when so many were closed for women. She stood up, spoke out and fought for the cause! She fought behind the scenes and on a public platform, using her voice and pen to raise consciousness to a new level for women."

Among Steinem's other accomplishments are her tenure as the founding president of the *Ms.* Foundation for Women, which funds grass-roots projects, and as co-founder of "Take Our Daughters to Work Day."

Steinem's work also has been essential to the progress of the pro-choice movement. She co-founded and served as president of Voters for Choice, a political action committee that merged with the Planned Parenthood Action Fund for the 2004 elections. In addition, Steinem co-founded Choice USA, a national group that supports young pro-choice leaders and comprehensive sex education in schools.

"I admire her individuality, intelligence, bravery and her ability to place women in the forefront of society," Johnson says. "Gloria Steinem asks the tough questions about women's important value as individuals in society."

For more information, contact the Women's Center at 615-898-2193 or visit www.mtsu.edu/jawc/nwhm.shtm. The "MTSU On the Record" radio show with Gloria Steinem will air at 8 a.m. CST on Sunday, Feb. 28, on WMOT-FM (89.5 and wmot.org).

'Managing Music' workshop set in March

VSA arts Tennessee and MTSU's Department of Recording Industry will conduct a "Managing Your Music" workshop on Saturday, March 27, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Bragg Mass Communication Building.

"Managing Your Music" will be an interactive day for teens and young musicians, with and without disabilities, to provide information on the scope of opportunities in the recording industry and how to prepare for such a career. Participants also will have an opportunity to work in groups with professional songwriters and participate in a studio session with professional musicians. Selected participants may be invited to perform at the Ryman for VSA arts Tennessee on Monday, May 24.

"One of the goals of VSA arts is to provide professional development opportunities for young people, with and without disabilities, who would like to make a career in the arts," said Lori Kissinger, executive director for

VSA arts Tennessee and a communication instructor at MTSU. "We have offered several of these workshops in the past for visual artists, but we have never had the right resources to offer something for the performing artists."

Presentation topics for the workshop will include copyright law, recording and publishing contracts; Internet marketing and self-promotion; careers in the recording studio; and preparing for a studio session.

Presenters will include MTSU recording-industry professors Hal Newman, Bill Crabtree, Tom Hutchison and Stephanie Taylor. In addition to Newman and his wife, Rachel, songwriters will include Wood Newton, Eric Palsy and Jim Sales.

Registration is due by Monday, March 1, and is limited to 30 individuals. It costs \$15, which covers lunch and materials. For more details, visit <http://news.vsaarts.tennessee.org/2010/02/managing-your-music-workshop.html>.

Getting an update



WHAT'S NEW AT MTSU?—University President Sidney A. McPhee, center, meets with Tennessee State Comptroller Justin Wilson, left, and State Treasurer David H. Lillard Jr. in McPhee's Cope Administration Building office Feb. 12. The state budget officials enjoyed lunch and a campus tour and heard reports from key university leaders on research and creative activities.

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Distinguished Lecture Fund bringing Fisher to campus

Distinguished Lecture Fund speaker Matt Fisher of Saint Vincent College in Latrobe, Pa., will keep a busy schedule when he visits MTSU March 3-4.

Fisher, associate professor of chemistry and department chair at Saint Vincent, will be speaking to students, faculty and administrators during his time here.

Fisher's voyage around campus will begin with an 11:30 a.m. physical science class on Wednesday, March 3, in Room 115 of the Alumni Memorial Gym.

On March 3, from 2:30 until 4:30 p.m. in Room 100 in the James Union Building, Fisher will headline a

faculty workshop on the scholarship of "Teaching and Learning in STEM" (science, technology, engineering and mathematics). The workshop is open to all faculty.

At 7 that night, Fisher will talk to students, the MTSU community and general public in Wisner-Patten Room 102.

On Thursday, March 4, Fisher will address faculty and students at the weekly chemistry seminar at 11:30 a.m. in Room 100 of the Davis

Science Building.

"Matt is a fantastic speaker and gave one of three truly outstanding talks that I remember in my chemistry career," said Dr. Judith Iriarte-Gross, a professor in MTSU's chemistry department.

Fisher teaches general chemistry, biochemistry and courses for non-science majors. He is a member of the college's Biotechnology Advisory Committee and served seven years as director of the college's teaching enhancement and mentoring program.

For more information, call 615-904-8253.



