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Coming attraction

Many homecoming activities precede Louisiana- Monroe game

By Rhonda Wright King rwking@mtsu.edu

You are invited to pack your bags for the “Bright Lights, Blue City” of Homecoming 2010, Oct. 22-23. Your alumni relations office wants to start spreading the news of a Homecoming Playbill full of great events that will honor the traditions of the past while making memories for the future.

Graduates from the Class of 1960 and earlier are invited to join members of the Golden Raiders Society for the Golden Raiders Reunion on Friday, Oct. 22. Registration is at 2 p.m. at the Tom H. Jackson Building, followed by a campus tour and a social hour. The Golden Raiders Society Induction Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. The Class of 1960 will be inducted into this esteemed society, honoring 50 years since graduation.

Watch the Homecoming Parade, led by actor Lane Davies ('72), from the best view on campus during Mixer on Middle at the Alumni House. This party is open to all alumni, friends and fans. Announcing the parade at Mixer this year will be Chip Walters ('85), the Voice of the Blue Raiders, and WSMV

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A chart topper

Alumni Summer College's 'A Song's Life' is a classic

By Rhonda Wright King rwking@mtsu.edu

Sixty-two alumni and friends from 10 different states returned to campus for three music-filled days during the third annual Alumni Summer College June 23-25.

The Office of Alumni Relations was proud to serve as host for the event, which featured the College of Mass Communication's recording industry department. This year's theme was “A Song's Life,” and participants learned about songwriters, studio recording, performances, publishing and the business of a song.

Alumni Summer College began June 23 with a panel discussion of the Department of Recording Industry. Hal Newman, Cosette Collier, Beverly Keel ('88), Stephanie Taylor and Melissa Wald explained the department's major concentrations of songwriting, audio production, music business, legal and copyright, and publishing. The history and the future of MTSU were presented by Suma

Clark ('70, '77) and Patti Miller, assistant vice president for campus planning.

The first evening was spent at the downtown Murfreesboro Center for the Arts, where dinner and class member introductions were shared. The evening's entertainment was the Jack and Diane Show, where Jack and Diane Untz hosted fellow songwriters for a private in-the-round show. The show included the duo Watson and Nash, whose song “Bring It On” will air during Fox Sports' NFL coverage this fall, and MTSU graduate Eric Paslay ('05). On track to be one of Nashville's hottest songwriters, Paslay wowed everyone with his performance of “Less Than Whole,” co-written with Big Kenny of Big and Rich.

The next morning began with a show-and-tell session from MTSU assistant professor and songwriter Newman, BMI songwriter Wood Newton, ASCAP songwriters Casey Kelly and Bonnie Baker, and Dr. Loren Mulraine, Mulraine, recording industry department chair.

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Alumni Relations photo

Jim Sherraden ('83) presents the original Hatch Show Print he designed for Alumni Summer College. The poster was the favorite souvenir of the program.

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Centennial plans will feature History Walk

Granite bands to show milestones; Countdown archive is on web

By Randy Weiler jweiler@mtsu.edu

As MTSU makes preparations for its Centennial Celebration in 2011-12, many efforts are under way with various committees planning creative and festive ways to commemorate the university's 100th anniversary.

One group, the History Walk Committee, formulated and implemented plans for a 100-year, history-laden, new quad area between the new Student Union and College of Education buildings.

"Milestone dates in history will be inscribed in granite bands that will radiate around the new grass quadrangle," said Patti Miller, assistant vice president for campus planning.

"The bands are organized by decades," she said, adding that they will range from a 1911 marker on the south end of the quad to a 2011 marker at the north end of the quad.

"Granite bands that continue past 2011 will be reserved for milestones in future years," she said.

Significant name changes (Middle Tennessee State Normal School in 1911, Middle Tennessee State Teachers College in 1925, Middle Tennessee State College in 1943 and MTSU in 1965), all 10 university presidents' names, enrollments through the decades, student-body organizations, the first

alma mater, fight song, dorm rules from 1932-33, logos, major anniversaries (50, 75, 85 and 100), and much more will be highlighted.

In future years, the Student Government Associations may be able to designate "class quotes" that mark their year, said Miller and campus planning colleagues Jamie Brewer ('01) and Brian Dell, who serve on the committee with Faye Johnson ('65, '69) in Academic Affairs, Tom Tozer in News and Public Affairs, Dr. Jim Williams of the Albert Gore Research Center and Suma Clark ('70, '77), formerly of Publications and Graphics, also serve on the committee.

