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Glendel Bryson Knight ('58) and Jim Dunlap ('57) pore over "Midlander" memories at the Golden Raiders Society induction in the Tom H. Jackson Building.



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Grand Marshal Kelly Holcomb ('96) and his children, Kellyn, Jameson and Jalyn lead the 2008 Homecoming Parade. The former Blue Raiders' football star spent many seasons in the NFL.

Homecoming Makes Memories

By Rhonda Wright rwright@mtsu.edu

MTSU students, alumni, friends and administration hit the jackpot when they "Bet on Blue" for Homecoming 2008 the weekend of Nov. 7-8.

Beginning Nov. 7, events were happening both on and off campus throughout the weekend.

Concrete Industry Management hosted its Alumni Clay Shoot at Big Spring Sports Friday afternoon. Later that night, the Student

Government Association hosted the annual Blue Raider Chili Cook-Off in Murphy Center Forest, while the Alumni Band of Blue offered a concert a few blocks away at Central Middle School.

The Golden Raiders Society had its reunion on Friday. They reminisced about their college days while they toured campus by Raider Xpress. The

highlight of the reunion was the induction of the class of 1958 into the esteemed society at a celebration dinner in the Tom Jackson Building.

The College of Basic and Applied Sciences hosted its Alumni and Patron Homecoming Gala at Stones River Country Club, and proceeds from the night benefited CBAS student scholarships.

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Alumni in 5 cities enjoy 'Lunch with the President'

From Alumni Relations staff reports

This fall in five cities across Tennessee, MTSU President Sidney A. McPhee joined alumni for "Lunch with the President."

Held in Columbia, Knoxville, Chattanooga, Nashville and Memphis, the events gave Tennessee alumni a chance to enjoy a good lunch, network with fellow alumni and catch up on the latest news from their alma mater.

Brent Campbell ('02), Alumni Association board member, attended the Nashville lunch and said, "The intimate atmosphere allows alumni to ask questions directly to President McPhee and receive direct answers. The lunch gives alumni information that should make them proud of their university!"

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The Hon. David Jolley ('82) talks with President Sidney A. McPhee during the Oct. 29 Memphis lunch.

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The new MTSU main entrance at MTSU Boulevard leads to a roundabout featuring historic pieces of columns from the Tennessee State Capitol in Nashville.



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The roundabout connects MTSU Boulevard and Blue Raider Drive on the east end of campus.

Did you know?

- Dr. Larry Burriss (mass communication) taught the first online course (mass media law) at MTSU in 1998.
- MTSU's enrollment surpassed 10,000 for the first time in fall 1971. The fall 2008 enrollment was a record 23,872.

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MTSU construction projects proceed

By Tom Tozer tozer@mtsu.edu

In spite of the budget tightening throughout the state and at MTSU, construction trucks and machinery continue to roar and grind on several projects around campus.

Because some projects were funded before the budget cuts, they have the green flag to proceed. "All of the projects that you see or that are in the planning stage were funded before the budget cuts," said Patti Miller, assistant vice president of Campus Planning. "In fact, funding for some of the projects has been acquired over a period of the last five years or so. For example, we received construction funding for the new Chilled Water Building that is being built on the south side of campus and full funding for the design of the Science Building, the latter in anticipation of future construction funds."

What is the status of construction projects at MTSU?

By now, perhaps everyone has had some experience going in circles on the roundabout at the intersection of MT Boulevard and Blue Raider Drive. The project is complete. According to one traffic-pattern study, in areas that feature roundabouts as opposed to traditional intersections, there are 40 percent fewer collisions and 80 percent fewer injuries. The key is to go slowly.

Alumni Drive, from Blue Raider Drive to Friendship Drive (by the CyberCafe), is closed for the fall semester. The road will be widened to accommodate a bus lane.

Lyon Hall renovation is complete, and interior renovation and re-roofing of Cummings Hall is now in progress.

The baseball stadium work is now complete.

The Satellite Chilled Water Building (adjacent to Project HELP) is nearly complete. A portion of Blue Raider Drive near the Wesley Foundation is closed in order to connect to existing lines.

The exterior work on Kirksey Old Main was completed. The roof on the main building is finished.

Where does the money come from for campus construction?

There are various funding sources for construction and improvement projects on campus, which is why some projects can move ahead while others remain stalled in preliminary stages of development.

State capital funding is appropriated through the state budgeting process. The prioritizing of those projects earmarked for state dollars is carried out by the Tennessee Board of Regents, Tennessee Higher Education Commission and the

Governor's Office, with final approval made by the state legislature.

Capital outlay: Currently, MTSU projects that have received state funds include the aforementioned planning and design of the new Science Building, the Chilled Water Building and the proposed College of Education and Behavioral Science Building.

Capital maintenance:

Those projects receiving state funds for maintenance include the repairing of the façade on Kirksey Old Main, the re-roofing projects for academic and administrative buildings and utility line replacements.

Tennessee State School Board Authority funds: Bonds — or interest-bearing loans — are issued for these projects and paid for through

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Freshman Michael Billing works out during the dedication and grand reopening of the Recreation Center expansion.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

MTSU fights lead poisoning in children with \$1.97M grant

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has awarded a \$1.97 million grant to MTSU to continue its efforts to prevent the lead poisoning of young children.

