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Alumni Relations' new look

Launch of new *mtalumni.com* offers added communication capabilities

From MTSU Alumni Relations

Have you been to *mtalumni.com* lately? We've got a great new look! Along with our new look is a convenient way to stay connected to all of those former classmates and friends from your time at MTSU.

Graduates call the Office of Alumni Relations every day looking for former classmates and friends from their time at MTSU. To accommodate all the requests and give graduates a new way to reconnect with their alma mater, the Alumni Relations office has launched a new Web site and online community at *www.MTAlumni.com*.

The new community allows you to:

- create and customize your own profile page, where you can control the layout, colors and content of your page, add news feeds, YouTube videos, Flickr photos, and much more;
 - search for fellow alumni in the password-protected alumni directory and e-mail them, send them an instant note or add them to your friends list;
 - post and view photos;
 - post and view class notes, like wedding and birth announcements;
 - communicate via message boards and chat rooms;
 - register for events and much more.
- "We are excited about the capabilities the new

community offers our graduates," said Ginger Freeman, director of Alumni Relations. "Now more than ever, alumni are looking for instantaneous communication with friends and the university. The online community provides both. We hope this gives us the opportunity to look at other forms of communication to better serve our alumni."

On the horizon are many more features including online credit card event payment, user blogs, ways to post your resumes and jobs, and much more.

To access the new online community the first time, you must have your MTSU ID # (aka M#). You will find it on the address label in this issue of

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Find full MTSU Homecoming 2009 details in the September issue of "The Alumni Record" or visit *mtalumni.com*.

Moving forward despite significant budget cuts

Initiatives put in place to strengthen university's focus toward the future

By Tonja L. Johnson *tjohnso@mtsu.edu*

As 2009 monthly revenue reports for the State of Tennessee continue to show noticeable decreases over last year's figures, MTSU President Sidney A. McPhee stresses the importance of continuing to moving forward with plans that are being developed to deal with significant budget reductions, which are set to take effect July 1, 2011.

"Over the past several months, we have continued to watch state revenue fig-

ures plummet, and state officials are, once again, discussing possible layoffs and cuts in state agency budgets for the coming fiscal year," said McPhee. "While we would prefer to focus our attention on more positive trends, the current economic conditions in the state leave us no choice but to continue our efforts to address how we can effectively operate with significantly fewer state dollars."

The university's state appropriation for 2009-10 has been reduced from \$94.9 mil-

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For those with a spouse who is an MTSU graduate, you are both receiving a copy of this issue of *The Alumni Record*. This is a one-time occurrence to provide each graduate with his or her individual ID #. If you and your spouse still receive two issues after this time, please log on to the community and let us know so we can merge your address together for future issues.

To log on to the new online community, go to www.mtalumni.com and click on "first time users." You will be directed to the "account lookup" page, where you will enter your last name and click "find." Choose your name and class year from the list. You then will be asked to enter your MTSU ID# (it begins with M) and your birth date to verify your identification. Once

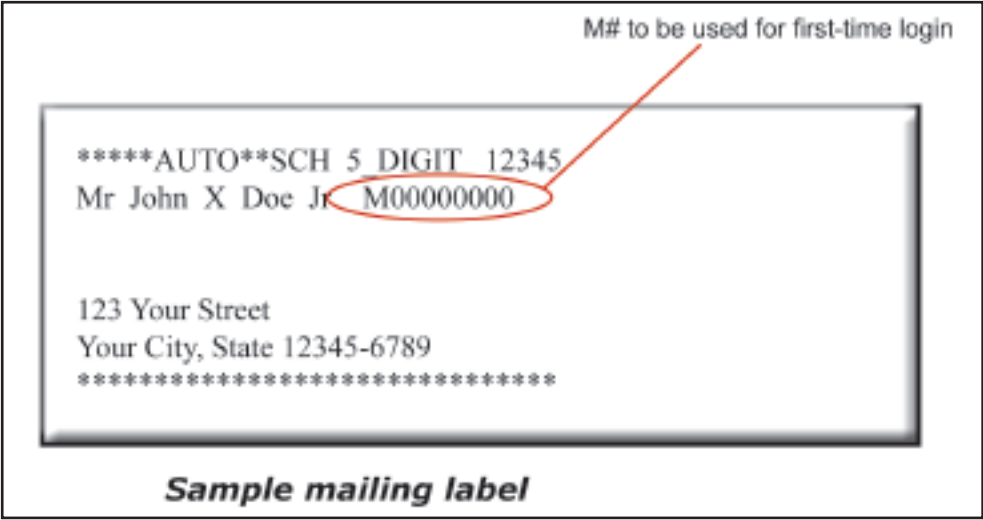
you have entered your ID# and you have been verified, you are ready to update your profile and

Please take this opportunity to update your e-mail address, mailing address, family information, etc.

"We see this as a great resource for the Alumni Relations office but also a great opportunity for our graduates to be able to find classmates they haven't talked to or seen in awhile," Freeman said. "This new technology is not just for young graduates. We know a lot of our young-at-heart graduates will be using this community to find friends as well."

If you have trouble with the login process, call the Office of Alumni Relations at 1-800-533-6878 or 615-898-2922, or e-mail the office at alumni@mtsu.edu.

Come be a part of this exciting new community exclusively for MTSU graduates!



create your unique username and password.

MT Ed Center launches in Shelbyville

Students seeking higher education now have more options closer to home with the opening of the Middle Tennessee Education Center at 841 Union St. in Shelbyville, Tenn. It is a partnership between MTSU and Motlow State Community College.