Contractors Messer Construction and Pinnacle Construction are performing the work as part of the contract, the campus planning trio said.

Find Centennial Countdowns on the web

Former News and Public Affairs staff member John Lynch isn't just a history buff; he's a history hound. For nearly five years before retiring June 30, Lynch chronicled a number of the university's chapters of history through Centennial Countdown, part of the monthly "Middle



Tennessee Record" television programs. Lynch, who now is enrolled in the Ph.D. in public history program, and his talented graduate assistants recorded live and incorporated rare video footage into the segments.

These can be found at www.mtsu.edu/news/MTR/index.shtml.

Then click on either the YouTube icon or "Browse all MTSUNews videos."

Some samples of Centennial Countdowns include:

- "Three figures broke racial barriers at MTSU," a segment saluting Olivia Woods ('65, '74), the first African-American student in 1962; Mary Scales ('67), the first black faculty member; and the late Dr. James E. Walker, the first African-American president;
- Stories about beloved Dr. Bob Womack ('48), Albert Gore Sr. ('32) and Whitney Stegall ('37);
- "MTSU Salutes Heroes" (veterans); and
- "King and Hampton, female pioneers," recognizing Jeanette Moore King, the first female student, and Martha G. Hampton, the first female administrator.

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Ever-changing campus landscape

Tucker Theatre renovations (left), which include the installation of cushioned seats, should be complete this fall. Workers continue to make strides at the new

Student Union Building (right) as the mid-August aerial photograph indicates and also with the new College of Education Building, both on the east side of campus.

Major changes

President names Bartel provost, Petryshak VP for ITD and CIO



Bartel



Petryshak

From staff reports

In late spring, MTSU President Sidney A. McPhee announced two major administrative appointments. These include:

- Bruce M. Petryshak, who was named vice president for information technology and chief information officer, replacing Lucinda Lea ('74), who retired. He has served as CIO for Bowling Green State University in Ohio since 2001; and
- Dr. Brad Bartel, who was named provost in academic affairs, assuming the position held for six years by Dr. Kaylene Gebert. He previously was president at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colo.

"MTSU is extremely fortunate to attract someone with Dr. Bartel's extensive administrative and academic experience," McPhee said. "As a sitting president and former provost, he brings the kind of comprehensive view of institutional operations and the academic enterprise that is needed to help us in

our efforts to position MTSU for the future."

"Over the course of his professional career, Mr. Petryshak has worked his way through the ranks of information technology," McPhee added. "He comes to us very highly recommended and has the kind of professional background and experience that will allow us to continue the outstanding work started by Lucinda Lea in providing world-class IT services for our campus."

McPhee said Petryshak has more than 30 years of experience in a variety of areas of IT. In his former position at BGSU, he provided leadership for more than 140 professionals and 160 student employees. MTSU's IT department includes 75 staff members and 22 students.

Bartel has more than 35 years of experience in higher education, including more than 25 years of senior-level administrative leadership at four major public universities.

MTSU held a national search to fill both jobs.

\$27K gift boosts Horne Scholarship

By Tom Tozer ttozer@mtsu.edu

Career diplomat Harry Horne decided not to give his wife flowers for her birthday. Flowers die, he said.

Instead, he gave her a gift that would last forever: Horne contributed another \$27,000 in her honor to the MTSU Foundation, rounding up the Harry J. and Betty Lewter Horne Endowed Scholarship to \$50,000. The fund provides scholarships to students in the Department of Political Science.

Horne, a native of Canada, served four years in the U.S. Army, followed by a 35-year stint in the Foreign Service as a Canadian diplomat.

"And I made my fortune teaching as an adjunct professor at MTSU," he quipped.

"I like to say Harry is a registered alien," interjected Betty, his wife of 30 years. "And he's an 'adjunk.'"

"I always wanted to live in a place with four seasons, good medical facilities and good transportation," he said, referring to middle Tennessee. "Oh, yes, and Betty's from here."

Harry taught political science at MTSU from 1983 until 1990.

"(Former MTSU President) Sam Ingram and I were having lunch, and he asked me if I would like to teach at MTSU. He told me they never had anyone teaching international relations who had experience abroad. I told him, 'You're on.' That was the nicest thing that ever happened to me, because I still have contacts at the university. I get invited to



Andy Heidt/MTSU Photographic Services

Betty and Harry Horne recently padded their political-science scholarship endowment to \$50,000 with a \$27,000 contribution. He taught at MTSU from 1983 until 1990.

things, and I enjoy mixing with the students.