This is the third award MTSU has received to eliminate lead hazards. With this new grant, MTSU's work is expected to prevent the poisoning of approximately 250 children under the age of 6. The grant is part of HUD's Operation Lead Elimination Action Program.

Alumnus and U.S. Rep. Bart Gordon ('71) announced the award.

8 new planes arrive

Gov. Phil Bredesen gives a thumbs-up to celebrate the Oct. 30 arrival of eight new Diamond DA40 planes for the MTSU Aerospace Department training fleet. Joined by Gabe Hinkle, left, MTSU assistant chief flight instructor, and President Sidney A. McPhee, right, Bredesen flew the \$365,000 craft from Nashville to MTSU's Flight Operations Center at Murfreesboro Airport. The new planes were purchased with revenue generated from MTSU's flight training school.

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Freeman, Manning address commencement

Grads will hear noted alum, retiring TBR leader during Dec. 13 services

From staff reports

MTSU's fall commencement services, which will be held at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, in Murphy Center, will feature alumnus Darrell S. Freeman Sr. as the morning speaker and retiring Tennessee Board of Regents Chancellor Charles W. Manning as afternoon speaker.

The 9 a.m. ceremony will be



Manning



Freeman

for the College of Graduate Studies, Jennings A. Jones College of Business and the College of Education and Behavioral Science.

The 1 p.m. ceremony will be for the College of Basic and Applied Sciences, the College of Continuing Education and Distance Learning, the College of Liberal Arts and the College of Mass Communication.

Approximately 1,624 prospective graduates — 1,402 undergraduates and 222 in the

grad program — will be awarded degrees, the Records Office said.

Freeman ('87, '90) is chair and CEO of Zycron Inc., an information technology service and solutions firm he founded in 1991 in Nashville. He also founded three other businesses: Reliant Bank, Pinnacle Construction Partners and DC Properties.

Manning, who will retire June 30, 2009, has served as TBR's head since April 2000. He oversaw the launch of the Regents Online Degree Program and was involved in the implementation of the settlement of the Geier desegregation lawsuit.

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funding sources such as program service fees and auxiliary fees. For example, TSSBA bonds for the new Student Union will be paid by student fees; TSSBA bonds are issued for parking and transportation improvements and paid by parking fees; TSSBA bonds are issued for housing renovations and paid by housing rents; the Recreation, Health and Wellness Center expansion/addition was made possible by TSSBA bonds paid by recreation and health-service fees.

Gifts encompass donations, bequests and foundations. The Tennessee Miller Coliseum is one example.

Local government funds: Some projects are funded in part thanks to participation by local government.

Federal funds such as grants and matching grants can result in such facilities as the new observatory and Observatory Plaza, made possible by a grant from NASA.

Campus operating funds are balances left from appropriations and tuition that are allotted for improvement projects.

Multiple funding sources: Some projects are made possible by a combination of funding sources. For example, the new addition to the Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building was funded by the Christy-Houston Foundation Inc., along with federal grant funds and campus funds; the baseball stadium upgrade was funded by government funds from the City of Murfreesboro, private gifts from individuals and campus athletic funds.

A newer way to build: Construction at MTSU has undergone some fundamental managerial changes in the recent past, which have all but ensured that we are getting a bigger bang and a better building for the buck. "Construction manager/general contractor" is a term applied to a construction company that quite literally oversees every facet of the project, from design and planning to construction materials and costs.

"We're getting a lot better quality building and better control of budgets," Campus Planning's Miller commented. "A construction manager starts at the beginning. He provides budget information because he knows what's affordable, and he knows the differences in costs among materials. He tracks costs throughout the design process. He guarantees his price at the end of the bid phase. He's very professional, structured and knowledgeable—and he adheres to industry standards."

There was a period of time when too many projects were coming in over bid because of inflation in the building industry — especially following Hurricane Katrina, Miller said. Also, the quality of construction over the last few decades has been problematic.

Miller said the State of Tennessee is adding alternative construction-delivery processes to improve pricing, schedule and quality issues.

CALENDAR

Campus-related events

December 2008

- 1 "Messiah"*
- 2 MTSU Symphonic Band*
- 3 Commercial Music Ensemble*
- 5-6 MTSU Performing Arts Company presents "Dance: The Language of the Soul"***
- 13 Fall 2008 Commencement in Murphy Center; ceremonies at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., respectively (see story this page)

January 2009

- 26 Andrea Dawson, violin; Leopoldo Erice, piano; faculty recital *

February

- 2 Stones River Chamber Players*
- 5-7 Wind Band Conference*
- 8 MTSU Choral Concert with Middle TN Choral Society*
- 12 MTSU Jazz Artist Series: pianist/composer Donald Brown*
- 18-22 "Summer and Smoke" by Tennessee Williams***
- 20 MTSU Symphonic Band*
- 22 MTSU Symphony*
- 23 MTSU Jazz Ensembles*
- 24 MTSU Women's Chorale*

* For more information, go to <http://mtsu.edu/~music.com> or call 615-898-2493.

