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'Immersion 2010' fast-tracks MBA

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Entrepreneurial-minded college graduates who are not business majors but realize the value of a Master of Business Administration degree should explore "Immersion 2010," an accelerated course of study at MTSU.

It allows a student to take the necessary pre-MBA courses during the summer and begin the MBA in the fall. The degree can then be completed in as little as one year.

"Given current and near-term economic prospects, the opportunity for growing your resume may never be brighter," said Dr. Troy Festervand, director of the graduate division in the Jennings A. Jones

College of Business. "Those non-business majors who are graduating this coming May should look long and hard at this as a way of getting a leg up on securing a good job."

"Immersion 2010" is an interactive summer-school program designed especially for nonbusiness graduates who are interested in adding an MBA to their qualifications. The program makes it possible to satisfy several prerequisites during the summer.

"After completing 'Immersion,' students must submit an acceptable GMAT

(Graduate Management Admission Test) score to be admitted into the MBA program," Festervand explained. "Once they begin their MBA, they can finish in one year. MBA courses are available at night, on weekends and online.

"The MBA has several options for areas of concentration and can be combined with graduate courses from other disciplines—for example, recording industry, aerospace, foreign language, nursing and so on," he continued. "As many students have found, regardless of the major, the language of business is spoken in most jobs."

Those who are interested in exploring "Immersion 2010" should



Festervand

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MTSU plans candidates' April forum

by Tom Tozer
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MTSU, in cooperation with the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce, will play host to a gubernatorial candidates' forum on Thursday, April 29, beginning promptly at 7 p.m. in Murphy Center.

Doors will open at 6 p.m. The free public event is being underwritten, in part, by Farmers Insurance Group.

John Seigenthaler, chairman emeritus of *The Tennessean* and holder of MTSU's Chair of Excellence in First Amendment Studies, will be the forum moderator. The participants will respond to prepared questions on a broad range of timely issues.

Tennessee's gubernatorial primary will be held on Thursday, Aug. 5. The general election is set for Tuesday, Nov. 2.

"MTSU is pleased to host a forum initiated by Farmers Insurance Group that will help inform the public on the issues in Tennessee that affect all of us," said Dr. Sidney A. McPhee, MTSU president. "It is important that we hear from those candidates who aspire to become the chief executive of our state. We welcome and encourage our students, faculty, staff and the entire community to participate."

Farmers Insurance Group offered to partner with MTSU to provide an opportunity for Tennesseans to hear from the candidates for the 2010 governor's race. Farmers officials noted that this is the company's first partnership with a university.

"Farmers is proud to help support this governors' forum with Middle Tennessee State University," noted



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'Awe-inspiring' Strickland is memorialized by scholarship

by Elizabeth Warren
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MTSU's School of Music has received a new scholarship to be distributed this fall—the Lucy Durham Strickland Memorial Endowed Scholarship.

One full-time music student, chosen by the School of Music Scholarship Committee, will receive funding from the new scholarship. The student must maintain a 3.0 grade-point average and be involved in School of Music and university happenings.

The student beneficiaries of this scholarship can thank the children of Lucy Durham Strickland, who endowed the scholarship in honor of their mother and her dedication to MTSU.

Mrs. Strickland was born in

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Time for the Big Dance



HEAR US ROAR—Members of the women's basketball team react to teammate Alysha Clark's last-second bank shot that brought the Blue Raiders the Sun Belt Championship March 9 in overtime against the University of Arkansas-Little Rock. The 70-68 win gave the team its 13th NCAA Tournament berth with a first-round game set for Sunday, March 21, against Mississippi State in Pittsburgh.

MTSU Athletics photo by Bradley Lambert

IN BRIEF

GUITAR FESTIVAL UNDER WAY

The Tennessee Guitar Festival is under way on the MTSU campus, featuring master classes and free public concerts from world-

renowned musicians Sunday through Thursday, March 21-25. For more information, visit www.mtsu.edu/~yelverto/guitfest.html or e-mail festival organizer Dr. William Yelverton, also a performer and instructor, at yelverto@mtsu.edu.



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Baseball in Lit Conference to feature Hall of Famer Jenkins

by Gina K. Logue
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Major League Baseball Hall of Famer Ferguson Jenkins will deliver the luncheon address at the 15th annual Baseball in Literature and Culture Conference at 12:45 p.m. on Friday, March 26, in the Tennessee Room of MTSU's James Union Building.

Jenkins, who was enshrined at Cooperstown in 1991, compiled a 284-226 career record between 1965 and 1983 with the Philadelphia Phillies, Chicago Cubs and Texas Rangers.

He won at least 20 games in each of six consecutive seasons he pitched with the Cubs from 1966 to 1972, chalking up 24 victories and the coveted National League Cy Young Award in 1971.

With the Rangers in 1975, Jenkins led the American League with 25 victories, hurled six shutouts and put 29 complete games in the books. In seven of the next eight seasons, he amassed double-digit win totals.

Jenkins is also the author of three books, including the latest, *Fergie: My Life from the Cubs to Cooperstown*. He will sign books following his speech and a brief question-and-answer session in the Tennessee Room.

James Carothers, professor of English at the University of Kansas, will deliver the keynote address, "Baseball Facts and Baseball Fictions," at 8:30 a.m., also in the Tennessee Room.

A St. Louis native who grew up admiring the Cardinals and their slugger, Stan "the Man" Musial, Carothers has taught a class on "The Literature of Baseball" at Kansas since 1974 and has lectured widely on baseball.

The daylong conference, which is sponsored by the MTSU Department of English, will include presentations by baseball scholars on numerous topics.

Dr. Pete Carino originated the conference at Indiana State University in Terre Haute in 1995. MTSU's Drs. Warren Tormey, Ron Kates and Crosby Hunt were regular attendees starting in 2000.

"After 10 years of service as conference organizer, Pete Carino was looking for some help," says Tormey, an English professor and conference organizer. "With our regular participation, it made sense to move the conference to Murfreesboro."