For more information on MTEC or to schedule an appointment, please call 931-685-4444. Additional information and updates will be posted at MTeducationcenter.com.

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The Lunch with the President series continued in April. President Sidney A. McPhee visited with alumni and friends in Brentwood, Tenn., and discussed the current university budget. He also answered questions from alumni and updated them on current MTSU happenings.

Budget

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lion to \$75.6 million but will be supplemented by one-time stimulus funds and state resources for the next two years. Starting fiscal year 2011-12, MTSU must be prepared to operate with a \$19.3 million budget reduction without the aforementioned additional funding.

Sharing details of how the university will reduce its budget, while making every effort to maintain academic quality and retain key personnel, has been a major area of focus for McPhee and his executive team for the past several months.

"We have attempted to be as open as we can about where we are and what must be done," said McPhee. "We have provided a wide variety of forums to not only educate our constituents about the challenging economic issues that we are facing but also to acquire feedback on how we might appropriately address those issues."

In April, during a "Lunch with the President"

event organized by the university's Alumni Relations office, McPhee gave a presentation on MTSU's Positioning the University for the Future Initiative to alumni. He provided an overview of critical budget issues, discussed how MTSU plans to address future budget reductions and answered questions from the audience. He has given similar presentations during the past several weeks to other groups such as MTSU's National Alumni Association Board, the University Foundation Board and the MTSU Dames Club.

Additional opportunities for alumni to receive direct updates from the president related to pending budget reductions and positioning MTSU for the future will be provided via the alumni Web site and through a variety of events that are to be scheduled during the upcoming academic year.

For the most recent updates, visit mtsu.edu/strategic/.

Record number of degree candidates

A record 2,275 degree candidates participated May 9 during two commencement ceremonies in Murphy Center. It marked the 98th spring commencement. U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Max Haston ('79) and Ed Clark of FedEx Trade Networks served as commencement speakers.



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Summer Reading Program for new freshmen

How Starbucks Saved My Life author will speak at Aug. 30 University Convocation

From staff reports

Summer readers can get a boost from MTSU's Summer Reading 2009 title, *How Starbucks Saved My Life: A Son of Privilege Learns to Live Like Everyone Else*, by Michael Gates Gill, as they prepare for the fall 2009 semester.

The Summer Reading Program, created in 2002, aims to provide a unifying experience for entering freshmen, give them a chance to read and interact with acclaimed authors and affirm the importance of reading for a successful and fulfilling life.

Gill

book before fall classes start Aug. 29, and all University 1010 classes will discuss the selection.

Faculty members are asked to incorporate the book into their classes when possible.

"As you prepare and/or revise your syllabi for the fall semester, please keep the MTSU Summer Reading Program in mind," said Dr. Laurie Witherow ('99), director of the Academic Support Center at MTSU. "This

Incoming freshmen are expected to read the

program's success depends on the involvement of the faculty who make use of the Summer Reading selection in fall classes.

"Students come to us in the fall expecting to discuss the Summer Reading selection in classes and use it as the basis of assignments. *How Starbucks Saved My Life* would be a perfect starting point for discussions on a wide range of topics and is especially recommended for use in communications, education, psychology, sociology, business and English courses," Witherow continued.

"All new students are required to read the book prior to their arrival on campus in the fall, so *How Starbucks Saved My Life* may be perfect as the basis for an early writing or other assignment. The students will be expecting to discuss their summer reading book from a variety of perspectives."

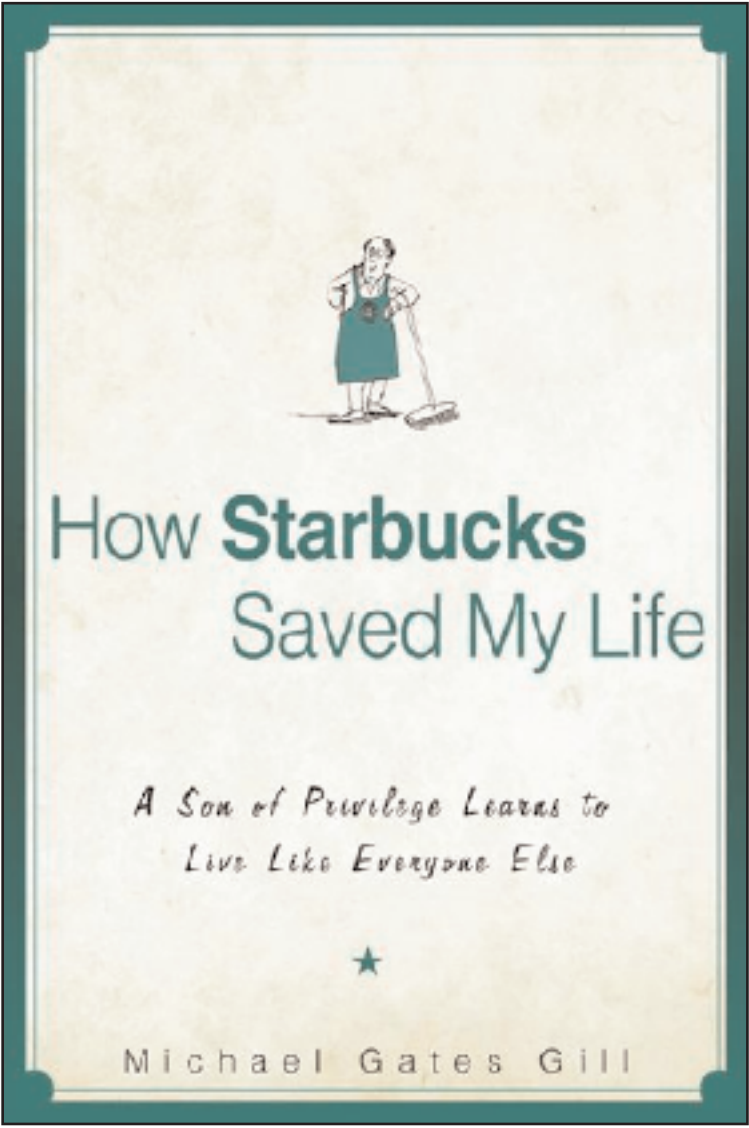
Faculty who want to use the book in their classrooms may contact Witherow at 615-898-2339 or lwitherow@mtsu.edu for a review copy.