** For more information, please e-mail aarmstro@mtsu.edu.

*** For more information, go to <http://www.mtsu.edu/~theatre/currentseason.shtml>.



Photo from Donald Brown Web site

Pianist and composer Donald Brown visits campus Feb. 12.

President Sidney A. McPhee and First Lady Liz McPhee pose with Pigskin Pre-Game hosts Tim ('72) and Pam Keach ('91).



Retired faculty member Dr. John Duke, left, professor emeritus in the School of Music, his wife Bobbie and Charlie Harrison ('77) enjoy the Pigskin Pre-Game party.



MTSU Alumni Relations photos

Alumni Association Board Member Ernest McKinney ('76) and his wife, Brenda ('75).

Pigskin produces \$9K for scholarships

From Alumni Relations staff reports

Tim ('72) and Pam Keach ('91) opened their beautiful home to this year's Pigskin Pre-Game event and kicked off a great new academic year and football season by raising nearly \$9,000 for the Rutherford County Chapter Scholarship Fund.

Attended by more than 400 guests, this year's Pigskin Pre-Game scholarship event benefited incoming freshmen from Rutherford County.

Tall Paul, an area favorite, provided entertainment spanning many different generations, while Carrabba's Italian Grill in Murfreesboro prepared a wonderful Italian feast.

Thanks to tremendous support from the community and local sponsors and alumni, good music, food and fun was had by everyone.

"The weather was perfect and the entertainment, food and atmosphere were very laid-back and welcoming for all of the guests," said Alumni Relations assistant director Paul Wydra.

Pigskin Pre-Game has been an annual August

event that celebrates the anticipation for the upcoming Blue Raider football season and serves as a fundraiser for the Rutherford County Chapter Scholarship Fund. In the last two academic school years, the Rutherford County Chapter Scholarship Fund has awarded more than \$36,000 to incoming MTSU freshmen from Rutherford County.

"Like many events that we host, we need assistance from a volunteer committee, like the Pigskin Pre-Game committee" Wydra said. "The committee finds sponsors, sells tickets and searches for a location to hold the event. They also help with details such as set-up and decorations. They are crucial to this event being successful."

If you are interested in serving on the Pigskin Pre-Game committee for 2009 or would like to donate to the Rutherford County Chapter Scholarship Fund, please contact Wydra at 615-904-8199 or at pw Wydra@mtsu.edu.



Alumni Association Board President Mary Esther Reed ('92, '94, '96), left, Melissa Powers ('06), Missy Roberts ('99) and Alumni Association board member Emily Wright ('07) at the Pigskin Pre-Game Party.

Lunch

President McPhee addressed the crowd of alumni, friends, supporters and parents of students or former students on new academic programming, funding priorities and updates on athletics and alumni impact in the workforce and in the community.

Chattanooga alumna Angela Lee

('00) was excited to make new connections. "The luncheon was an absolute wonderful time," she said. "President McPhee introduced me to Dr. Roy Moore with the College of Mass Comm. As a graduate of the program, it feels good to remain connected and to see the outreach right

here in my community."

"Many alumni were delighted with an opportunity to share lunch with the president and receive a personal campus update since it is hard for many of them to travel back to the university," said Paul Wydra, assistant director of alumni relations.

Future "Lunch with the President" events are being planned in a town near you.

For an up-to-date schedule of events, go to mtalumni.com or contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 800-533-6878.



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Alumni Larry Jeffery ('64), Mark Womack ('49) and Robyn Kilpatrick, who serves as development director for the College of Liberal Arts, at the Chattanooga lunch on Oct. 7.



Brian Stewart ('05), Roy Vaughn ('82), Dr. Roy Moore, the new mass communication dean, and Amanda Bowlin ('99) in Chattanooga.

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HOMEcoming 2008



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MTSU President Sidney A. McPhee visits with Ross Spielman ('55, '66) and Don Moser ('79).



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Christie Hartman ('72) and Sophie ride their Blue Raider hog in the parade.



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Baby Raiders and their proud parents make their way down Middle Tennessee Boulevard in the Homecoming Parade.

Alumni Homecoming Queens and Kings congratulate the newly crowned royalty. Carolyn Ball Harrison ('63), Patricia Duncan Green ('68), Sandra Wynne Morris ('65), Josh McKenzie ('08), Emily Porter, 2008 King Steven Disser, 2008 Queen Meredith Howell, Meagan Flippin ('07), Marla Frisby ('95), Steven Helton ('05), Mary Katherine Gilbert Jordan ('97), Michael Shirley ('06), Candice Haynes ('05), Willie Nelson ('03) and Brad Ballard ('07).



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(Right) Alumnus Jared Stiefel ('05) spins the prize wheel with Connie Huddleston ('03) of the College of Liberal Arts at Tent City in Walnut Grove.



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Vel ('75) and Wayne Rollins ('75), Adam Rush ('08) and Karen Williams ('07) visit over breakfast at Mixer on Middle.

Homecoming

The National Pan-Hellenic Council's annual Step Show rounded out Friday night at Murphy Center.