Fisher

MTSU Student Ambassadors sought for 2010-11

Would one of your students or a friend or family member attending MTSU make a perfect ambassador for the university? Nominate him or her—or encourage the student to submit an application—by Friday, Feb. 26.

MTSU Student Ambassadors are university leaders who welcome guests, provide tours and support presidential, alumni, donor, academic and athletic events across campus.

"Serving as a student ambassador is a great honor and offers students excellent opportunities to make connections within their field of study and with alumni from across the country," said Molly

Cochran, assistant director of alumni relations.

Potential student ambassadors must participate in a detailed selection process that includes applications and interviews. The students selected for the 2010-11 school year will be announced on the MTSU Alumni Web site, www.mtsualumni.com, at 4 p.m. Friday, March 26.

For more information about the MTSU Student Ambassador program, or if you know a student whom you'd recommend to serve as one of the official hosts of MTSU, please visit the Web site or contact Cochran at 615-898-2923 or mcochran@mtsu.edu.



The spring 2010 schedule includes MTSU Master of Education degree classes through the Department of Educational Leadership as well as graduate courses leading to a Master of Science degree in teaching mathematics. Motlow's offerings include undergraduate classes in Principles of Economics, Introduction to Sociology, Early Childhood Curriculum, Family Dynamics and Community Involvement as well as a developmental course in Beginning Algebra.

With 42,000 square feet of space in Shelbyville's former Medical Arts Building, the center has room to expand its curriculum and its student population. Classes are slated with starting times ranging from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. to accommodate adult learners' work schedules.

Each classroom currently in use is Wi-Fi ready for students to use laptop computers and other devices. One classroom has been outfitted to facilitate instruction via videoconferencing.

"This is a boon to students seeking employment in these tough economic times," Ray said. "We will be helping to provide degree opportuni-

ties needed to put students to work. It should result in a substantial impact on the regional economy."

"The Middle Tennessee Education Center is an important part of MTSU's continuing commitment to serve the needs of the region and the state," said MTSU President Sidney A. McPhee. "We are delighted to join with Motlow State Community College in this partnership, which is a major step forward in enhancing access to higher education."

"Motlow College is extremely excited about the grand opening of the Middle Tennessee Education Center and the new partnership with MTSU," added Dr. MaryLou Apple, president of Motlow State. "The Middle Tennessee Education Center is a 'win-win' for the citizens of Bedford County and will improve access by providing another learning pathway for our students.

For more information about MTEC, contact Molly Culbreath, coordinator and adviser, at 931-685-4444 or mculbrea@mtsu.edu, or visit the Web site at www.mteducationcenter.com.

Correction

The date for College Goal Sunday was incorrect in the Campus Calendar on page 4 of the print edition of the Feb. 8 *Record*. The correct date, Feb. 14, was included in the online version of *The Record*, the online Campus Events listings and on the MTSU home page.

Faculty

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and the Knox County Health Department.

Dr. Mary S. Hoffschwelle (history) and **Anne-Leslie Owens** (Center for Historic Preservation) published an article, "Tennessee's Rosenwald Schools," in *The Tennessee Conservationist*, September/October 2009, pages 28-31.

Drs. Debra Rose Wilson and **Carolyn Hix** (nursing) have published a review in the December 2009 *Journal of the National Medical Association* of the book *Face to Face with Katrina Survivors: A First Responder's Tribute*, written by L. A. Moyé (2006). The book was dedicated to New Orleans evacuees and volunteers.

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Health fair, alcohol awareness events scheduled

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MTSU Health Promotion, joined by several other campus offices and organizations, will offer a health fair on Monday, Feb. 22, and two spring-break safety programs on alcohol awareness March 2-3.

The health fair, with most activities scheduled from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the Student Health, Wellness and Recreation Center, coincides with National Recreational Sports, Fitness and Wellness Day, said event organizer Lisa Thomason Schrader, who is Health Promotion director.

Activities will include fitness assessments, personal nutrition plans, chair massages, spinal screenings, a faculty-staff dodgeball challenge, martial arts self-defense clinics and volleyball skills demonstrations. There also will be a department and organizational fair featuring representation from Campus Recreation, Student Health Services, the Student Dietetic Association, Middle Tennessee Eating Disorder Support Group, Al-Anon and Counseling Services.

Dr. Wendy Windsor, associate director of intramural sports, sport clubs and wellness, is co-coordinator with Schrader.