"I have a couple of degrees, and no one gave them to me," he noted. "I worked to get the money to get my bachelor's degree. Nowadays it's hard for people to find a job and save enough money," which, he said, is one reason he created the scholarship.

Horne received his bachelor's degree in commerce from the University of British Columbia and his MBA from the University of Toronto.

To become a Horne Scholar, a student must be a graduate of a Tennessee high school and major in international relations and/or global studies at MTSU. The applicant also must have a 3.0 GPA, and an incoming freshman must have scored at least a 25 on the ACT exam to qualify. The award is for one academic year. Recipients may reapply in subsequent years if they meet the scholarship criteria.

"I kept reading in the paper about how tough it was to get money to go to school," Harry said.

"That's how the idea came along —to heck with giving her more flowers," he laughed, turning to his wife. "It's not a lot of money, but it's a legacy that lives on forever."

International alumni profile

(Fifth in a series)

Name: Logan Key

U.S. hometown: Franklin, Tenn.

International locations: Spain, Italy, Croatia, Greece, Turkey, Bulgaria, Egypt and Morocco

Additional information:

2010 MTSU graduate and University Honors College participant who studied biology and chemistry and spent the summer of 2009 on a cruise ship (the *MV Explorer*, a traveling university and residential home to more than 2,000 Semester at Sea participants each year) visiting eight countries in Europe and Africa, taking courses in philosophy, international women's health and global studies. ... Attending Quillen College of Medicine at East Tennessee State University in Johnson City.

About her experience: "Semester at Sea is unlike any other study-abroad program. From the access students have to professors to the wide selection of courses to the number of countries one can visit, (it) offers students a passport to the world and education guided by some of the country's top professors. ... Because of Dr. Andrea Parrott's (Cornell University) class and the personal experience I had with women's health issues throughout the world, I have found more direction for my future career as a physician."



Key

Fall Phonathon calls will begin Sept. 12

MTSU's Office of Development and current students will begin their annual fall Phonathon on Tuesday, Sept. 12.

The schedule includes Sept. 12-14, James E. Walker Library and University Honors College; Sept. 14 -27, Jennings A. Jones College of Business; Sept. 28-Oct.12, College of Liberal Arts; Oct. 21-31, College of Mass Communication; Nov. 1-15, College of Basic and Applied Sciences; and Nov. 16-Dec. 2, College of Education and Behavioral Sciences.

The Phonathon aims to build MTSU's alumni participation through yearly gifts from alumni, parents and students by informing them about the current needs on campus, said Meredith Kerr, associate director of annual giving.

CALENDAR

Alumni events

September

Sept. 9 Nashville networking event
Sept. 10 Alumni Legacy Golf Tournament
Sept. 18 Alumni pregame event at Memphis
Sept. 23 Alumni at "9 to 5: The Musical," TPAC
Sept. 25 Excellence in Aviation Alumni Party
Sept. 30 Murfreesboro networking event

October

Oct. 15 Alumni gathering/pregame event at Georgia Tech
Oct. 22 Golden Raiders Reunion
Oct. 23 MTSU Homecoming

November

Nov. 20 Alumni pregame event at WKU

For more information and to register for events, go to mtalumni.com.

Campus events

September

Sept. 3 Angela Deboer faculty horn recital*
Sept. 3 First Friday Star Party**
Sept. 10 Lynn Rice See faculty piano recital*
Sept. 12 Laura Ann Ross faculty oboe recital*
Sept. 19 Angela Tipps faculty organ recital*
Sept. 20 Deanna Little faculty flute recital*
Sept. 20 Amy Marinello guest bassoon recital*
Sept. 21 Tanya Lawson, clarinet; Jessica Dunnivant, flute; faculty recital*
Sept. 24 MTSU Wind Ensemble*
Sept. 27 Andrea Dawson, violin; Todd Waldecker, clarinet; Arunesh Nadgir, piano, faculty trio recital*
Sept. 30 MTSU Choral Concert*

October

Oct. 1 First Friday Star Party**
Oct. 4 Jamey Simmons faculty jazz recital (big band)*
Oct. 6 MTSU Commercial Music Ensemble*
Oct. 6-9 *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, MTSU Theatre and Dance***
Oct. 10 MTSU Women's Chorale*
Oct. 11 MTSU Chamber Winds/Brass Ensemble*
Oct. 13 Tonya Lawson faculty clarinet recital*
Oct. 13-15 *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, MTSU Theatre and Dance***
Oct. 14 MTSU Wind Ensemble/Symphonic Band*