The first Murfreesboro conference was in 2006.

Breakfast, lunch and the conference program are included in the registration fee of \$70, which is payable by check or money order in advance or on the day of the conference. For more registration information, call 615-494-7628; for scheduling or agenda questions, e-mail tormey@mtsu.edu.

Scholars Week focus: research!

from Staff Reports
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Scholars Week 2010 is coming! To be held March 22-26, the event has become an anticipated campus event each spring.

"Scholars Week continues to be our annual forum to recognize the excellent research that our faculty and students do," said Dr. Diane Miller, interim executive vice president and provost.

"The number and variety of research projects presented is always quite impressive. Many of the students who participate locally also report on their scholarship at regional and national meetings within their area of study."

MTSU scholars are eager to share their research findings as well as their enthusiasm for their research. That's why Scholars Week organizers are making a special effort to solicit participation from MTSU and the surrounding community to attend and learn firsthand about university research.

"Our students are a great example of the educational and career benefits of research and creative activity," said Dr. Kristine M. McCusker, associate professor of history and the organizing committee member in charge of publicity. "We have invited community members to visit the universitywide poster and multimedia event on Friday, March 26, through the WGNS morning radio show, *The Daily News Journal* and *Murfreesboro Post*. When they come, they will see firsthand what the university can produce."

A preliminary Scholars Week schedule is posted at www.mtsu.edu/research/scholars_week.shtml.

Scholars Week @ a glance

What: MTSU Scholars Week

When: Monday through Friday, March 22-26

Where: Multiple locations on campus

For more info:

Visit www.mtsu.edu/research/scholars_week.shtml.

An appreciation luncheon for faculty mentors and presenters is set for Monday, March 22. This will be followed by the College of Business poster session at 12:30 p.m. in the Business and Aerospace Building's south lobby. Other college showcases will follow throughout the week.

The peak of Scholars Week is the Universitywide Poster and Multimedia Exposition starting at 12:40 p.m. Friday, March 26, on the Murphy Center track area. A link to poster abstracts also is at the Scholars Week Web site; the online abstracts list will serve as a searchable written record of participation. Additional information, including ideas about how faculty can incorporate Scholars Week events into course activities and set poster preparation guidelines,

also are posted online.

Examples of the wide range of presentation titles for Scholars Week 2010 include:

- "Psych Pharm";
- "The Evolution of the Industrial Food Complex: McDonaldization and Population Health";
- "'I'll Keep On Singing': The Southern Gospel Convention Tradition";
- "The Effects of Caffeine Supplementation on Multiple Bouts of Sprint Running";
- "The New True Charlie Wu";
- "I Asked for Water and She Gave Me Gasoline: Difficult Issues in Heritage Tourism"; and
- "Just Joking, Seriously: Exploring Humor's Role in Willingness to Speak Out."

Scientia gets new home and new name

by Randy Weiler
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Scientia, once an online scientific journal, has found a new home and a new name.

Once housed in the College of Basic and Applied Sciences, *Scientia* has moved to the University Honors College, where its new name is *Scientia et Humanitas: A Journal of Student Research*, said Honors Dean John Vile and Marsha Powers, coordinator of special projects and publications for the college.

"We're pretty excited about this. We even have an office set aside for this," Vile said. "(Basic and Applied Sciences Dean) Tom Cheatham approached me about this, and the Honors Council accepted the recommendation."

"It will tie the natural sciences with social sciences and the humani-

ties. We'll keep it in an electronic format. When we publish, we'll provide authors with five printed copies of their articles in a format similar to the McNair journal (*McNair Research Review*)."



Vile said student involvement, in addition to submissions, will include a webmaster and separate editors in chief for the natural sciences and for social science and the humanities. These individuals may earn one hour of course credit and possibly gain experiential-learning service and leadership experience, Vile added.

The Honors College has begun accepting submissions of papers of up to 30 double-spaced typed pages for the peer-reviewed journal.

"We've set a June 1 priority deadline, but we'll continue to accept them through Sept. 15 for the fall issue," Powers said.

"One solid volume will be out next year (2011-12)," said Vile, who noted that Dr. Phil Mathis, biology professor emeritus and former Honors dean, was "one of the original founders of *Scientia*, so we thought it would be absolutely appropriate for us to acquire this research journal. Dr. John Dubois has also taken an important role as faculty adviser of the journal since 1997."

The journal will be another way for those writing a thesis to follow up with a published article, Vile said. For more information, call 615-898-2152 or 615-898-5759.

Try 1-stop Web site for MTSU policy updates

Effective immediately and for your convenience, university policies may be found by going to the A-Z index on the MTSU home page (www.mtsu.edu) and clicking on "P," then clicking on "Policies, University."

The Office of University Counsel will no longer distribute paper copies of revised policies. Please refer to the online list for the most recent, updated documents pertaining to nearly all aspects of campus life. A separate list eventually will be included with all the newly revised policies.

If your MTSU department has a specific policy posted on your Web site, the university counsel's office recommends that you delete that page and include a link back to the new universitywide policy Web page. This will ensure that your site visitors will see the most current version of the policy they need.

If you need assistance to create a link from your page to the policy Web page, contact Janina Hill in the Information Technology Division at 615-898-5413.

Remember 'Memoria'

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The Todd Gallery in the Department of Art at MTSU will present "Memoria," an exhibition of kinetic sculpture by John Douglas Powers, through Thursday, March 25.

Artist Powers grew up in Dickson, Tenn., and attended Vanderbilt University, where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in art history, and the University of Georgia, where he earned a Master of Fine Arts in sculpture.

Currently a resident of Alabama, Powers is the recipient of the Joan Mitchell Foundation Masters of Fine Arts Grant, the 2008 Southeastern College Art Conference Individual Artist Fellowship and the 2001 Margaret Stonewall Wooldridge Hamblet Award.

"For his artwork, Powers draws inspiration from such diverse areas as natural history, architecture and the history of technology," said Eric Snyder, gallery coordinator.