Faculty and staff also are being encouraged to read the book and to join students at the University Convocation on Sunday, Aug. 30,

at 2 p.m. in Murphy Center, when Gill will serve as the keynote speaker for the opening of the 2009-10 academic year.

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— Dr. Laurie Witherow ('99),
Academic Support Center director



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Legislators hear about MTSU's growth

MTSU President Sidney A. McPhee, center, and former state Rep. John Hood ('54, '74), right, of the university's Office of Community Engagement and Support, join State Sen. Dolores Gresham, R-Somerville, left, and State Rep. Harry Brooks, R-Knoxville, during an informal April 2 visit to campus to learn more about Tennessee's fastest-growing university. After lunch, the president took the legislators, who chair their respective education committees in the legislature, on a driving tour of campus. They saw the new Health, Wellness and Recreation Center and MTSU Campus Pharmacy, took a turn on the new roundabout and viewed the sites of the future student union, College of Education building and the proposed science building.



CALENDAR

Alumni-related events

For more information on all the events listed below, go to www.mtalumni.com.

June

20 Alumni Day at Chattanooga Lookouts

24 - 26 Alumni Summer College

July

11 Alumni Day at Memphis Redbirds

August

8 Summer Commencement

29 Pigskin Pre-Game

30 Convocation

September

3 - 6 Alumni trip to Asheville, N.C., and Clemson, S.C.

19 Excellence in Aviation — Aerospace Alumni Event

25 Alumni Legacy Golf Classic

Pigskin Pre-Game will fund scholarships

Rutherford County Alumni Chapter's annual event set for Aug. 29

MTSU Alumni Relations

This year, the MTSU Rutherford County Alumni Chapter's annual Pigskin Pre-Game will be held on Saturday, Aug. 29, to kick off the Blue Raiders' football season and to raise money for the scholarship fund.

Pigskin Pre-Game will be held at a site to be announced later. Visit mtalumni.com to learn more.

Last year, this event raised more than \$9,000 for the Rutherford County Scholarship Fund and also got everyone excited about the upcoming Blue Raider football season. This year's event will fea-

ture entertainment, food from one of Murfreesboro's finest restaurants, drinks, conversations and an all-around great night!

"Last year we had over 500 people attend, raised over \$9,000 for the scholarship fund and enjoyed some of the best food and drink in Murfreesboro," said Paul Wydra, assistant director of Alumni Relations at MTSU.

Tickets for this event, which will run from 6:30 until 10:30 p.m., will be \$30 if purchased by Wednesday, Aug. 19, or \$35 at the door.

The ticket price includes food, drinks, entertainment, door prizes and more.

All proceeds from Pigskin Pre-Game will benefit the Rutherford County Alumni Scholarship Fund. The Rutherford County Alumni Fund has awarded \$57,000 in scholarships in the last three years, including \$20,000 for the upcoming 2009-10 school year.

For more information about this event, sponsorship opportunities or to reserve your tickets, please call 1-800-533-6878 or visit mtalumni.com. You also can mail payment to the Office of Alumni Relations, MTSU Box 104, Murfreesboro, TN, 37132.

Perlick named MTSU's director of development

By Randy Weiler jweiler@mtsu.edu

After conducting an eight-month national search, MTSU found new Director of Development Nick Perlick right in its backyard.

Perlick, 31, a Pittsburgh native and former development director and officer at Ohio State University from 2003 to 2005, moves to MTSU after serving as the Middle Tennessee Medical Center Foundation's executive director since December 2006.

"I'm very excited to be here," said Perlick, who started March 23. "Most of my previous experience has been in higher education at large state universities. I'm hopeful that some of the things I learned at those institutions we can bring here to help MTSU."

"In the first few weeks," he added, "I have found the staff in Development and University Relations to be a wonderful group of people. They have been great to work with so far."

In his position, Perlick will oversee an office of 10 people, which includes development directors who work with the colleges of Basic and Applied Sciences, Business, Continuing Education and Distance Learning, Liberal Arts, Education and Behavioral Science and Mass Communication; an assistant director and coordinator for annual giving; an executive aide; and a secretary.

Joe Bales, vice president for Development and University Relations, said he is pleased with the selection of Perlick and his decision to accept the job's challenges.

"We're extremely excited to have Nick here," Bales said. "The diversity of experiences he brings, having worked at two major institutions (Ohio State and Florida State universities) and the hospital, is an added dimension."

"He will bring new ideas and perspectives to our program and help provide the highest service to our donors and alumni. He will be a great fit for us."

Perlick said development's "primary job is to raise private funding for a wide variety of university needs."

In light of current economic times, Perlick said he knows the challenge will be great.