Oct. 24 MTSU Symphony Orchestra*
Oct. 26 Don Aliquo faculty saxophone recital*
Oct. 30 Contest of Champions (Floyd Stadium)*
Oct. 31 Brahms Requiem – MTSU Concert Chorale and Middle Tennessee Choral Society*

November

Nov. 1 Christine Poythress faculty voice recital*
Nov. 3 Dan Whaley faculty trumpet recital*
Nov. 4 MTSU Jazz Artist Series*
Nov. 5 Jessica Dunnivant faculty flute recital*
Nov. 5 First Friday Star Party**
Nov. 6 Evening of Swing*
Nov. 11 MTSU Jazz Ensemble I*
Nov. 12-14 MTSU Opera performance - "The Marriage of Figaro"*
Nov. 15 MTSU Jazz Ensemble II*
Nov. 17 MTSU Percussion Ensemble*
Nov. 17-20 *A Flea in Her Ear*, MTSU Theatre and Dance***
Nov. 18 MTSU Wind Ensemble*
Nov. 22 Stones River Chamber Players*
Nov. 29 Laura Ross Woodwind Chamber Recital*

For more information, go to:

*www.mtsu.music.com

** www.mtsu.edu/physics/physics_calendar.shtml

*** www.mtsu.edu/theatre

Note: All dates, times, locations are subject to change.

Channel 4 meteorologist Nancy Van Camp ('95). A complimentary breakfast will be served at 10 a.m., and the parade will start at 11 a.m. Visit the photo booth for your souvenir homecoming picture compliments of the MTSU National Alumni Association Board.

The spotlight will be on Baby Raiders as a highlight of the Homecoming Parade. The Office of Alumni Relations is hosting its second Baby Raider Ride Contest. Decorate your strollers, wagons and tricycles with Blue Raider spirit. You don't have to compete in the contest to be part of the parade. We encourage Baby Raiders (and their guardians) to participate by meeting at Mixer on Middle and walking in the parade. Registration information can be found at mtalumni.com. Please register your ride by Oct. 20.

After the parade, head to Walnut Grove to tailgate. A listing of the many groups that are hosting reunions in the Grove can be found in the 2010



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Jim Burks ('58), left, Glen Beard ('59), Leonard Johnson ('59) and Bob Sells ('59) reminisce at the 2009 Rockin' Raider Homecoming Mixer on Middle.

Homecoming Schedule of Events. The Alumni Reunion Tailgate Tent provides a centralized location where you can see old friends and professors. Lunch will be available for \$6 per adult and \$4 per child under 12. Representatives from the Colleges

detailed schedule, please see the 2010 Homecoming Alumni Association schedule of events in this issue of *The Alumni Record*, visit mtalumni.com or call 800-533-6878.

of Basic and Applied Sciences, the University College, Education, Honors, Liberal Arts, Graduate Studies, the Jennings A. Jones College of Business and the James E. Walker Library will be on hand to share the latest news from your college. Be sure to stop by the alumni office's tent in Walnut Grove where you can get MT tattoos and shakers to show your Blue Raider pride.

Cheer on the Blue Raiders as they take on Louisiana-Monroe in the 3:30 p.m. Homecoming Game in Floyd Stadium. Discounted general admission tickets can be purchased for \$8 each by calling the alumni office at 800-533-6878. Reserved tickets can be purchased by calling 888-937-6878 or visiting goblueraiders.com. Many other activities are offered during Homecoming Week. For a more

Alumni Association's complete schedule of Homecoming 2010 events

Oct. 18-30

**Historic Homecomings
James E. Walker Library**

A collection of photographs from the past decades of homecomings, drawn from the pages of *Midlander* yearbooks, will be on display. Contact Suzanne Mangrum at 615-904-8517 for more information.

Wednesday, Oct. 20

Fight Song/7 p.m., Murphy Center

Student organizations compete to sing their way to victory.

Friday, Oct. 22

**Third Annual Concrete Industry Management Alumni Skeet Shoot
1 p.m., Big Springs Clay Targets**

Teams of four or singles are welcome. Registration is required with registration fees. Please contact Sally Bradford at bradford@mtsu.edu or 615-494-7658 for more information.