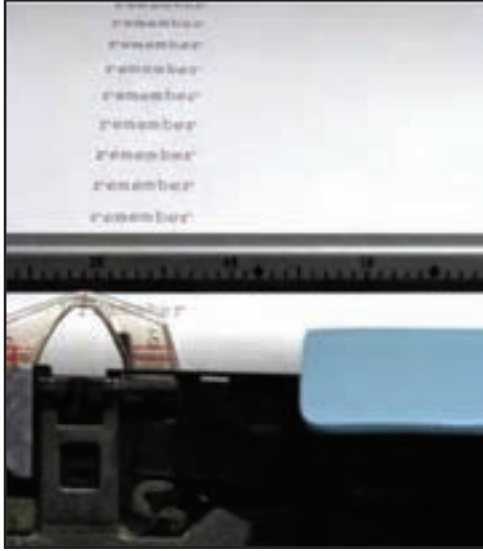
Powers, an assistant professor of sculpture at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, recently saw his work featured in *The New York Times* and the *Southeastern*

College Art Conference Review.

During his upcoming visit to MTSU, Powers is scheduled to lecture and spend time with the students in MTSU's art department.

The Todd Art Gallery is free and open to the public. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each Monday through Friday, closing only on university and public holidays.

For more information or directions to the gallery, contact Snyder at 615-898-5653 or esnyder@mtsu.edu or MTSU art faculty member John Donovan at 615-898-2011 or jdonovan@mtsu.edu.



A MOVING EXPERIENCE—Kinetic sculpture by artist John Douglas Powers, shown in the photos above and at left, are on display through Thursday, March 25, in MTSU's Todd Gallery. The works included in the exhibit are called simply "Memoria 1," above, "Memoria 2" at far left and "Memoria 3," near left.

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Photos go 'Beneath the Surface'

from Staff Reports
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Photographer Karen Glaser's exhibit, "Beneath the Surface," will be on display until Thursday, April 15, in MTSU's Baldwin Photographic Gallery.

Glaser became enthralled with underwater photography after she was given an Instamatic underwater camera as a birthday present in 1983. Her various underwater series, shot on tropical reefs and in pristine Florida springs, have been exhibited in prestigious museums and other venues around the nation and abroad.

Her underwater

photographs of manatees are documented in the book *Mysterious Manatees*, published by the University Press of Florida.

The exhibition is free and open to the public.

The Baldwin Gallery is located inside the McWherter Learning Resource Center on campus. Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturdays.

For more information, call 615-898-2085 or visit Glaser's Web site, www.karenglaserphotography.com.



A DIFFERENT WORLD—Photographer Karen Glaser's work, which includes underwater shots like the one above, a detail of a photo of Florida manatees called "Crusty 1993-1999," and the eerie ballet of "Cortez Group 2005," shown at right, will be on display at MTSU's Baldwin Photographic Gallery in the McWherter Learning Resource Center through Thursday, April 15. The exhibit is free, and gallery hours are 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. on Saturdays.

photos by Karen Glaser

Get noticed in MTSU's official university publication!
Check out (and bookmark!) *The Record's* 2010 deadline schedule at
http://frank.mtsu.edu/~proffice/rec_deadlines.htm.

Campus Calendar

March 22-April 4, 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
or www.youtube.com/mtsunews
for a complete show archive.

Radio Schedule

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



Through April 1

Walker Library Exhibit:
**"Artists' Books from the
Classroom: Student Work
from the Book Arts Classes"**
8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Special
Collections (fourth floor)
For information, contact:
615-904-8501.

Through April 15

**Photo Exhibit: Karen Glaser,
"Beneath the Surface"**
8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-
Friday, noon-4 p.m. Saturday
Baldwin Photo Gallery,
Learning Resources Center
For information, contact:
615-898-2085.

March 22

**March 22-26
Scholars Week**
For information, visit
[www.mtsu.edu/research/
scholars_week.shtml](http://www.mtsu.edu/research/scholars_week.shtml) or contact:
615-898-2071.

**Monday, March 22
Honors Lecture Series:
Dr. Ron Messier, "Jihad and
Holy War: Are They the
Same?"**
3 p.m., Room 106, Honors
Amphitheatre
For information, visit
www.mtsu.edu/~honors
or contact: 615-898-2152.

March 24

**Wednesday, March 24
MT Baseball vs. Belmont**
6 p.m., Reese Smith Jr. Field
For information, visit
www.goblueraiders.com.

March 25

**Thursday, March 25
Women's Studies Research
Series: Dr. Jennifer Marchant,
"Daring Girls, Sensitive Boys
and Everything In Between:
Teaching Gender Construction
in Children's Literature"**
3 p.m., Room 100, James Union
Building
For information, contact:
615-904-8128.

**Faculty Bassoon Recital:
Maya Stone**
6 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, visit
www.mtsumusic.com
or contact: 615-898-2493.

MT Softball vs. Ole Miss
6 p.m., Blue Raider Field
For information, visit
www.goblueraiders.com.

**Thursday, March 25
Free Legal Clinic**
sponsored by the June
Anderson Women's Center
6:30-8 p.m., JUB 206
Appointments required
For information, contact:
615-898-2193.

March 26

**March 26-28
MT Baseball
vs. South Alabama**
6 p.m. Friday, 4 p.m. Saturday,
1 p.m. Sunday
Reese Smith Jr. Field
For information, visit
www.goblueraiders.com.

**Friday, March 26
Tornado Drill**
9 a.m., campuswide
For information, visit
[www.mtsu.edu/alert4u/
tornado_shelter.shtml](http://www.mtsu.edu/alert4u/tornado_shelter.shtml)
or contact: 615-898-2424.

March 27

**Saturday, March 27
Office of Admissions:
Spring Preview Day**
For information, visit
www.mtsu.edu/admissn
or contact: 615-898-5670.

High School Clarinet Choir
Hinton Music Hall
For information, visit
www.mtsumusic.com.