The spring-break safety focus begins Tuesday, March 2. Guest speaker Mark Sterner will share his emotional, life-altering experience when he brings the message "DUI—A Powerful Lesson" at 7:30 p.m. in the James Union Building's Tennessee Room, said Schrader, Health Promotion director. The event is open to students, faculty and staff.

The Sterner program is co-sponsored by the Office of Greek Affairs, Health Services, the Student Athlete Enhancement Center, Student Programming Council and Tau Kappa Epsilon.

From 4 until 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 3, in Room 313 of the Keathley University Center, students can attend TIPS—Training for Intervention Procedures—"to help students learn how to intervene when they see their friends or peers use alcohol irresponsibly," Schrader said.

The TIPS training is co-sponsored by the Community Anti-Drug Coalition of Rutherford County.

For more information about the events, contact Schrader at 615-494-8704 or thomason@mtsu.edu.

Young creators warming up for Invention Convention

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The spirit of invention will once more lead area grade schoolers to brainstorm and create at this year's Invention Convention, an annual event set for Thursday, Feb. 25, in MTSU's Murphy Center.

Now in its 18th year under the direction of event founder Dr. Tracey Ring, professor of elementary and special education at MTSU, the event traces its roots back to Ring's own mom.

"My mother did this when she taught fifth grade at a private school," Ring said of the impetus for the child-centered endeavor. "(And) after she retired, I decided to do it on a bigger scale."

Today, she said, the Invention Convention draws nearly 300 young participants from schools across middle Tennessee. The conference is open to area students in fourth, fifth and sixth grades from public and private schools as well as those in local home schools.

Ring said news about her child-fueled invention event has spread over time beyond the region, including a call several years ago from talk-show host Jay Leno's national broadcast.

"Every year, we videotape what goes on, and they were interested in that," she explained.

During the yearly convention, young inventors compete against others in their grade level in two contest categories: "Games" and "Something to Make Life Easier." Division winners are given awards for first through third place.

Beyond developing a presentation, participants also must create working models of their inventions. Ring said the pressure to develop functioning models pushes children to stretch their creativity and makes their feat more impressive.

"You find that most kids make games, usually ones that help them learn what they're studying in school," she noted. "Also, in recent years I've seen a shift to more technological inventions."

Aside from the children's featured inventions, Ring said, "Each year, I pick an everyday object of

interest and feature it. We make a poster about it, so people can learn about its background. This year, we're focusing on the keychain."

Robert L. "Hoot" Gibson, a former NASA astronaut, will be the special guest speaker at the Feb. 25 event. Following his college graduation, Gibson enlisted in the U.S. Navy, where he received primary and basic flight training and completed advanced flight training at the Naval Air Station at Kingsville, Texas.

A graduate of the Naval Fighter Weapons School, Gibson became a NASA astronaut in 1979, flying on five space missions from 1984 to 1995 to spend a total of 36.5 days in space. He also served as deputy director of flight-crew operations from March to November 1996, among other NASA responsibilities.

For more information about Invention Convention, contact Ring at 615-898-5500 or via e-mail at tring@mtsu.edu.

'PRINTS' exhibit in Todd Gallery through March 4

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"PRINTS: Through the Collector's Eyes," an exhibition that brings together a wide variety of original prints, is on display now through Thursday, March 4, in MTSU's Todd Art Gallery.

Among the works featured in the exhibit are wood engraving, etchings, lithographs and screen prints, all of which primarily come from collectors in the middle Tennessee area.

"The common theme is that they have been acquired by individuals, rather than by museum curators," noted exhibit curator Christie Nuell, an MTSU art professor.

"Included (in the exhibit) are prints from the 17th to the 21st centuries, with work by famous artists as well as those who are less well known."

Several of the artists are known primarily for work in other media, Nuell added, including Rembrandt, Renoir, Manet, Warhol, Christo, Tom Wesselmann and Red Grooms.

"Whereas a painting is a unique piece of art, an original print is usually part of an edition, and so there are a finite number of identical copies," she explained.

"(But) with printmaking, the artist creates the image, which is then inked and printed over and over to produce a number of proofs which form the edition.

"Prints are not the same as reproductions, which are photographic

copies of work in another medium," Nuell continued. "Prints by famous artists are generally much more affordable than their paintings, and the print collector can benefit from this and build up a collection which includes artists of significance."

The relationship of printmaking to commercial printing has a rich history, exhibit organizers noted.