As the enthusiasm of Homecoming Day rose over campus on Saturday morning, folks gathered at The Alumni House. More than 400 MTSU fans assembled at the Mixer on Middle parade-watching party. Alumni and friends enjoyed breakfast and sipped coffee amidst festive balloons and music on the lawn as they anticipated the start of the parade. The National Alumni Association provided complimentary homecoming souvenir photos for alumni, friends and families.

Blue Raider legend and former

NFL quarterback Kelly Holcomb ('96) — along with his children Kellyn, Jalyn and Jameson — led the 2008 Homecoming Parade as Grand Marshal. Alumni parents and grandparents proudly followed behind showing off their Baby Raiders.

Distinguished Alumni Tim



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Pettus ('73) and Ken "Coon" Victory ('67) and Young Alumni Achievement honoree Micheal Burt ('98, '02) represented alumni in the parade.

Chip Walters ('85), Blue Raiders' football color commentator, returned to announce the

Chip Walters ('85), left, and Nick Paranjape ('91) announce the parade entries at Mixer on Middle.

parade. Joining him this year was Fox 17's Nick Paranjape ('91). The two alumni entertained the audience while providing commentary as the parade entries passed by The Alumni House crowd.

Alumni and friends participated in tailgating events including visiting with their colleges in Tent City and reuniting with several groups. Many cheered at Raider Walk as the team headed to their 24-21 victory against the Louisiana-Monroe Warhawks.

A fun-filled Blue Raider weekend was had by all. We hope to see you next year.

Visit mtalumni.com for upcoming events for MTSU alumni and friends.

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CLASS NOTES

1950s

William Locke ('57), Fort Pierce, Fla., is a 100% Service-connected permanently and totally disabled veteran.

Ina Ruth Webb Bess ('54), Smithville, Tenn., has retired after 58 years of teaching.

1960s

William L. Eisele ('61), Fairview Heights, Ill., is retired from the state of Illinois after 22 years as coordinator of disaster preparedness.

1970s

James Otis Black ('74), Winter Haven, Fla., has been appointed to the My Safe Florida Home Advisory Council.

Richard "Butch" Chambers ('72), Portland, Oregon, is the recipient of the 2008 Silver Beaver Award presented by the Cascade Pacific Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Dennis Doeblor ('71), Hixson, Tenn., is retired from Hamilton County Schools after 36 years of service to Hixson Elementary School.

Belinda Duke ('77), Arden, N.C., is the president of Flamingo Marketing and Graphics.

Donna Emmons ('77, '97), Smithville, Tenn., is one of 28 high school journalism advisers from across the country to be awarded the 2008 Reynolds Institute Journalism Fellowship at Kent State University.

Ellen Geeslin ('74), Chattanooga, Tenn., is a school nurse at Bess T. Shepherd Elementary School and an emergency medical technician instructor and coordinator for Chattanooga State.

Wrenne Jakubiak ('70), Naperville, Ill., recently retired from the Valley View 365u School District in Bolingbrook, Ill. after 32 years of teaching.

James Richard Lynch ('72), Fayetteville, Tenn., is retired and lives in a small town in Costa Rica, working on his novel based loosely on his MTSU experience.

Thomas D. Regen ('76), Pulaski, Tenn., works with the floor crew for Wal-Mart.

Barbara Richardson ('73), Gallatin, Tenn., has retired after 34 years of teaching music.

Robert Thompson Stroop ('70), Murfreesboro, is a local property owner. He recently retired from the county planning commission after 38 years of service.

1980s

Tommy Bibb ('85), Smyrna, Tenn., is president of the southeast chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives and has earned the international airport professional designation.

Caren Bills ('88, '97), Nitro, W.Va., is deputy director of probation services for the State of West Virginia.

Kellye Branson ('86), Hendersonville, Tenn., is the director of refugee services at Catholic Charities.

Scott Bryant ('84), Clarksville, Tenn., is the owner of Clarksville State Farm Insurance Agency.

Lt. Col. Brent Bush ('87), Morristown, Tenn., is commander of the 100th Brigade Support Battalion, 75th Field Artillery Regiment, at Ft. Sill, Okla.

Craig Campbell ('84), Franklin, Tenn., is the founder of Campbell Entertainment Group, a new company that focuses on full-service publicity, consulting and artist development and management.

Dan Goodwin ('85), Murfreesboro, is half of the Rutherford County Sheriff's Cold Case Unit and is in charge of media relations and firearms training for the agency.

Sarah Helbig ('87, '93), Hendersonville, Tenn., is a medical technologist at Vanderbilt University Hospital.

Timothy Light ('80), Worthington, Ohio, is senior vice president for fuel, emissions and logistics at American Electric Power AEP.

Michael E. Nourse Jr. ('89), Naples, Fla., is a building contractor for Mike Nourse Construction Inc.

Janet Ross ('87, '89), Brentwood, Tenn., has established the Lisa Ross Parker Foundation, www.lrpfoundation.org, in memory of her sister, a fellow MTSU alumna.