March 29

**Monday, March 29
National Women's History
Month: Dr. Diana Bilimoria,
"Breaking Barriers and
Creating Inclusiveness:
Institutional Transformation
to ADVANCE Women Faculty
in Academic Science and
Engineering"**
3 p.m., Room N109, Cason-
Kennedy Nursing Building
For information, contact:
615-904-8253.

**Monday, March 29
Spring Honors Lecture Series:
Professor Leon Alligood,
"They Were Young Once:
An Examination of America's
Gen Y War Veterans"**
3 p.m., Room 106, Honors
Amphitheatre
For information, visit
www.mtsu.edu/~honors.

Stones River Chamber Players
7:30 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, visit
www.mtsumusic.com.

March 31

**Wednesday, March 31
MT Baseball vs. Lipscomb**
6 p.m., Reese Smith Jr. Field
For information, visit
www.goblueraiders.com.

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

April 2

**April 2-3
MT Softball
vs. Louisiana-Monroe**
3 p.m. Friday, noon Saturday;
Blue Raider Field
For information, visit
www.goblueraiders.com.

**Friday, April 2
First Friday Star Party**
6:30-8:30 p.m., Wiser-Patten
Science Hall 102
For information, contact:
615-898-2483.

Staying safe takes practice.

Friday, March 26: Tornado drill @ 9 a.m.

Tuesday, April 13: Tornado siren testing, 12:20 p.m.

Please follow your building runner's instructions.

For a list of "safe places" on campus, please visit www.mtsu.edu/alert4u/tornado_shelter.shtml.

**IN CASE OF
TORNADO**

Betsy Nealon, state executive director for Farmers Insurance Tennessee. "Tennessee's future is bright, and one of the candidates in the forum will be the next leader of our state. We are happy that the students and public will get to hear their views on the needs of Tennessee."

Each forum guest will need a ticket to be admitted. Free tickets will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis starting with MTSU students, followed by faculty, staff and

the general public. MTSU students with valid IDs can pick up tickets beginning Monday, March 22. Other university personnel and the general public may pick up tickets beginning Monday, April 5.

Tickets should be picked up in advance at the MTSU Ticket Office, which is located at Gate 1A at Floyd Stadium on Faulkinberry Drive.

For all ticket and general information, call the MTSU Ticket Office at 1-888-YES-MTSU (1-888-937-6878).

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Atlanta, Ga., in 1925 at Emory University to a mother who was a pianist working as a teacher and a father who was dean of Emory's Candler School of Theology.

She started out her life at a university and continued her connections throughout her life.

She began her college career at the Randolph-Macon Woman's College in Lynchburg, Va., where she studied mathematics and obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1946. Her next scholastic step was at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to work towards a master's degree.

When she asked Roscoe L. Strickland Jr. to tutor her in Russian there, her life took an unexpected turn. They were married, and soon after, Mrs. Strickland postponed her education to raise their daughter Alice, who was born in 1948. Just one year later, the family moved to Murfreesboro, when Roscoe Strickland was appointed to the MTSU faculty.

Murfreesboro became the family's home, and the couple had three more children. Mrs. Strickland also thrived again because of her close proximity to a university, her family said.

She taught mathematics at MTSU for a while and also was greatly involved in many community deal-

ings. She was the first president of Murfreesboro's League of Women Voters, served as secretary and treasurer for Tennessee's League of Women Voters and was an officer of Citizens for Court Modernization in Nashville.

She also played an important role in a lawsuit that ultimately would require the reapportionment of the Rutherford County School Board. She wanted equal representation and educational opportunities for all citizens to be a requirement of the board's makeup.

Both MTSU and Murfreesboro suffered a great loss in 1972, when the Stricklands moved to Buena Vista, Va., so Dr. Strickland could become president of Southern Seminary Junior College. Though sad about leaving her friends and life in Tennessee, Mrs. Strickland continued her education at the Law School of Washington and Lee University. In 1976, at the age of 50, she received a law degree and was honored with the United States Law Week Award.

The Stricklands moved again when Dr. Strickland retired, this time to Hillsborough, N.C., to restore the



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call 615-898-2964 or talk with a graduate business adviser soon.

"When students consider how much more marketable they are with an MBA and how long they will likely be working over the course of their careers, the long-term value of the MBA degree is overwhelming," Festervand said.

"Take a critical look at your future, the employment opportunities available to you, earnings potential or simply what you want out of life, and you will come to the conclusion that another year really isn't that long—and it's always great to have options."

For more information about graduate programs in the College of Business, visit www.mtsu.edu/business/gradpro.shtml.

historic Hardscrabble Plantation. Mrs. Strickland maintained her law career, opening her own practice and co-writing a book, *The Law and the Elderly in North Carolina*, in 1980.

Although North Carolina and Virginia provided a good setting for the development of Mrs. Strickland's work and lifelong education, her family said, she "yearned for those friendships and culture that had shaped her life in Murfreesboro."

The couple sold the plantation in 1988 and moved back to Murfreesboro, where Mrs. Strickland practiced law with Kidwell South & Beasley and Dr. Strickland served on boards for MTSU and for the history department.

During this time, said Robyn Kilpatrick, MTSU College of Liberal Arts development director, the couple created two scholarships for the school to honor their two late daughters, Alice and Tracy.

Because of her husband's dedication to history, after his death in 1997, the family developed the Strickland Visiting Scholar Program to help students in the MTSU history department.

Mrs. Strickland continued to serve the communities of MTSU and Murfreesboro, working as a trustee and member of the executive committee of the MTSU Foundation from

1996 until 2002. She retired in 2004, eventually moving from her home right across the street from MTSU to AdamsPlace retirement community.

Though retired and farther away from the school, Mrs. Strickland still found a way to stay involved at MTSU. When performances at the MTSU School of Music were scheduled, Mrs. Strickland made sure she and some of her AdamsPlace friends were able to use the community's bus to attend, Kilpatrick said.