"Clearly, the great challenge the university is facing now is similar for us in development," he said. "The alumni and donor prospects we will be engaging are facing the same economic difficulties the university is facing."

"Interestingly, what we're going through provides a unique opportunity to strengthen our case for support. Never before have we needed philan-

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Bonnie ('99), Bradie, Sammy and Seth McCarty view a tiger skull and elephant and mammoth teeth on display.



Jenia Marie ('95) and Alvin ('94) Crawford await the start of their zoo visit with their children, Kayla, left, and Travis.



MTSU Alumni Relations photos
Ashley ('97), left, and Anthony ('97) Dumat start to stroll through the zoo with son Clay.

Having a zoo-rific time

The Nashville Zoo at Grassmere welcomed MTSU alumni for the third year to "paint the zoo blue." Alumni, friends and their families enjoyed all the animals, a picnic lunch and good fellowship. "This event allows our alums to have a great day out with their families at a reasonable cost, not to mention time to reconnect with their former MTSU classmates," said Paul Wydra, assistant director for Alumni Relations. "It's a win-win for everyone."

MTSU National Alumni Association President Mary Esther Reed, left, is shown with 2008-09 Young Alumni Achievement Award recipient Micheal J. Burt ('98, '02) of Murfreesboro; and Distinguished Alumni Award recipients Linda M. Hooper ('64) of Whitwell, Tenn., in the Professional Achievement category, Kenneth W. "Coon" Victory ('67) of Smyrna, Tenn., in the Service to the University category and Timothy E. Pettus ('73) of Lawrenceburg, Tenn., in the Service to the Community category. The four were recognized during Spring Commencement ceremonies May 9 in Murphy Center.



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Distinguished Alumni honored

Hooper, Pettus, Victory, Burt receive awards during May Commencement

By Michelle Stepp mbstepp@mtsu.edu

MTSU's May Commencement featured four very special graduates as the 2008-09 Distinguished Alumni were presented their awards by National Alumni Association President Mary Esther Reed.

The Distinguished Alumni Award is the highest honor given to an MTSU alumnus, and the Young Alumni Achievement Award is the top award for an alumnus under the age of 40.

In the category of Professional Achievement, the Distinguished Alumni Award was presented to Dr. Linda Hooper ('64). Hooper was the creator of the Paper Clip Project and founder of the Holocaust Memorial in Whitwell, Tenn.

Tim Pettus ('73) was presented the Distinguished Alumni Award in the category of Service to the Community, recognizing the countless hours of his time devoted to the betterment of Lawrence and Maury counties.

The Distinguished Alumni Award in the category of Service to

the University was presented to Ken "Coon" Victory ('67). Victory is a dedicated, loyal supporter of MTSU and has devoted much of his time to spreading the word about MTSU as well as raising money and support for the university.

The Young Alumni Achievement award was presented to Micheal Burt ('98, '02). Burt is a well-known motivational speaker and author as well as the former coach of the women's basketball team at Riverdale High School, where he led them to a state championship as well as six consecu-

tive winning seasons.

The Distinguished Alumni and Young Alumni Achievement Awards are presented annually by the MTSU Alumni Association. Alumni and friends are encouraged to help recognize the amazing achievements of MTSU graduates by submitting a nomination.

Nominations are being accepted for the 2010-11 awards.

More information about the awards, past recipients and nomination forms can be found at www.mtalumni.com.

Aerospace alums, others await Sept. 19 Excellence in Aviation

By Rhonda Wright rwright@mtsu.edu

All MTSU aerospace alumni, family, friends and students are invited to the Excellence in Aviation Scholarship Fundraiser Party on Saturday, Sept. 19, at the home of Bruce ('97) and Rachel Thomas in Mt. Juliet, Tenn.

Since 2003, the fundraiser has become a tradition for the MTSU aerospace community. Partygoers arrive by planes, boats and automobiles for a night of fun on the beautiful banks of Old Hickory Lake.

This year's festivities will begin at 6 p.m. Ticket costs are \$50 per couple, \$30 for individuals and \$20 for students.



The entry fee includes dinner and beverages catered by Cinco de Mayo of Hermitage, Tenn. Don Pendley and his band will provide entertainment. A silent auction will include items such as plane rides for guests to bid on.

The party raises money for the MTSU Excellence in Aviation Scholarship, which awards four \$1,000 scholarships to aerospace students each year. The four recipients must be aerospace majors with a 3.0 or higher GPA and be in good standing with the university. Students must submit an essay stating why they should receive the scholarship money and how it will benefit them in their studies. MTSU faculty select two deserving men and two deserving women each year to receive the scholarships. There have been \$27,000 in scholarships awarded in the past six years.

The Thomas's address is 421 Beacon Hill Drive, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122. For more information, join the Facebook group Excellence in Aviation Scholarship or visit the events page of mtalumni.com.

Contact Jennifer Allen, College of Basic and Applied Sciences development director, with any questions at jallen@mtsu.edu or 615-898-5003.



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Lunch for a great cause

The MTSU Rutherford County Alumni Chapter hosted its annual scholarship fundraiser at Bonefish Grill in April. The luncheon raised almost \$3,000 for the Rutherford County Scholarship Fund. The fund has awarded \$57,000 in scholarships during the past three years, including \$20,000 for the 2009-10 school year. If you would like to donate to the Rutherford County Scholarship Fund or have any questions, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 1-800-533-6878.

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CLASS NOTES

1960s

David Cady ('68), Rocky Face, Ga., has been nominated for Georgia Author of the Year. His new novel, *The Handler*, came out in Nov. 2008.