Golden Raiders Reunion and Induction Ceremony/2 p.m., Tom H. Jackson Building

Honoring the Class of 1960, Golden Raiders registration begins at 2 p.m., followed by a campus tour, a social hour and the 2010 Golden Raiders Induction Ceremony Dinner. Contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 800-533-6878 for more information.

Chili Cook-Off

5 p.m., Murphy Center Forest

Blue Raider fans may participate in the challenge by entering or judging this classic football-season competition, which includes three different divisions: alumni and friends, restaurants and student groups. For more information and to register, e-mail sgahome@mtsu.edu.

NPHC Step Show

7 p.m., Murphy Center

Tickets are available by calling the Greek Life Office at 615-898-5812.

Saturday, Oct. 23

**Mixer on Middle Parade Watching Party
10 a.m., The MTSU Alumni House**

Join us to watch the 2010 Homecoming Parade. The lawn of the Alumni House will be filled with MTSU alumni and friends as we get

together for an event that is uniquely MT.

This year's party will feature parade announcers Chip Walters ('85), the "voice of the Blue Raiders," and WSMV Channel 4 meteorologist Nancy Van Camp ('95). A complimentary breakfast with coffee and juice will be served while it lasts. A photo booth for souvenir pictures of you and your gang is sponsored by the MTSU National Alumni Association Board.

Annual Homecoming Parade/11 a.m.

Led by actor Lane Davies ('72) as grand marshal, the parade begins on Maney Avenue, and follows East Main Street and Middle Tennessee Boulevard past the Alumni House to Greenland Drive.

Baby Raider Ride Contest

Alumni children and grandchildren are invited to walk, be strolled or pulled in a wagon in the parade as Baby Raiders, accompanied by an adult, in the alumni relations office's second Baby Raider Ride Contest. Decorate strollers, wagons or trikes with Blue Raider spirit. You don't have to compete in the contest to be part of the parade. Baby Raiders and their guardians will enter the parade at the Alumni House to walk a portion of the route. Visit mtalumni.com or e-mail raking@mtsu.edu to enter; entries are due Oct. 20.

25th Anniversary for the Center for Popular Music / 12:30 – 2 p.m., John Bragg Mass Communication Building

The College of Mass Communication invites all to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Center for Popular Music. Established in 1985 as one of 16 Centers of Excellence at universities in the Tennessee Board of Regents system, the Center for Popular Music is an archive and research center devoted to the study of American popular music from the prerevolutionary era to the present. For more information, e-mail Kippy Todd at ktodd@mtsu.edu.

Sidelines Reunion

12:30-2 p.m., remarks from 1-1:15 p.m., John Bragg Mass Communication Building

All former *Sidelines* staff are invited to a reunion. For more information, e-mail Kippy Todd at ktodd@mtsu.edu.

**Undergraduate Admissions Office
Employee Tailgate/12 p.m.,
Walnut Grove**

All current and past undergraduate admissions office employees, including former student workers, are invited to tailgate with Linda Puckett and Lynn Palmer. For more information and to make your reservation, contact Puckett at linda.puckett08@comcast.net, 615-542-2703, or Palmer at lpalmer@mtsu.edu, 615-390-8236.

**MTSU Rugby Old Boys (and Girls)
Game/11 a.m., MTSU Sport Club
Complex, 2111 E. Main St.**

Alumni return to the field to challenge the students. Women's game is at 11 a.m.; men's game starts at 1 p.m. Contact Jody Hensley at jodyhmoose@aol.com for more information. Visit mtsurugby.com for rugby news.

**Alumni Reunion Tailgate Tent
12 p.m. to 2 p.m., Walnut Grove**

Tailgate with former classmates and professors under the big tent in Walnut Grove. Lunch is \$6 per adult and \$4 per child under 12. Representatives will be on hand to share the latest news from your college.

**Concrete Industry Management
Homecoming Tailgate/Voorhies**

Reconnect with old friends and professors from CIM. Contact Sally Bradford at bradford@mtsu.edu or 615-494-7658 for more information.

**Zeta Tau Alpha Alumnae/Collegiate
Tailgate/After the Parade, Walnut Grove**

For more information, contact Alex Remar at akr2y@mtsu.edu or 615-557-6167.

**Currey Peacock Class Reunion Tailgate
After the parade, Walnut Grove**

Calling all urban planning, public administration and political science alumni and/or any students fortunate to have Currey Peacock as a professor/mentor from the late 1960s until late 1980s: This reunion celebrates his influence upon so many students while teaching at MTSU. Look for a tent in Walnut Grove. Call Rhonda Wright King at 800-533-6878 or Robert Lewis at 615-893-6441 for more information.