Dr. George Riordan, director of the MTSU School of Music, said that the school is very excited to receive this scholarship, not just because it will help a student gain an education but also because it honors someone deserving.

"The scholarship honors such a wonderful lady who had a fascinating life and was such a supporter of the School of Music," Riordan said. "She was at many of our concerts and was a part of the fabric of our school. We would see her face often.

"To read about her life was just fascinating, with all of the things she'd done," he added, "I was in awe. I guess you can just say she was awe-inspiring to me and to all of those who knew her."

19th annual Windham Lecture is April 8

by Lisa L. Rollins
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Dr. Douglas Brinkley, a professor of history at Rice University and a fellow at the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy, will be the guest speaker for the 19th annual Windham Lecture at MTSU.

An award-winning author of numerous titles, Brinkley's talk, "The Wilderness Warrior: Theodore Roosevelt and the Crusade for America," will get under way at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 8, in the State Farm Lecture Hall of MTSU's Business and Aerospace Building.

During the free public lecture, Brinkley will lead a discussion based on his epic biography of Roosevelt, drawing on never-before-published materials to examine the life and achievements of America's "naturalist president."

By setting aside more than 230 million acres of wild America for posterity between 1901 and 1909, Roosevelt made conservation a universal endeavor. This crusade for the American wilderness was perhaps the greatest U.S. presidential initiative between the Civil War and World War I, Brinkley observed.

"As we face the problems of global warming, overpopulation and sustainable land management, Dr.

Brinkley shows audiences how this imposing leader's stout resolution to protect our environment is an inspiration and a contemporary call to arms for us all," said Dr. John McDaniel, dean of MTSU's College of Liberal Arts.

Brinkley completed his bachelor's degree at Ohio State University and received his doctorate in U.S. diplomatic history from Georgetown University in 1989. He next spent a year at the U.S. Naval Academy and at Princeton University, teaching history.

While a professor at Hofstra University, Brinkley spearheaded the American Odyssey course, where he took students on numerous cross-country treks to visit historic sites and met seminal figures in politics and literature. His 1994 book, *The Majic Bus: An American Odyssey*, chronicled his first experience teaching an innovative, on-the-road class that became the progenitor of C-SPAN's "School Bus" traveling TV studio.

The Windham Lecture Series in Liberal Arts began in 1990 and was established by William and Westy Windham through the MTSU Foundation. Dr. William Windham was a member of the MTSU faculty from 1955 to 1989 and served as chairman of the Department of History the last 11 years. The late Westy Windham earned a master's degree in sociology at MTSU and was the founder of the Great American Singalong.

The Windham series is sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts with the assistance of the departments within the college. For more information, contact the college at 615-494-7628.



Brinkley

Workshops set for Fulbright U.S. competition

MTSU students from freshmen to seniors are encouraged to learn more about the Fulbright U.S. Student Competition in a day of free workshops set for Wednesday, April 7.

The Fulbright Program aims to increase understanding between the people of the United States and other countries through the exchange of people, knowledge and skills. The grants allow U.S. students to live and study in a foreign country for a year.

Workshop sessions at MTSU are scheduled from 9 to 10 a.m. in Room 202 of the Paul W. Martin Sr. Honors Building and from 1 to 2 p.m. and 3 to 4 p.m. in Honors Room 106. Students may attend the workshop that best fits their schedules.

For more information, contact Laura Clippard, academic adviser and undergraduate fellowships coordinator, at lclippard@mtsu.edu or 615-898-5464.

Martin Lectureship to feature ideas on 'reforming education'

by Randy Weiler
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Knox County Mayor Mike Ragsdale will discuss "Reforming Education in a Time of Austerity" at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 23, in the Honors Amphitheatre, Room 106, in the Paul W. Martin Sr. Honors Building.

Ragsdale's free lecture, which is open to the public, is part of the University Honors College's Martin Lectureship Series.

"Mike Ragsdale has accomplished educational reform (in Knox County) at a time when budgets are tight," Honors Dean John Vile said. "It seemed a natural kind of fit, the way education has been in the news. ... If ever there was a time for models of reform, now is a good time."

Vile said Ragsdale, who was invited by brothers H. Lee and Paul W. Martin Jr., will donate his honorarium to the Institute of Leadership Excellence, which is held at MTSU in the summer. The Martins provide funding for the lectureship.

Ragsdale also will be honored



Ragsdale

during an invitation-only luncheon in the Honors building before his talk.

The Knox County mayor began serving in August 2002, then began his second term in September 2006. Ragsdale has pursued four priorities: education, economic growth, serving seniors and veterans and creating a more efficient government. He serves as president of the County Executives of America, an organization of more than 700 chief elected county officials.

While serving as county mayor, Ragsdale has received the Vision Award from Technology 20/20 and the Courthouse Award from the National Association of Counties, one of three awarded annually. He also was given the Outstanding Service Award from the Disabled American Veterans of East Tennessee and the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

Past Martin Lectureship speakers include retired U.S. Army Gen. Hugh Shelton, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, in April 2005; the late Myles Brand, former president of the NCAA, in October 2005; Dr. H. Lee Martin in November 2006; Gov. Phil Bredesen in November 2007; and the Hon. Judge Martha Craig Daughtrey in March 2009.

For more information, call 615-898-2152.

Free workshop aims to enhance children's learning through play

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An upcoming free workshop at MTSU is designed for everyone from student teachers and home-school educators to public-school educators and parents who want to enhance their children's learning through physical activity and play.

The half-day event, "Play Symposium III: Diversity, Children's Physical Activity and Play," will be held Saturday, April 10, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the State Farm Lecture Hall of MTSU's Business and Aerospace Building.

The rain-or-shine symposium is sponsored by the Center for Physical Activity and Health in Youth. Participants may register in advance or on-site.

"The value of play and physical activity, no matter a child's physical limitations, is invaluable but one that is often overlooked," said Dr. Kathy Burriss, a professor of elementary and special education at MTSU. "Our symposium will help participants connect physical activity with learning that is fun but also intellectually beneficial in ways that most don't think about."