LeAnne Smiley ('88), Cleveland, Tenn., is executive director of the Tri-State Therapeutic Riding Center at the Tri-State Exhibition Center.

Sherry Tolli ('83), Gallatin, Tenn., is executive director of HomeSafe of Sumner, Wilson and Robertson counties.

Mark Williams ('84), Murfreesboro, and his business, Remodeling Services Unlimited, have been selected by "Remodeling" magazine as a winner of the prestigious 2008 Big50 Award.

1990s

Trevin Bernarding ('92), Hixson, Tenn., is director of eBusiness Development at BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee.

Douglas Blackwell ('94, '99), Cleveland, Tenn., is the founder of Blackwell Law Offices in Cleveland.

Carolyn Bonner ('91, '00), Manchester, Tenn., teaches science and ESL classes.

Wendy Bryant ('93), Murfreesboro, is a media relations specialist for the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce.

Leslie Copeland ('99), Fayetteville, Tenn., is the marketing programs manager for Tractor Supply Company.

Denise Ellison ('95), Largo, Fla., is a development officer.

Matthew Gillespie ('98), Murfreesboro, is assistant executive director of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association in Hermitage, Tenn.

Susan Groce ('97), Collierville, Tenn., is coordinator of ministries with youth and young adults for the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Jennifer Hefner ('92), Napa, Calif., is a practicing physician.

Dana Lingle ('99), Nashville, Tenn., works for Tetra Tech EMI.

Rebecca Marrs ('99), Lobelville, Tenn., is a teacher at Lobelville School.

Gregory J. Milnar ('95), Franklin, Tenn., is a residential appraiser for R.W. Rajotte and Company.

William Murray ('99), Hendersonville, Tenn., is the EVP and CFO for Commerce Union Bank.

Jennifer D. Pailer ('95), Christiana, Tenn., is a kindergarten teacher at Stewartsboro Elementary.

Christopher Parks ('91), Franklin, Tenn., is a co-author of the new book, "My Healthcare is Killing Me: A Survival Guide for the American Healthcare Consumer."

Dr. Robert Payne ('97), Powder Springs, Ga., is director of nutrition and technical services for North America for the health and nutrition business unit of Evonik-Degussa Corporation.

Kevin Sass ('90), Midland, Ga., is the senior executive officer for Doctor's Hospital.

Amanda M. Shaw ('97), Great Falls, Mont., is a hospitalist nurse practitioner for Great Falls Clinic.

Andy Sisco ('94), White House, Tenn., is associate vice president of information technology for AmSurg.

John West ('99), Franklin, Tenn., is the senior audit manager for Deloitte and Touche LLP.

Donald Winningham ('95), Murfreesboro, is vice president of financial operations for Genesco.

2000s

Jessica L. Akers ('05), McMinnville, Tenn., is a teacher for Warren County High School.

Stacy Alcala ('07), Nashville, Tenn., is an associate account executive for McNeely Pigott and Fox Public Relations.

Evan Anderson ('05), New Market, Tenn., is a student at the Nashville School of Law.

Janet Baldwin ('07), Murfreesboro, is a sales assistant for Gaylord Hotels.

Zachary Barker ('00), Nashville, Tenn., is the CEO and president of Barkloud Marketing LLC.

Robert S. Barr ('08), Eva, Ala., is teaching English to junior high students in Japan.

Myka Bertrand ('07), Murfreesboro, is a relationship manager for Gibson Guitar Corporation.

Elizabeth Brown ('06), Washington, D.C., is a legislative assistant for Congressman John Tanner.

Rebecca Carroll ('02), Houston, Texas, is an assistant lab director for Moore Archaeological Consulting.

Stephanie Compton ('07), Nashville, Tenn., is working at Nature's Classroom in Mentone, Ala., as a teacher.

Jonathan Coomes ('04), Los Angeles, Calif., is an editor for Widget Postproduction.

Dana Crowley ('06, '08), Eagleville, Tenn., is a research analyst in the medical pathology department at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

Jeremy Dahmen ('03, '05), Pullman, Wash., is a third-year graduate student in the molecular plant science program at Washington State University.

Lauren Woodruff Duggin ('06), Knoxville, Tenn., has released her first book, "Hidden Shadows."

Jonathan A. Dutton ('04), Chattanooga, Tenn., is a financial adviser for Edward Jones Investments.

Timothy M. Eubanks ('08), Indianapolis, Ind., is a chapter services consultant for Alpha Tau Omega.

Chris Felker ('07), Antioch, Tenn., is an accountant for HCA Physician Services.

Amanda D. Flatt ('01), Goodlettsville, Tenn., is an e-business analyst for VF Imagewear.

Cody Gibson ('07), Maryville, Tenn., is a first-year law student at Mississippi College of Law.

Michael Gooch ('01), Franklin, Tenn., is a flight nurse and emergency NP for Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

Dwayna Haley ('05), Los Angeles, Calif., has been honored by Women in Cable Telecommunications as the board member of the year.

Lauren Herbstritt ('03), Knoxville, Tenn., is the director of annual giving and alumni affairs for the University of Tennessee College of Law.

Andrea Huttton ('05, '06), Murfreesboro, is a senior exercise physiologist.