**1959 and 1961 Tangerine Bowl Football
Teams Reunion/Rose and Emmett
Kennon Sports Hall of Fame**

Both the 1959 and 1961 Blue Raider football teams earned postseason invitations to the Tangerine Bowl (now the Citrus Bowl) in Orlando, Fla. There will be a pregame reception on Saturday for the players and families of these two teams. Reservations must be made for the game. Contact Jim Simpson at jsimpson@mtsu.edu or 615-898-5632 for details, or visit the MT Varsity Club page on Facebook.

**Varsity Club Reception/1:30 p.m., Rose
and Emmett Kennon Hall of Fame**

Visit with former teammates in the Hall of Fame before the game. Refreshments will be provided for members and their families. Also open during the game for the benefit of former athletes is the Varsity Club open-air box overlooking the Floyd Stadium north end zone. Open to Varsity Club members and families. Admission is free. Contact Jim Simpson at jsimpson@mtsu.edu or 615-898-5632 for details, or visit the MT Varsity Club page on Facebook.

Raider Walk/1:15 p.m., Walnut Grove

Join the Band of Blue, MTSU cheerleaders and Lightning to rally the Blue Raiders before the homecoming game.

**MT vs. Louisiana-Monroe
3:30 p.m., Floyd Stadium**

General admission tickets are available for \$8 by calling the Office of Alumni Relations 800-533-MTSU. Sideline reserved tickets are available for \$18 per person by calling 800-YES-MTSU.

Alumni Homecoming Queens and Kings

Former queens and cheerleaders will join in the festivities of the 2010 Homecoming Ceremony. Participation is complimentary with the purchase of a game ticket.

**Al Wilkerson Scholarship Dance
8 p.m., DoubleTree Hotel**

Hosted by the African American Alumni Society, this event is open to the public. Reservations are requested. Tickets are available for \$20 per person. Call Mary Jordan at 615-366-1759 or e-mail majordan@clearwire.net for more information.



Hanna ('64) and Don ('64) Witherspoon, Jim Lowe ('93) and Jody Renegar ('76) wait outside Ryman Auditorium to see entertainer and Country Music Hall of Fame member Vince Gill perform.



Alumni Relations Director Ginger Freeman ('89), left, welcomes Joe ('84) and Lori ('03) Warise for their second year of Alumni Summer College.



Dr. Doug McDonald ('64), left, and Mary Helen Mertz ('63) listen to his song, "Wildhorse Saloon," being piped through the famous establishment that served as the song's inspiration.

(Right) Alumnus Larry Baskin ('76), and his wife, Linda, are shown in the Country Music Hall of Fame rotunda, where hall of famers' plaques are displayed.



Alumni Relations photos



Eddie ('70) and Dawn Richardson traveled from Rogue River, Ore., making them the students who traveled the furthest to be part of the third-year program.



Aletha Wright ('69) bumped into MTSU honorary professor Vince Gill in the alley between Jack's Bar-B-Que and the Ryman Auditorium just before he kicked off the Bluegrass Nights at the Ryman series during Alumni Summer College.



MTSU grad Eric Paslay ('05), one of Nashville's bright songwriter/artists, entertained the class on opening night of Alumni Summer College.

Mark your calendars: June 22-24, 2011, will be dates for the fourth Alumni Summer College

Summer College

These writers shared stories and sang some of their songs, including Newton's "Riding with Private Malone" by David Ball and "What I Didn't Do" by Steve Wariner; Kelly's "Anyone Who Isn't Me Tonight" by Kenny Rogers and Dottie West and "The Cowboy Rides Away" by George Strait; and Baker's "My Sister" by Reba McEntire.

Wald, MTSU assistant professor and owner of Copyright Solutions, taught the class about the business of a song by explaining components such as copyrights, residu-als and marketing contracts.

After lunch in McCallie Dining Hall and some free time on campus, the class moved into the studio, where 2007 Young Alumni Achievement Award Winner Brady Barnett ('97) explained each step of the recording process while artist Benton Stokes recorded his latest song. The class viewed how artists lay vocal, piano, guitar and bass tracks.