This year's workshop will offer attendees a choice of several afternoon field trips, such as "Let's All Play Together," "Project Help," "Promoting Play for Children with Autism," "Encountering Each Other" and "I Am Moving, I Am Learning."

The symposium also will feature relevant presentations by professional educators, including the event's keynote speaker, Dr. Jim Rimmer, who will deliver a talk on "Diversity, Children's Physical Activity and Play."

Rimmer, a professor in the Departments of Movement Science and Disability and Human Development at the University of Illinois at Chicago, has developed and directed health-promotion programs for people with disabilities for the past 25 years.

Symposium participants are encouraged to wear comfortable attire, such as tennis shoes and jeans, for the symposium's afternoon field trips, Burriss said. Attendees with disabilities will be accommodated during the symposium.

For more information, including advance registration, contact Burriss at 615-898-2323.

MTSU POLL

Survey updates Tennesseans' views on politics

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A majority of Tennesseans disapprove of President Obama's job performance for the first time since his inauguration, the latest MTSU Poll finds.

Other findings show nearly three-fourths of Tennesseans have no idea who's running for governor, and while 29 percent approve of the Tea Party movement, which held a national convention in Nashville in February, just 9 percent consider themselves members.

Conducted by MTSU's College of Mass Communication, the spring 2010 telephone poll of 634 Tennessee adults chosen at random from across the state has an error margin of plus or minus four percentage points at the 95 percent level of confidence. Full results are available on the poll's Web site, www.mtsusurveygroup.org.

Fifty-one percent of Tennesseans disapprove of Obama's job performance in the latest poll, up from 46 percent in fall 2009 and 27 percent in spring 2009, according to Dr. Jason Reineke, associate director of the MTSU Poll and an assistant professor of journalism.

"Significantly, dissatisfaction with Obama has spread from Republicans to include independents," Reineke added. "Last fall, 43 percent of independents disapproved of Obama. Today, that figure has risen to 61 percent."

The overall 51 percent disapproval represents a slim majority at best, considering the poll's error margin of plus or minus four percentage points. Nonetheless, the poll's complementary findings that 42 percent approve of Obama and 7 percent are undecided indicate beyond a reasonable doubt that more Tennesseans disapprove of Obama than approve of him.

Financial uncertainty appears to be driving

much of the decline in Obama's popularity among independents. Sixty-nine percent of independents who are worried about their family's financial well-being during the coming year also disapprove of Obama compared to 49 percent of independents who have little or no financial concerns.

Dr. Bob Wyatt, professor of journalism and a cofounder of the MTSU Poll, called the results a mixed bag for Obama.

"He's in trouble for things he can't control, as the wisdom goes, and that's both good news and bad news for him. He's still doing better than his predecessor, though," Wyatt said, alluding to former President George W. Bush, who concluded his presidency with a 32 percent approval rating and a 59 percent disapproval rating across Tennessee.

Meanwhile, 73 percent of Tennessee adults can't name a single gubernatorial candidate when asked to list as many as they can recall. Nineteen percent were able to name Republican Knoxville Mayor Bill Haslam, earning him dubious distinction as the least unknown among a generally anonymous field of candidates. Behind Haslam, who has been advertising heavily on television, U.S. Rep. Zach Wamp, R-Tenn., comes to mind for 10 percent of Tennesseans. The state's adults recall four percent or fewer of the remaining candidates.

Even when mentioned one at a time by name, none of the candidates were recognized by a majority of Tennesseans, and no candidate has more than 12 percent support.

"It's still very early in the race, of course," said Dr. Ken Blake, director of the MTSU Poll and associate professor of journalism, "but these findings show just how far all of the candidates have to go in getting themselves introduced to the public."

In another area of state politics, 29 percent of Tennesseans hold a favorable view of the Tea Party movement, but just 9 percent consider themselves members of the movement.

Alongside the 29 percent who hold a favorable

view of the Tea Party efforts, 19 percent hold an unfavorable view, 32 percent indicate they have heard of the movement but have no opinion about it, and 19 percent have never heard of the movement. The rest gave no answer.

"Possibly because of the movement's heavy media coverage, state residents tend to overestimate the movement's membership," Blake said. "The average guess is that 26 percent of Tennesseans presently identify themselves as members of the movement, a figure significantly higher than the poll's finding of 9 percent."

Both membership in the movement and favorable attitudes toward it are most common among Tennesseans at the right end of the political spectrum. Both traits register significantly lower among political moderates and those on the left, although membership rises slightly among Tennesseans who consider themselves "far left." Looking purely at demographics, members are more likely to be male than female, and Tennesseans who approve of the movement are more likely to be white than minority and, among whites, more likely to be both religiously conservative and male.

In still other poll findings:

- Most Tennesseans think Congress should start over on health care reform.
- The majority think that the Iraq war, though initially a mistake, is going well now.
- While Obama's overall approval ratings are down, most think Obama is doing a good job of responding to the earthquake in Haiti.

The Survey Group at MTSU provides independent, nonpartisan and unbiased public opinion data regarding major social, political and ethical issues affecting Tennessee. The poll began in 1998 as a measure of public opinion in the 39 counties comprising middle Tennessee and began measuring public opinion statewide in 2001. View the full report at www.mtsusurveygroup.org.