Matt A. Hutton ('04), Murfreesboro, is a data technical support coordinator.

Jon Johnson ('04), Morrison, Tenn., is a student at Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine.

Zach Kimbrough ('07), Hermitage, Tenn., is a financial service representative.

Daniel Lawrence ('05), Mount Juliet, Tenn., is pursuing a doctorate degree in mycology at the University of Arizona.

Dr. Jeffrey Lewis ('05), Christiana, Tenn., graduated from the Tennessee Health Science Center in May with a doctor of pharmacy degree.

Rachel Lloyd ('06, '07), Nashville, Tenn., is a tax accountant for Lattimore, Black, Morgan and Cain PC.

Natalie Lucas ('06), Nashville, Tenn., is a special event planner and fundraiser.

Cal Majure ('03), Fort Myers, Fl., is assistant director for Eagle View Orientation at Florida Gulf Coast University.

Martha McDow ('00), Round Rock, Texas, is a facilities engineer for Samsung Austin Semiconductor.

Kristie E. Moore ('02), Chapel Hill, Tenn., is a sales representative for Sherwin-Williams.

Nathan W. Moore ('05), Knoxville, Tenn., is a manager and instructor at the Smoky Mountain Flight Center.

Robyn Owens ('05), Murfreesboro, has joined the litigation department of Miller and Martin PLLC.

Rob Rickman Jr. ('08), Gallatin, Tenn., is a graduate student at Vanderbilt University's Peabody School.

Sarah Bess Rickman ('07), Washington, D.C., is a special assistant in the Office of the Chief of Protocol at the U.S. State Department.

Roger Street ('06), Nashville, Tenn., is an environmental scientist for the Center for Toxicology and Environmental Health.

Amanda R. Thacker ('06), Statesboro, Ga., is leadership coordinator for the Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement at Georgia Southern University.

Melissa T. Thomas ('06), Christiana, Tenn., is a social services director for The Salvation Army.

Catherine Tyson ('05), Antioch, Tenn., is a language pathologist for EBS Healthcare.

Wendy Webster ('06), Glen Burnie, Md., is a nuclear medicine technologist for Howard County General Hospital.

Nicole Wilbanks ('08), Murfreesboro, is assistant manager at Phase II consignment shop and is a promotions assistant for 650 AM WSM.

Jessica Willett ('02), Las Vegas, Nev., is a senior associate of research for the Las Vegas office of Cushman and Wakefield Commercial Real Estate.



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Don Franklin ('58, '63) of Lebanon, Tenn., who was a member of MTSU's undefeated 1957 football team, returned Nov. 8 for Mixer on Middle and was inducted into the Golden Raiders Society as a 50-year graduate.

MTSU's more than a collection of facts

Reed: 'We are a family that celebrates tradition, plans for new horizons'

In this age of prospective college students receiving their information via technology, I thought it wise to know how our alma mater was being described. I was both surprised and pleased at the amount of positive information available.

I'd like to share a few facts that I found:

Middle Tennessee State University, founded Sept. 11, 1911, commonly referred to as MTSU, is an American university located in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. MTSU now has 137 permanent buildings and 800 full-time faculty. It is currently the second largest institution of higher education in the state trailing only the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

What we know is that this refers to total overall enrollment. MTSU has the state's largest enroll-



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ment of undergraduate students. Originally known primarily for its education and nursing programs, MTSU recently has gained recognition in aerospace, business, mass communication/recording industry and music/music business programs.

Our alumni know that we are more than a collection of facts. We are and always have been a family. We are a family that celebrates tradition and plans for new horizons. The MTSU family nurtures all members, past and present, and makes space for future members.

In this period of uncertain economic times and

as our family becomes larger and more diverse the MTSU family faces the challenge to continue its commitment to this institution. However, we MTSU alumni welcome the challenge, recognizing that this provides creative and exciting ways for us to become involved and show our support.

Mary Esther Reed

2008-09 MTSU National Alumni Association President Mary Esther Reed is a 1992 graduate living in Smyrna, Tenn., with her husband, Britt ('93), and son, Parker. She has been the owner of The Learning Circle in Murfreesboro since 2002.



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Hot drinks on a cold day

MTSU's Office of Alumni Relations traveled to Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green Nov. 15 to greet MT fans with coffee and hot chocolate. Fans watched the Blue Raiders defeat the Hilltoppers 21-10 on a rainy, windy and cold day in the renewal of their Sun Belt Conference rivalry.



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Where it all began

Dr. Kaylene Gebert, left, MTSU executive vice president and provost, and alumna Kristen Keene ('01) of the James E. Walker Library make a print of the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution on the library's historic Franklin Press on Sept. 17 Constitution Day, to mark the 221st anniversary of the document's signing. The event, which allowed visitors to print their own copies of the Preamble, was co-sponsored by the American Democracy Project.

Baby Raiders

Reuben Joseph Allen, born April 9, 2008, to **Tommie** ('96) and **Craig Allen** of Nashville, Tenn.

Ella Jean Arnold, born Feb. 19, 2008, to Bethany and **Jeramy Arnold** ('99) of Manchester, Tenn.