Diane Duncan ('67), Louisville, Ky., is teaching part time at Noe Middle School and Art Magnet.

Glen Earl Eubanks ('62), Murfreesboro, is a retired oceanographer from the U.S. Navy and a retired Central Middle School math and science teacher.

Marie Eubanks ('62), Murfreesboro, is a retired medical librarian.

1970s

Retired Colonel Al Allenback ('73), Montgomery, Ala., has been appointed district director for Congressman Bobby Bright, 2nd Congressional District, Alabama.

Dr. Bobby Barton ('75), Richmond, Ky., will present "On Nov. 14, 1970, Tragedy Struck Marshall" at the National Athletic Training Association's annual meeting.

Ralph Crary ('72), Goodlettsville, Tenn., is a discharge nurse at Nashville Veterans Hospital.

William Donnie Daniel ('72), Brentwood, Tenn., is executive vice president and chief financial officer for Ingram Entertainment Inc.

Terry Haston ('79), Knoxville, Tenn., has been promoted to brigadier general and is assigned as the assistant adjutant general, Army, with the Tennessee Guard.

Stanley Lillie ('76), Alexandria, Va., is owner of S.H. Lillie Associates, LLC.

Dixie McClintock ('72), Chattanooga, Tenn., has published a new children's book, *Lambtalk*.

Peggy McMurray ('71, '73), McMinnville, Tenn., is a retired Warren County Schools' teacher.

Ramona Richards ('79, '94), Madison, Tenn., has released her latest romantic suspense novel, *The Taking of Carly Bradford*.

Milton Smith ('73), Sylacauga, Ala., is co-founder and a leadership coach for Make Way Partners.

Judy Suiter ('75), Tyrone, Ga., is founder and CEO of Competitive Edge Inc. and was one of *Women Looking Ahead* magazine's "Most Powerful and Influential Women."

Pamela White ('71, '73), Edmond, Okla., retired in September 2008 from her position as a school psychologist for the Oklahoma City Public Schools.

Lynne Whittington ('73, '79), Sheridan, Wyo., is executive director for the Northern Wyoming Mental Health Center.

Rev. Steve Wolf ('78), Old Hickory, Tenn., has published a new book, *God's Money*.

1980s

Daren Allen ('87, '89), Stone Mountain, Ga., is an assistant professor of mathematics at Georgia Military College in Milledgeville, Ga.

George Scott Higdon ('85, '86), Herndon, Va., works for the Office of the Director of National Intelligence and has been assigned duties in the White House Situation Room.

Sandra Hunt ('85), Antioch, Tenn., is a regional investigator for the State of Tennessee.

David Jackson ('87), Franklin, Tenn., has been named in the Barron's list of top financial advisers in the country. He is a financial adviser with Merrill Lynch and has been named one of the top 15 financial advisers in the state of Tennessee.

Deborah King ('83), Smyrna, Tenn., is the human resources service manager for Skanska USA Building Inc.

Randy Moody ('89), Murfreesboro, is the director of ice cream sales for Purity Dairy.

Dotti Parkerson ('82), Loudon, Tenn., has been a driver for UPS the past 24 years and is a natural horsemanship trainer.

Jay Povlin ('87), Knoxville, Tenn., is senior vice president of sales for the US Marine and Outboard boats division of Brunswick Corporation.

Armando Ramos ('88), Apache Junction, Ariz., is director of Six Sigma and Statistics for Medplast in Tempe, Ariz.

Marion Southall-White ('88), Antioch, Tenn., is an administrator for the new adult learning center for the United Steel Workers in La Vergne, Tenn.

1990s

Becky Andrews ('97), Lebanon, Tenn., co-writes a weekly column in the *Wilson Post* titled "Telling Tales." She also has launched a magazine titled *Wilson Living Magazine*.

Clara Bailey ('92), Collierville, Tenn., is a pharmacist for Baptist Hospital.

Margaret Ashley Booth ('90), Birmingham, Ala., is an events coordinator for the state of Alabama and Tannehill State Park.

Mary Lynn Dickens ('97, '99), Shelbyville, Tenn., is a school counselor for Shelbyville Central High School.

David J. Earl ('92), Nashville, Tenn., is the band director for Gallatin High School.

SSG Lance Evans ('96), Arlington, Texas, is currently serving in Afghanistan with 636 MI Bn, under the 101st Airborne Division in Konar Province.

Shawn Farley ('92), Sterling, Va., is director of public affairs for the American College of Radiology in Washington, D.C.

James Hanback ('94), Columbia, Tenn., has launched a self-publishing, editing and design service called Two Peas Publishing.

Sonya Hutton ('95), Carrollton, Texas, has been appointed to the board of directors for the Susan G. Komen North Texas affiliate.

Melinda M. Lickiss ('93, '97), Lexington, Ky., is a gender and women's studies teaching assistant for the University of Kentucky.

Jason McAfee ('98), Brentwood, Tenn., is the USDA conservationist for Rutherford and Williamson counties.

Anissa Mirtes ('91), Calhoun, Ga., is a kindergarten teacher for the Gordon County Schools.

Gregory Nance ('96), White House, Tenn., is production director for 94 FM The Fish.

Andrew Proctor ('91), Somerville, Tenn., is a music teacher for the Hardeman County School district, Germantown Conservatory of Music, and is a staff singer at St. George's Episcopal Church.

Melissa S. Range ('99), Smyrna, Tenn., is a conflicts coordinator for Baker Donelson.

Kelly Rollins ('93), Murfreesboro, is chief volunteer officer for the Board of Directors of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Rutherford County.