University, a master's from George Peabody College and a doctorate from the University of Illinois. He taught high school in Oneida, Woodbury and Franklin, Tenn., and served as principal at McFadden Elementary School in 1953-54. While at MTSU, Dr. Todd touched the lives and careers of numerous MTSU graduates, using his acquaintance with businessmen and women of middle Tennessee to expand his students' educations. He also began a series of management seminars open to the public that brought prominent outside speakers to MTSU beginning in the late 1960s. Dr. Todd served in the U.S. Navy during World War II in the Pacific theater of operations, becoming a lieutenant, junior grade, and serving most often on two destroyers within the same squadron, the U.S.S. Waller and the U.S.S. Cony. He was a

member of the East Main Street Church of Christ, where he taught Sunday school and served as an elder. Dr. Todd is survived by his wife, Mary King Gastineau Todd of Murfreesboro; two children, Linda Todd (Tommy) Irons of Antioch, Tenn., and Walker Fowler (Edie) Todd of Chagrin Falls, Ohio; four grandchildren, Thomas Alexander (Sandi) Irons, Katherine Irons-Greene, Andrew Todd (Kari) Irons and Sarah C.E. Todd; five great-grandchildren; a sister, Faye Todd Reed of Murfreesboro; a brother, Nile Todd of Ashland City; and a stepson, Rick (Rhonda) King of Sevierville. Memorials may be made to Raiders for Christ, the Middle Tennessee Christian School, the Todd Cemetery Association (c/o Mrs. Tom Burks, Woodbury) and the East Main Church of Christ.

Presentations

Dr. Saeed Foroudastan (Basic and Applied Sciences) and **Sandi Hyde**, a graduate candidate in biostatistics, presented their joint paper, "Facilitating Cultural Diffusion Through Collegiate Design Competition Teams," at the fourth annual Conference on International Studies of the Tennessee Consortium for International Studies Feb. 11-12 at Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville.

Dr. Kevin Smith (sociology and anthropology) delivered a speech about the ancient Indians of Sumner County at the Bledsoe's Lick Historical Association's Annual Dinner Meeting in Gallatin Feb. 18.

Publications

Dr. Suk Jai Seo (computer science) published a paper, "Open Neighborhood Locating Dominating Sets," in February in Vol. 46 of the *Australasian Journal of Combinatorics*.

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A little recognition



OFFICIALLY HONORED—The MTSU Blue Raider football team stands on the floor of the Tennessee Senate Chambers March 1 as legislators honor the team's 2009 season achievements with a formal resolution of recognition. The Blue Raiders were 10-3 overall and won the New Orleans Bowl. Officials joining the team and Coach Rick Stockstill (center left, in beige) are, clockwise from top, Tennessee Lt. Gov. Ron Ramsey, MTSU President Sidney A. McPhee, State Sen. Jim Tracy and State Sen. Bill Ketron. Tracy and Ketron co-sponsored the resolution with State Reps. Joe Carr and Josh Evans, who are not pictured. Also accepting the resolution for MTSU was Director of Athletics Chris Massaro.

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WISTEM speaker tackles careers for women in various sciences

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Dr. Diana Bilimoria, professor of organizational behavior in the Department of Organizational Behavior at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, will bring her expertise to MTSU March 29-30.

Bilimoria will present a Women in Science workshop for students on "Purposeful Planning of Your Scholarly Career and Contributions" starting at 6 p.m. Monday, March 29, in the Monahan Hall classroom.

At 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, in Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building Room 109, Bilimoria will present "Breaking Barriers and Creating Inclusiveness: Institutional Transformation to ADVANCE Women Faculty in Academic Science and Engineering" as part of a National Women's History Month Women in Science lecture.

Jointly sponsoring Bilimoria's campus visit are the WISTEM

(Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Center and MTSU's NWHM committee.

In the student lecture, Bilimoria said she will "engage with students regarding their career aspirations and skill development" and "discuss aspects of purposeful career planning such as leadership development, mentoring, CV (curriculum vitae) enhancement, scholarly skill development, scholarly visibility and the early experiences of women faculty."

In the faculty talk, Bilimoria said she will "describe the initiatives, experience and outcomes of 19 U.S. universities, funded by the National Science Foundation's ADVANCE Institutional Transformation program, which have embraced comprehensive transformation for improved gender representation and inclusion in science and engineering disciplines."

For more information on Bilimoria's visit, call 615-904-8253.

Students, potential employers can 'speed network' March 29

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Organizers say it's like speed dating, but the Employment Opportunities Exchange is more like MTSU students "speed networking" with prospective employers.

The annual Employment Opportunities Exchange will be held from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, March 29, in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building, said Dr. Katie Kemp, assistant professor in the MTSU Department of Management and Marketing.

The "exchange" aims to help 2010 and 2011 graduates meet recruiters seeking employees in sales, marketing and management.

"Using the 'exchange' format, employers will have the opportunity to share their information with many more students than time would allow at a typical career fair," said Kemp, who added that employers should

bring multiple representatives to share in presentation duties.

At 11:30 a.m. and following employer registration and an employer/faculty brunch and recruitment discussion, the first exchange begins. Recruiters will rotate from table to table in timed sessions of approximately 10 to 15 minutes each, briefly sharing career opportunities with small groups of students seated at tables. When the bell rings, the recruiters move to another table.

Kemp said the recruiters will be trying "to sell his or her company to the students and entice them to choose their recruiting table during Exchange Part II."

At 2 p.m., the Exchange Part II begins. "Students choose the companies in which they're interested, present resumes and have one-on-one time with recruiters, 'selling' themselves to recruiters," Kemp said.

For more information, call Kemp at 615-898-2346 or e-mail her at kkemp@mtsu.edu.

Faculty in Residence making music @ Monohan

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Students in one of MTSU's Living Learning Communities, Music at Middle in Monohan Hall, have had the benefit of living with a Faculty in Residence member, Professor Angela DeBoer of the School of Music.

DeBoer, an assistant professor of horn who is also active in the music scene around Nashville, currently lives in the faculty apartment in Monohan Hall, the first such apartment on MTSU's campus. She is the first faculty member to reside alongside students in residence halls and moved into Monohan Hall in late summer 2008.

"We're still trying to figure out what the position 'Faculty in Residence' should be, what it should look like and how it should work," DeBoer said. "A lot of the preconceived notions I had going in have been totally debunked."

DeBoer mentioned that she expected a rowdier atmosphere but was pleasantly surprised to find that while students certainly have fun, they are also serious about learning and respectful of her presence.