The group dined with the flying pigs of Broadway at Jack's Bar-B-Que in Nashville, where they elected twin sisters Karen Monefeldt Caton ('65) and Louise Monefeldt Bastedo ('65) co-presidents of the class before crossing the alley to hear MTSU honorary professor Vince Gill play at the Ryman Auditorium. Many class members were able to meet Gill in the famous alley as he was headed to the show, which also kicked off the Bluegrass Nights at the Ryman series.

The Center for Popular Music was at the top of the June 25 morning agenda. Lucinda Cockrell ('79), coordinator of research collections, said the center, celebrating its 25th anniversary this fall at homecoming, is an archive and research center devoted to the study of American popular music from the prerevolutionary era to the present.

Martin Fisher, manager of recorded media collections, led a hands-on lesson in wax cylinder recording when he

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recorded the whole class singing the American classic "Oh! Susanna," using equipment and a recording process common in the 1800s.

The remainder of Friday was spent at different music venues in Nashville. The class met in the Country Music Hall of Fame Library, overlooking the Nashville skyline.

Hatch Show Print Manager Jim Sherraden ('83) delivered an impressive presentation on the historical letterpress printing shop. Since 1879, Hatch Show Print has been producing posters and is famous for its pieces that promote musical acts from Bessie Smith to the Beastie Boys. Class members were thrilled when Sherraden displayed a personally designed limited-edition Alumni Summer College poster to commemorate the event. Each participant was given one as a souvenir of the program.

Graduation also was held in the Hall of Fame Library, where participants sang the alma mater before touring the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum. The spirit of Elvis also was felt as the group toured RCA Studio B, where Presley recorded more than 150 of his songs.

Alumni Summer College ended at the Wildhorse Saloon as class members ate dinner, shot pool and line-danced to today's top hits. Doug McDonald ('54) got a treat when the DJ played the song he wrote about the Wildhorse Saloon.

Participants ended the three days excited about MTSU's future and proud of their alma mater. First-time attendee Larry Baskin ('76) summed up Alumni Summer College by saying, "This event has recharged me as an alumnus. I feel a greater affinity toward MTSU and appreciate that."

The fourth annual Alumni Summer College will be held June 22-24, 2011.

Signal Society adds Carroll, LaLance, Moser

The MTSU Office of Development celebrates three donors at the 40-year level of the Signal Society.

Longtime MTSU supporters Carole Carroll, Robert LaLance and Donald Moser join an elite group of MTSU alumni and friends as donors who have given to MTSU for 40 years. All three donated to MTSU for the 40th distinct year during the 2009-10 fiscal year.

The Signal Society is the MTSU Foundation's giving recognition society which honors faithful annual supporters to the university, beginning at 20 years of giving and at five-year increments thereafter.

"We appreciate the gifts and continued commitment to the success and future of all MTSU students by these three longtime friends and supporters," said Meredith Kerr, associate director of annual giving for the development office.

CLASS NOTES

1950s

Dena Croft Sullivan ('55, '61), Dickson, Tenn., is a retired school administrator and librarian who has received the Jefferson Davis Gold Medal for preservation of historical records by the national United Daughters of the Confederacy in Richmond, Va.

1960s

Billy Joe Evans ('63), Fayetteville, Tenn., has retired after serving 48 years in the Moore County, Lincoln County and Fayetteville City School Systems.

Dr. DeWayne B. McCamish ('67), Chattanooga, Tenn., is an orthodontist and has been elected to represent the Southern Association of Orthodontists on the board of trustees of the American Association of Orthodontists.

1970s

Roger C. Cathey ('71), Franklin, Tenn., has joined Tennessee Commerce Bank as vice president of special assets.

Terry Coats ('73), Goodlettsville, Tenn., has written his new book, "Next Stop on Grandpa's Road – History and Architecture of NC&StL Railway Depots and Terminals."

Dan Elrod ('70), Nashville, Tenn., has been highlighted in the 2010 edition of "InCharge Healthcare," published by Nashville Medical News, for his work with Miller and Martin PLLC.

Wynona Y. James ('78), Colorado Springs, Colo., is one of two U.S. Air Force Special Emphasis Program Maanagers. Because of her work with people with disabilities, she was named a 2009 A1 Community Award winner for affirmative employment and special emphasis programs.

Dr. Tony Kessinger ('71), Melbourne, Fla., has released his newest book, "The Devil is in the Details."

Dianne Page ('71), McMinnville, Tenn., has retired after 27 years of elementary and high-school teaching and UT Extension work. She teaches quilting classes in McMinnville and Sparta, Tenn.

Brig. Gen. David Ogg ('78, 87), Athens, Ala., is retiring from the U.S. Army after 32 years of service.