Paige Mckinley Arnold, born June 6, 2008, to **Michelle** ('02, '03, '05) and **Randy Arnold** ('04) of Nashville, Tenn.

Grayton Jace Boys, born Feb. 23, 2007, to **Kayla** ('92) and **Daron Boys** of Hermitage, Tenn.

Sydney Madison Brown, born March 31, 2008, to **Courtney** ('05) and **Kyle Brown** of Murfreesboro.

Oliver Paul Canady, born Oct. 16, 2008, to Emily Gowdy and **Paul Canady** ('98) of Washington, D.C.

Dain Carver Copeland, born July 28, 2008, to **Leslie** ('99) and **Alan Copeland** of Fayetteville, Tenn.

Dane Killian Cornelius, born Nov. 11, 2007, to **Troy Cornelius** ('92) of Gallatin, Tenn.

Darian Danny Cotton, born Aug. 15, 2008, to **Daneise** ('08) and **Darryl Cotton** of La Vergne, Tenn.

Gavin Everett Craig, born June 10, 2008, to **Carrie** ('97) and **Kevin Craig** of Maryville, Tenn.

Abram James Duhe, born Jan. 19, 2008, to **Jennifer** ('01, '05) and **Randy Duhe** of Prairieville, La.

Georgia Karaline "Kara" Franks, born June 26, 2008, to **Karen** ('00) and **Jon Franks** ('02) of Athens, Tenn.

Dawson Charles Gentry, born Aug. 17, 2008, to **Diana** ('04) and **Edward Gentry Jr.** of Carthage, Tenn.

Isaac Jack Holmes, born July 12, 2008, to **Mandy** ('04) and **Jacob Holmes** ('03) of Humboldt, Tenn.

Samuel Luke King, born Oct. 5, 2008, to Rebecca and **Christopher Matthew King** ('03) of Murfreesboro.

Wyatt Shelton Lankford, born Sept. 11, 2008, to **Shannon** ('93) and **Jason Lankford** of Primm Springs, Tenn.

McKinley Jade Lester, born July 31, 2008, to **Mia** ('03) and **LaShawn Lester** ('04) of Memphis, Tenn.

Ryan Chad Marrs, born May 9, 2008, to **Rebecca** ('99) and **Chad Marrs** of Lobelville, Tenn.

Olivia Leann Minter, born July 1, 2008, to **Brianna** ('99) and **Bo Minter** ('99) of Gallatin, Tenn.

Max Arnold Museler, born July 20, 2008, to **Monica** ('97) and **Michael Museler** of Charlotte, N.C.

Mariah Simone Osborne, born July 15, 2008, to **Brandi** ('03) and **Marcus D. Osborne** ('03) of Nashville, Tenn.

Alexa Leigh Skelley, born Jan. 17, 2008, to **Katie** ('98) and **Marc Skelley** of Tullahoma, Tenn.

Claire Addison Standley, born Feb. 18, 2008, to **Christina** ('01) and **Tony Standley** ('01) of Brentwood, Tenn.

Caroline Elizabeth Stephens, born May 31, 2008, to **Sara** ('05) and **John Stephens** ('01) of Murfreesboro.

Ryan Lee Thomas, born July 27, 2008, to **Lia** ('96) and **George Thomas** of Columbia, Tenn.

William Gene Tipton, born Sept. 27, 2008, to **Sarah** ('06) and **Barry Tipton** of Paris, Tenn.

In Memoriam

MTSU and the Office of Alumni Relations extend deepest sympathy to the families and friends of alumni who have passed away.

1930s

William "Bill" Carlton ('35), Harrison, Ark., died Aug. 30, 2008.

1950s

Raymond Norvell ('58), Salem, Ore., died April 28, 2008.

1960s

Bonnie Powell Brothers ('62), Murfreesboro, died July 7, 2008.

Willard Wayne Potts ('58), Clemson, S.C., died July 7, 2008.

1970s

Russell Norvell ('74), Mendocino, Calif., died Feb. 3, 2008.

1980s

Scott Cowden ('84), Washington, Pa., died Oct. 21, 2007.

Thomas Grindley ('81), Rutherfordton, N.C., died May 10, 2008.

1990s

Sharon Greene ('90), Stone Mountain, Ga., died Sept. 18, 2007.

In the Ultimate Blue Raider Tailgater Contest, the MTSU Student Government Association earned the student division title while the Big Blue BBQ Crew captured the Alumni division. Their impressive tailgates featured custom-decorated cakes, fun giveaways, all things blue and a tremendous amount of spirit!