The Faculty in Residence Program is an exciting part of Housing and Residential Life's designated Living Learning Communities. These communities were initiated in 1997 and currently house 50 percent of on-campus students, according to

Director of Housing and Residential Life Andrew Bickers.

The Living Learning Communities are designed to encourage student success by providing them with a core group of peers centered on academic majors or other similar characteristics, such as honors program eligibility. Students in these communities are enrolled in some of the same key classes as their fellow residents, and they participate together in extracurricular activities focused on common interests.

The Music at Middle program, one of seven within the Monohan Hall complex, is an example of a Living Learning Community in action. This particular community is open to music majors and minors and currently supports about 30 students.

All Living Learning Communities at MTSU provide students with faculty mentors to help the students adjust to their new campus and academic life. DeBoer's Faculty in Residence appointment represents the next level of faculty mentoring and the future of these communities at MTSU.

"Dr. Raphael Bundage, who served as Housing and Residential Life's contact in the School of Music, made an announcement in a faculty

meeting that Monohan was being renovated," said DeBoer. "I thought to myself, 'Wouldn't it be neat if there was a faculty apartment, if a faculty member could live with these students, interact with them and mentor them?'"

Housing and Residential Life put a faculty apartment in the residence hall, and DeBoer was thrilled with the opportunity to move in.

DeBoer invited students, faculty and staff to her apartment at the beginning of fall 2009 to welcome them to Monohan and encourage their participation in Music at Middle activities, such as the opportunity to see live performances of opera and the Nashville Symphony.

In addition to leading extracurricular trips, DeBoer has welcomed students to her apartment for informal recitals on her piano and to help them rehearse performance pieces. Faculty also have been invited to interact with students after their formal recital exams and provide feedback on their performances in a more relaxed setting.

"At first, it's a new idea, a new concept for students," DeBoer said, "but I think once they get to attend some of these events, they get excited about having those opportunities that they wouldn't otherwise."

Sophomore Gabrielle Molina said that DeBoer's presence in Monohan has had a positive impact.

"I did feel more involved because Ms. DeBoer lived in the apartment

and frequently invited us over for games or food," Molina said.

Housing and Residential Life conducts an outside survey each fall to evaluate how the communities meet student expectations and which areas need adjustment.

"We consistently find that students appreciate the opportunities provided by participation in our Living Learning Communities," Bickers said.

"Housing is confident that by providing quality facilities and unique programs like our Living Learning Communities, we will have a positive impact on student success."

As MTSU moves forward with the Faculty in Residence Program, the apartment will rotate among faculty involved in each of the Living Learning Communities. "Ideally, I think, they would like to have a different faculty member from each of the communities in Monohan each year, so they all have the opportunity of being represented by a Faculty in Residence," DeBoer said.

"The Faculty in Residence Program has been piloted wonderfully by Professor DeBoer," Bickers added. "We look forward to continuing the successful interaction she has fostered and are hopeful that her participation leads the way for future faculty involvement."

For more information on MTSU's Living Learning Communities and how to apply, visit www.mtsu.edu/housing/livelearn.shtml.



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Faculty/Staff Update

Awards

Dr. Judith Iriarte-Gross (chemistry) has been selected by a committee as the District of Columbia Consolidation for Educational Services 2010 TRiO Achiever. She will be recognized at the regional conference April 13 in Philadelphia.

Kristen West and Gwen Williams (Walker Library) were honored March 18 at the Tennessee Library Association's annual conference in Memphis. West, an instruction librarian, received the group's James E. Ward Library Instruction Award and Williams, the User Services Department secretary, received the TLA Support Staff Award.

Exhibitions

Cross-stitched art by Jaye Kiblinger (business communication and entrepreneurship) is on display through April 5 in the rotunda of the Murfreesboro City Hall at 111 W. Vine St. The 40-plus pieces represent more than 30 years of work and about one million individual stitches.

Honors

Dr. Walter Boles (engineering technology) has been named an American Society of Civil

Engineering Fellow, one of the highest levels of ASCE membership, in recognition of his professional distinction and achievements in the field of civil engineering.

CollegeInsider.com named Kermit Davis (men's basketball) Sun Belt Coach of the Year on March 10.

Media

Drs. Ken Blake, Bob Wyatt and Jason Reineke (mass communication) appeared on the "OpenLine" program on WTVF-TV NewsChannel5+ March 4 and on WKRN-TV Channel 2 on "This Week with Bob Mueller" March 7 to discuss the latest MTSU Poll results.

Dr. Warren Gill (agribusiness and agriscience) was the subject of a "Where Are They Now?" story in the March 1 *Petersburg News*, a publication of the Petersburg, Tenn., Lions Club.

Drs. Charles Perry and Chong Chen (engineering technology) were featured on WSMV-TV Channel 4 and WZTV Fox17 News March 2 and on National Public Radio March 3 while presenting the wheel hub motor retrofit plug-in hybrid as part of the Tennessee Technology Development Corporation's Innovation Day on the

Hill at the Tennessee State Capitol. Project team members include Paul Martin, ET Lab Director Rick Taylor and students Alex Kirchhoff and Steven Childers.

WSMV-TV Channel 4 interviewed Laura Sosh-Lightsy (Student Affairs) Feb. 25 on some students' use of cell phones to cheat on exams.

Passages

Dr. Fowler I. Todd (management and marketing), 92, passed away March 3. Dr. Todd, a professor emeritus and former chairman of the Department of Management and Marketing at MTSU, was employed by the university from September 1965 until his retirement in May 1983. Dr. Todd was a native of Cannon County and the son of the late Stephen Alexander "Cap" Todd and Lester Anne Fowler Todd. He also was preceded in death by his first wife, Katherine McCullough Todd; an infant daughter, Mary Donna Todd; and a brother, Grady Todd. A lifelong and passionate farmer, Dr. Todd raised cattle and lived on farms in the Dilton community for more than 40 years. He graduated from Buchanan High School in Rutherford County and attended MTSU, earning a bachelor's degree at Murray State

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