Sondra Rowley ('94), Denver, Colo., is a physical therapist assistant.

Hazel Rucker ('95), Nashville, Tenn., is a CNA in training for Sitters and More.

Patrik Zackrisson ('95), Alvsjo, Sweden, is an account director for Verizon Business.

2000s

Jamie Adams ('01), Nashville, Tenn., is a project coordinator for United Healthcare.

Rebecca Alcorn ('06), Knoxville, Tenn., is a corporate trainer for the UT Federal Credit Union.

Jonas Applegate ('06), Antioch, Tenn., works for Smallbone Management in Franklin, Tenn.

Kiera Ashford ('05), Murfreesboro, is an associate editor for Day Communications Inc.

Candace N. Austin ('06), Pooler, Ga., is a controller for Kerry Inc.

Nichole Baker ('04, '07), Dresden, Tenn., is an education liaison for MTCI/TARNG.

Julie Basler ('01), Littleton, Colo., is vice president for academic affairs at Platt College.

Stephanie A. Blackmon ('04), Murfreesboro, is a claim representative for State Farm Insurance.

Rudy Blank ('00), Murfreesboro, is chief financial officer for Centerre Healthcare Corporation.

Keila Brady ('08), Johnson City, Tenn., is the band director for Washington County Schools.

Jerry W. Carlton ('01), Hermitage, Tenn., is a wholesale account executive for Fifth Third Bank.

Trudy Christman ('08), Tallahassee, Fla., is a quality engineer for Martin Electronics.

Kristina Clark ('06), Murfreesboro, is executive director of the Coffee County Anti-Drug Coalition.

Rachel Cowan ('07, '08), Hendersonville, Tenn., is a staff accountant for Carr, Riggs and Ingram, LLC.

Tiffany Culp ('08), Nashville, Tenn., is a kindergarten teacher.

James Davidson ('05), Germantown, Tenn., is a pilot for Mesaba Airlines.

Trey Duke ('03, '07), Murfreesboro, has been awarded the \$25,000 Milken Educator Award.

Jeffrey Ehlinger ('08), Murfreesboro, is a part-time field scheduler for Nielsen Media Research.

Tyreca E. Ewing ('05), Hermitage, Tenn., is a staff accountant for Deloitte.

Katie Folk ('08), Nashville, Tenn., is a staff associate for McNeely Pigott and Fox Public Relations.

Rebecca French ('04), Cordova, Tenn., is a physical therapist for Rehab Etc.

Paul Fulcher ('07), New York, N.Y., is a financial sales associate for Bloomberg LP who covers Tennessee and Alabama.

Brian Gillespie ('01), Bluff City, Tenn., is a Peace Corps Volunteer in Kazakhstan and teaches English at the Kazakh Gymnasium.

Lara Harke ('07), Murfreesboro, is assistant director for Ms. Nichole's Inc.

Olivia Hayes ('04), Orange, Calif., is an administrator for the graduate law program at Chapman University School of Law.

Misty Herndon ('05), Waverly, Tenn., is a paralegal at the law office of Anthony L. Sanders.

Kimberly Knight ('06), Norwich, N.Y., is a staff scheduler.

Regina Lackey ('06), Nashville, Tenn., is an executive assistant for the William Morris Agency.

Yvonne Lather ('05), Napoleon, Ohio, is an accounts receivable and payable specialist for Diehl Foods Ingredients Inc.

Beth Lizzio ('06), Jonesborough, Tenn., is an editor and works in the vendor marketing department of STL Distribution.

Bill Lizzio ('06), Jonesborough, Tenn., is vice president of CustomSmart Homes in Johnson City, Tenn.

SSG Jake Melton ('01), Fayetteville,

N.C., received the Bronze Star for his human intelligence collection role during all of 2008 in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

Dr. Clay Nicks ('05), Fortson, Ga., is an assistant professor of exercise science at Columbus State University.

Tenisha Odom ('06), Nashville, Tenn., is a social studies and science teacher for Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools.

Jaclyn Ohman ('06), Sarasota, Fla., has earned the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design accredited professional status.

Russell Parman ('06), Fredericksburg, Va., works for the U.S. Department of Defense.

Patrick Phiri ('06), La Vergne, Tenn., is a technical support coordinator for Ingram Book Company.

Holly Noel Roberts ('08), Murfreesboro broadcasts for Country Music Television.

Brian Runion ('07), Riceville, Tenn., is a Navy seaman and recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Jason Searles ('04), Cookeville, Tenn., is a mortgage loan consultant for SunTrust Mortgage Inc.

Sarah Skates ('03), Nashville, Tenn., is the news editor for Music Row Communications.

Tamikia Smith ('07), Kissimmee, Fla., is a second-grade teacher for the Osceola County School District.

Lee Stevens ('00), South Bend, Ind., is a news producer for Schurz Communications.

Jeffrey Syracuse ('01), Nashville, Tenn., is an account manager for the eastern division of Broadcast Music Inc.

Janis "Faye" Tyree ('08), Watertown, Tenn., is a preschool teacher for Barfield Academy in Murfreesboro.

Jennifer Uselton ('05), Manchester, Tenn., is an elementary art teacher for the Franklin County Schools.

Tabitha Vanns ('00, '05), Thompson Station, Tenn., is a tax consultant for Nissan North America.

Sarah Warner ('07), Murfreesboro, is an accountant for the MTSU Tennessee Center for Child Welfare Finance and Operations division.