Two of the Bewick prints have been taken out of books, and the careful observer will see telltale signs of the printing on the reverse side of the paper, Nuell said.

Eric Snyder, gallery liaison, said artists such as Seymour Haden, Geoffrey Wedgwood, John Taylor Arms and Mark Hosford are print-makers first and foremost.

"They are masters of the print medium," he said, "and their ability to communicate through their deep understanding and love of print-making is obvious."

The exhibit is free and open to the public. The gallery is open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 9 a.m.-noon on Fridays, closing on university and public holidays.

For more information, please call Snyder at 615-898-5653.

ON EXHIBIT—The flier at right lists the artists whose work will be on display at Todd Gallery during the "PRINTS" exhibit through March 4.

PRINTS *Through the Collector's Eye*



John Taylor Arms • Gustave Baumann • Thomas Bewick
Julie Belcher & Kevin Bradley • Minthead Bone • Sue Coe
Christo • Robin Gibson • Red Grooms • Seymour Haden
Mark Hosford • Robert Indiana • Augustus John
Kathe Kollwitz • Edouard Manet • Jean-François Millet
Samuel Palmer • Rembrandt van Rijn • Auguste Renoir
John Speed • Andy Warhol • Geoffrey Wedgwood
Art Werger • Tom Wesselmann • Wayne White

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Conferences

Dr. Dovie Kimmins (mathematical sciences) served as program co-chair of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Regional Conference in Nashville Nov.18-20. Kimmins also was one of 40 citizen ambassadors from across the United States participating in the People to People mathematics education delegation to China Dec.1-15. The delegation visited schools and universities in Beijing, Xi'an and Shanghai.

Elections

Dr. Kaylene Gebert (speech and theatre) was elected vice chair of the Primary Care and Hope Clinic Board of Directors at the October 2009 board meeting. Gebert has served on this board for four years. She also was appointed, effective in January, as a board and council member for the O'More College of Design Teaching and Learning Center.

Honors

Rick Insell (women's basketball) will receive the 2010 Morgan Wooten Award for Lifetime Achievement on March 30 from the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame for his 28-year tenure (1978-2005) as head coach at Shelbyville (Tenn.) Central High School.

Presentations

Dr. Yuan-ling Chao (history) was invited to give two talks in Taiwan in December. The first, "Medicine in the Law: Cases from the 'Xingan huilan' (Conspectus of Penal Cases)," was made at National Chengchi University, and the second, at The Academia Sinica, was "Is He A Physician or Confucian Scholar? An Examination of Physicians in the Ming and Qing Dynasties." The latter was a presentation of her book, *Medicine and Society in Late Imperial China: A Study of Physicians in Suzhou*, published in 2009.

Dr. Lynn Parsons (nursing) made a presentation on "Nurse Delegation Decision-Making: Placing the Evidence into Nurse Practice" to faculty and senior Bachelor of Science in Nursing students at South College in Knoxville on Jan. 26.

Publications

Dr. Mark Anshel (health and human performance) has co-authored a research article, "Exercisers' perceptions of their fitness instructor's interacting style, perceived competence, and autonomy as a function of self-determined regulation to exercise, enjoyment, affect, and exercise frequency," that was published in the *Journal of Scandinavian Psychology*,

2010, Vol. 51, pp. 38-45.

Drs. Edd Applegate (journalism), **Robert Kalwinsky** (electronic media communication) and **Dennis Oneal** (EMC) published an article, "Deans of ACEJMC-Accredited Colleges and Schools: A Demographic Profile," in the winter 2010 issue of *ASJMC Insights*. A version of the paper also was refereed and presented at the Broadcast Education Association's annual conference in spring 2009.

Dr. Janet Colson (human sciences) published a chapter, "Evidence-Based Clinical Management of Behavioral Nutrition," in *Handbook of Integrative Clinical Psychology, Psychiatry, and Behavioral Medicine Perspectives, Practices, and Research* (Springer Publishing, 2010).

Dr. Jo Edwards (Adams Chair of Excellence in HealthCare Services), **Dr. Norman Weatherby** (health and human performance) and **Cynthia Chafin** (MTSU Center for Health and Human Services) co-authored a paper, "S.M.A.R.T. Mothers Are Resisting Tobacco: Prenatal Smoking Cessation in WIC Mothers," in the Fall 2009 *Journal of Allied Health* with colleagues from Vanderbilt University

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