MTSU Alumni Relations photos

Alumni Legacy Scholarship event is a huge success

From Alumni Relations staff reports

On a beautiful, crisp September morning, alumni and friends gathered at Champions Run Golf Course in Rockvale to kick off the inaugural Alumni Legacy Golf Classic. With a full course of players, the tournament provided a fun way for alumni and friends to properly celebrate their relationship to MTSU and educate themselves about the university's newest scholarship. Players enjoyed not only a picture-perfect day for golf, but also several amenities that this sponsored tournament offered. Players lined up to pick out their new pair of Nike golf shoes and goody bags and were served complimentary beverages throughout play, and the winning team was awarded striking crystal

trophies. Formerly the Homecoming Golf Tournament, this four-person scramble now serves as an official fundraising event for the newly established Alumni Legacy Scholarship — an award benefiting children of alumni. The scholarship is awarded to chil-

dren of alumni only and is a continuing scholarship given only to those returning to MTSU for their sophomore, junior or senior years. Because of the generosity of players and sponsors of this year's golf classic, the MTSU Alumni Association is thrilled to be awarding two scholarships for the fall of 2009. Applications are being accepted through Feb. 1, 2009, with the criteria and application downloadable from the alumni Web site at mtalumni.com. The Alumni Association already is preparing for next year's golf classic and welcomes volunteers and sponsors. For more details on how you or your business can get involved in this worthwhile event, please contact Michelle Stepp at 1-800-533-6878 or mbstepp@mtsu.edu.



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Winners of the inaugural Alumni Legacy Golf Classic include, from left, Jamie King, Don Midgett, Alan Jones and Frankie Powers.

Blue Raiders 2008-09 basketball schedule			Lady Raiders 2008-09 basketball schedule		
Date	Opponent	Game time (CT)	Date	Opponent	Game time(CT)
Dec 2	Houston	7 p.m.	Dec 4	Louisville	7 p.m.
Dec 7	SIU-Edwardsville	4 p.m.	Dec 7	at Western Carolina	3 p.m.
Dec 11	Troy	7 p.m.	Dec 11	at Tennessee	6 p.m.
Dec 15	Tenn.-Martin	7 p.m.	Dec 14	Alabama	4 p.m.
Dec 17	at Belmont	7:15 p.m.	Dec 16	Austin Peay	7 p.m.
Dec 20	UC Irvine N*	5:35 p.m.	Dec 20	Troy	7 p.m.
Dec 21	Norfolk St. N*	5:35 p.m.	Dec 28	at Tennessee Tech	2 p.m.
Dec 22	Missouri St. N*	8:05 p.m.	Dec 31	at North Texas	1 p.m.
Dec 31	at North Texas	4 p.m.	Jan 4	at South Alabama	2 p.m.
Jan 3	at S. Alabama	7:05 p.m.	Jan 7	Florida Atlantic	7 p.m.
Jan 8	Fla. Atlantic	7 p.m.	Jan 11	Fla. International	Noon
Jan 10	Fla. International	7 p.m.	Jan 14	Western Kentucky	7 p.m.
Jan 15	at West. Kentucky	7 p.m.	Jan 17	at Ark.-Little Rock	4:30 p.m.
Jan 17	at Ark.-Little Rock	7 p.m.	Jan 21	Arkansas State	7 p.m.
Jan 22	Arkansas State	7 p.m.	Jan 24	at New Orleans	4:30 p.m.
Jan 24	at New Orleans	7 p.m.	Jan 28	Louisiana-Lafayette	7 p.m.
Jan 29	La.-Lafayette	7 p.m.	Jan 31	Louisiana-Monroe	5 p.m.
Jan 31	Louisiana-Monroe	TBA	Feb 4	at Denver	8 p.m.
Feb 5	*at Denver	8 p.m.	Feb 11	at Troy	7 p.m.
Feb 7	at Houston Baptist	7:05 p.m.	Feb 15	North Texas	1 p.m.
Feb 12	at Troy	7 p.m.	Feb 18	South Alabama	7 p.m.
Feb 14	N. Texas (CSS-TV)	5 p.m.	Feb 21	at Florida Atlantic	4 p.m.
Feb 19	South Alabama	7 p.m.	Feb 25	at Fla. International	6 p.m.
Feb 21	Florida Atlantic	6 p.m.	Mar 1	W. Kentucky	3:30 p.m.
Feb 26	at Fla. International	7 p.m.	Mar 4	Sun Belt tourn. 1st round	TBA
Feb 28	West. Ky. (CSS-TV)	7 p.m.	Mar 7-10	Sun Belt tourn. Hot Springs, AR	
Mar 4	Sun Belt tourn. 1st Rd. TBA		Mar 21-24	NCAA tourn.1st/2nd Rds. TBA	
Mar 7-10	Sun Belt tourn. Hot Springs, AR				

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We are now accepting nominations for the
2009 - 2010
Distinguished Alumni and Young Alumni Achievement Awards

The Middle Tennessee State University Alumni Association annually seeks and accepts nominations for the Distinguished Alumni and Young Alumni Achievement Awards. The selection is made from candidates who have distinguished themselves by attaining a high level of service to their profession, their community and/or Middle Tennessee State University.

Nominations are sought in the following categories:

- Distinguished Alumni - Professional Achievement
- Distinguished Alumni - Service to the Community
- Distinguished Alumni - Service to the University
- Young Alumni Achievement Award

To view nomination and selection criteria as well as obtain a nomination form visit www.mtalumni.com for a downloadable version or call the Alumni Relations Office at 1-800-533-6878.

Nominations must be postmarked by April 1, 2009.
Nominations are valid for three years.