2009 MT FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 5 at Clemson
Sept. 12 Memphis
Sept. 19 at Maryland
Sept. 26 at North Texas*

Oct. 6 at Troy* (7p.m., ESPN2)
Oct. 17 Mississippi State
Oct. 24 Western Kentucky* (HC)
Oct. 31 at Florida Atlantic*

Nov. 7 Florida International (FW)*
Nov. 14 Louisiana-Lafayette*
Nov. 21 Arkansas State*
Nov. 28 at Louisiana-Monroe

Dec. 20 New Orleans Bowl (ESPN2)
HOME games are in bold
* — Sun Belt Conference games
(HC) — Homecoming
(FW) — Family Weekend
All dates, times subject to change

For ticket information, visit
goblueraiders.com.

‘Thank you,’ alumni, for continued support

My tenure as president of the MTSU National Alumni Association is drawing to a close, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your continued support of this great university.

One of the ways that MTSU remains a leader in higher education in the state is through the support of our alumni.

Through the years, we have observed alumni “making things happen” with their generous gifts of money and time. Please



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be assured your support is appreciated and it does make a difference.

On a more personal note, I would like to express my gratitude to the current board and committees who have worked so diligently this year. Your support of our agenda and your officers have made this a successful year for all of us. I have enjoyed renewing friendships and meeting new Blue Raider supporters. As I reflect on the year, there were so many individuals who worked on numerous events that my space is too limited for me to thank all of you by name:

To all members of the MTSU Family, I say a big thank you. I have enjoyed my work with you, and

I remain grateful for the opportunity to promote our university.

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 owner of The Learning Circle in Murfreesboro since 2002.

Hayes' name goes on stadium

Highly honored, 43-year veteran MTSU track and field Coach Dean Hayes was recognized May 8 during ceremonies to name the Blue Raiders' newest athletic facility the Dean A. Hayes Track and Soccer Stadium. At right, Hayes shares remarks. Far right, former athletes surround their coach, who is in five halls of fame. Below right, former Raiders Joe O'Loughlin ('82), left, and Jim Fitch ('84) reminisce.



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Baby Raiders

William Maeson Abramson, born March 16, 2009, to **Shanna** ('00) and **Joshua Abramson** ('03) of Winchester, Tenn.

Easton Alexander Baker, born Aug. 19, 2008, to **Lara** ('04) and **Brad Baker** ('03) of Jackson, Tenn.

Roman Gale Brawner, born Aug. 24, 2008, to Susan and **Joel Brawner** ('92, '99) of Lafayette, Tenn.

Tristyn Layla Burton, born Oct. 4, 2008, to **Quintina** ('01, '03) and **Trent Burton** ('01) of Murfreesboro.

Connor Joseph Clagg, born Nov. 19, 2008, to **Hayley** ('01) and **Joe Clagg** of Murfreesboro.

Olivia Sarah Collins, born Jan. 4, 2009, to Michelle and **Bryan Collins** ('94) of Nashville, Tenn.

Maggie Ann Effler, born May 30, 2008, to **Michelle** ('01) and **Joshua Effler** of Hermitage, Tenn.

Ally Paige Everett, born Nov. 3, 2008, to **Tiffany** ('98) and **Donnie Everett** of Maryville, Tenn.

Raegan Lin-Yen Farley, born Sept. 1, 2008, to Sabrina and **Shawn Farley** ('92) of Sterling, Va.

Isaiah Graham Garrison, born Oct. 6, 2008, to **Kelly** ('02) and **Jonathan Garrison** ('01) of Spring Hill, Tenn.

William Tate Gay, born Jan. 2, 2009, to **Natalie** ('05) and **William Kearney Gay** of New Orleans, La.

Isabella Amanda Hansen, born March 25, 2009, to Tina and Captain **Brian Hansen** ('04) of Fort Richardson, Alaska.

Aaron Andre Haynes, born March 6, 2009, to **Erica** ('05) and **Jeremy Haynes** ('03) of Nashville, Tenn.

Elizabeth Helton, born Jan. 7, 2009, to Alicia and **Kevin Helton** ('99) of Rogersville, Tenn.

Matthew Edward Jones, born Jan. 4, 2009, to **Gina** ('92, '02) and **Hugh Jones** of Murfreesboro.

Nathaniel Houston Lamb, born March 19, 2009, to **Katherine** ('03) and **Shane Lamb** ('93) of Rockvale, Tenn.

Sophie Jo Lamb, born Nov. 4, 2008, to **Jodi** ('04) and **Chad Lamb** ('06) of Murfreesboro.

Marlee Erin Madry, born Sept. 18, 2008, to **Calita** ('99) and **Marland Madry** ('97) of Stockbridge, Ga.

Hunter Elijah Maples, born March 14, 2009, to Shannon and Major **Bill Maples** ('96) of Ridgecrest, Calif.

Carden McLean Maxwell, born Feb. 3, 2009, to **Suzanne S.** ('94) and **Chris Maxwell** ('92, '95) of Chattanooga, Tenn.

Nicole Range, born July 13, 2008, to **Melissa Range** ('99) of Smyrna, Tenn.

Owen Bradley Roberts, born Feb. 15, 2009, to **Marilyn Ridner** ('02, '03) and **Bradley Roberts** of Manchester, Tenn.

Luke Collins Pruter, born Jan. 17, 2009, to Chantelle and **Glenn Pruter** ('91) of Murfreesboro.

Grace Ellen Skates, born March 5, 2009, to **Sarah Skates** ('03) of Nashville, Tenn.

Emmalyn Kensington White, born Feb. 14, 2009, to Amy and **Perry White** ('02) of Richmond Hill, Ga.

Gavin Thau Woody, born Dec. 10, 2008, to **Jennifer** ('00) and **Chris Woody** of Hermitage, Tenn.

Dexter Zackrisson, born Dec. 15, 2008, to Laura and **Patrik Zackrisson** ('95) of Alvsjo, Sweden.



In Memoriam

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

1940s

James C. Scott ('40), Shelbyville, Tenn., died Jan. 25, 2009.

1950s

Lt. Col. (Ret.) Henry S. Richards ('53, '56), Nashville, Tenn., died Aug. 30, 2008.

Lynn A. "Blackie" Williamson ('59, '63), Oneida, Tenn., died Jan. 27, 2009.

1960s

Jefferson B. Davis ('69), Newnan, Ga., died May 6, 2005.
John Hill ('61), Bethpage, Tenn., died Jan. 4, 2009.

1970s

Billie Everett ('72), Brentwood, Tenn., died Feb. 19, 2009.
Gay Goethert ('71), Tullahoma, Tenn., died Dec. 11, 2008.
Donald Jones ('79), Clinton, Tenn., died Oct. 17, 2008.
Mike Miner ('77), Sevierville, Tenn., died July 24, 2008.
Stanley Shanks ('78), Madison, Ala., died Dec. 29, 2008.

1990s

Lt. William Emmert ('99), Lebanon, Tenn., died Feb. 25, 2009.
Matthew Malone ('99), Fayetteville, Tenn., died Feb. 26, 2009.
Raymonte Shockley ('96), La Vergne, Tenn., died March 23, 2009.

Leaving a lasting legacy

Alumni Association scholarship honors an MTSU education

MTSU Alumni Relations

The MTSU Alumni Association is proud to announce the first recipients of the newly established Alumni Legacy Scholarship.

The Alumni Legacy Scholarship was created to honor the legacy of an MTSU education and is awarded to children of alumni who are sophomores and above at MTSU.

Two recipients received the scholarship for the 2009-10 academic year.

Lindsey Sharp is the daughter of MTSU alumna Lori Ann Sharp ('97) of Mt. Juliet and is a chemistry major. Rebekah Horton is the daughter of MTSU alumna Kelley Horton ('93) of Nashville and is a double major of instrumental performance and political science.

Both women will receive a \$1,000 scholarship for the upcoming school year.

The scholarship is funded by donations raised through the annual Alumni Legacy Golf Classic as well as private donations from alumni. The Alumni Legacy Golf Classic will be held on the afternoon of Sept. 25, 2009, at Indian Hills Golf Course.

For more information about the Alumni Legacy Scholarship, donating to the scholarship or supporting it through playing or sponsoring the Golf Classic, please visit mtalumni.com or call Michelle Stepp at 615-898-2922.



MTSU Alumni Relations photo

Lindsey Sharp, left, and Rebekah Horton received \$1,000 each from the 2009-10 Alumni Legacy Scholarship.



MTSU Alumni Relations photo

Enjoying the Sun Belt tourney experience

The Sun Belt Basketball Championships played host to a group Alumni Champagne Brunch in Hot Springs, Ark. Alumnus Sandra Stott ('60)

and her husband, Fred, stock up on a few items at the MTSU Alumni reception area.

CAMPUS BRIEF

McPhee names Miller interim provost; Gebert returns to classroom

Tennessee Board of Regents Chancellor Charles Manning has approved MTSU President Sidney A. McPhee's recommendation to appoint Dr. Diane Miller interim provost, effective May 11.

Miller, an MTSU employee since 1993, has been academic affairs vice provost since July 2008.

Executive Vice President and Provost Dr. Kaylene Gebert stepped down from the job she held since 2003. She will teach in the MTSU Department of Speech and Theatre.



ALUMNI Legacy GOLF CLASSIC

to benefit a newly established scholarship for children of MTSU alumni

September 25 ■ Indian Hills Golf Course

Information and registration info:
www.mtalumni.com

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thropy to be such a major part of the university's funding."

Perlick said he "hopes the dollars the Development Office is able to raise can help significantly in the continued transformation of the university."

At the MTMC Foundation, Perlick led the oversight and management of all fundraising efforts. In his role there, his personal cultivation and solicitation of individual, corporate and foundation

gifts ranged from \$100 to \$10 million. When he left, the MTMC Foundation was planning and coordinating a \$20 million capital campaign.

Perlick replaces Kirk Purdom, who left MTSU in July 2008 to become vice president of advancement at Kentucky Wesleyan College in his hometown of Owensboro.

Perlick and his wife, Erin, a native of Crossville, live in Murfreesboro. They have a 9-month-old son, Ross.

MTSU ALUMNI AND FRIENDS NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK

Chattanooga Lookouts Baseball Game

Saturday, June 20, 2009 - 7:15 p.m. EST
Famous Chicken Night

\$10 per person (six and under free)

Ticket includes pre-game picnic.

Gates open at 5:30 p.m.; food will be served until game time.

Deadline to register is Friday, June 12, 2009.



Memphis Redbirds Baseball Game

Saturday, July 11, 2009 - 6:05 p.m.
Fireworks Night

\$18 for adults, \$15 for children 12 and under

Ticket includes pre-game picnic.

Gates open at 5 p.m.; food will be served for two hours.

Deadline to register is Friday, July 3, 2009.

To register and pre-pay for these events, please contact the Alumni Relations Office at 1-800-533-6878, e-mail alumni@mtsu.edu or register on-line at www.mtalumni.com.