1980s

Donald Cole ('87), Acworth, Ga., is the new superintendent of Paulding County School District.

Mark Garey ('84, '91, '06), Franklin, Tenn., and **Philip Gregory** ('88, '99), Murfreesboro, were inducted into the Band of Blue Alumni Club Hall of Fame at the MTSU Brass Ensemble, Chamber Winds and Symphonic Band concert.

Brian Knox ('87), Sussex, Wis., is vice president of Zeppos & Associates in Milwaukee, Wis., and has received the Paragon Award for outstanding work for the Public Relations Society of America.

Sarah Larkins ('82, '84), Old Hickory, Tenn., is a CPA in Mt. Juliet, Tenn., and works at Hermitage Hills Baptist Church.

Terry R. McCabe ('80), Tullahoma, Tenn., is a captain with Southwest Airlines and has been named Pilot of the Quarter in Phoenix, Ariz.

Alison Pockat ('80), Cary, N.C., has published her new children's book, "Adam's Bubble."

1990s

Rev. **Hoyt Canady** ('98), New Bern, N.C., has been ordained as a priest in the Episcopal Church.

Erin Colvin ('99), Bowie, Md., is an adjunct computer science instructor at Anne Arundel Community College in Arnold, Md.

Dr. Mark Roberts ('92, '95), Bristol, Va., is the vice president of academic affairs and dean of faculty at the Virginia Intermont College.

David Lee Rogers ('94), Vero Beach, Fla., received the Becker Award for Teaching Excellence for the 2009-10 school year.

2000s

Mary Augustino ('08), Ringgold, Ga., is the wellness coordinator for U.S. Xpress Enterprises in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dr. Terry Banaszak ('05), Murfreesboro, graduated from the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine with a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine.

Kaleigh Cantrell Black ('06), Nolensville, Tenn., is the development associate for the greater Nashville affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

Ryan Chittaphong ('07), New York, N.Y., is the marketing associate for the prestigious Stella Adler Studio of Acting in New York City. He also recently appeared in a stage production of "Crimes of the Heart."

Marcia Dickerson ('01, '04), Washington, D.C., is an associate at St. Michael's Inc., working as a consultant for the U.S. government.

James Gilliam ('00), Long Beach, Calif., has been selected as one of the Best LGBT Attorneys Under 40 by the National LGBT Bar Association.

Jasmine Gray ('10), Memphis, Tenn., is one of 20 students named to the *USA Today* All-USA College Academic first team.

Jessica Hartle ('09), Franklin, Tenn., is the agriculture teacher and Future Farmers of America chapter adviser at Page High School.

Kevin Pascoe ('01, '03), Clarksburg, Md., is vice president of asset management for National Health Investors Inc.

Amanda Thacker ('06), Athens, Tenn., is the director of the Center for Servant Leadership at Tennessee Wesleyan.

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Baby Raiders

Seth Logan Ashford, born June 10, 2010, to Shane and **Kiera Ashford** ('05) of Murfreesboro.

Harrison Kent Ayer, born April 28, 2010, to **Kent** ('99) and Amy **Ayer** of Murfreesboro.

Jadon Isaiah Brinson, born July 7, 2009, to Andrey and **Michelle Sanders Brinson** ('91) of Nashville, Tenn.

Hadley Kay Creasey, born April 17, 2010, to **Mark** ('03) and **Alyson Martin Creasey** ('03) of Portland, Tenn.

Kaitlyn Farr, born Feb. 3, 2010, to **Scott** ('04) and Erin **Farr** of Portsmouth, Va.

Katelyn Elizabeth Fortuna, born March 31, 2010, to Michael and **Kristin Pulley Fortuna** ('96) of Clermont, Fla.

Reagan Marie Harvey, born May 5, 2010, to Shane and **Regina Harvey** ('03, '09) of Murfreesboro.

Olivia Grace Kidd, born May 14, 2010, to **Barry** ('10) and Cristi **Kidd** of Hermitage, Tenn.

In Memoriam

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

1940s

Mary Ann Todd ('47), Mobile, Ala., passed away July 6, 2010.

Ova Yeargan ('47), San Antonio, Texas, passed away Sept. 27, 2009.

1950s

Dr. Robert Charles "Bob" Keathley ('59), Gray, Tenn., passed away May 16, 2010.

Verna McCurdy ('51), Marietta, Ga., passed away May 14, 2009.

1960s

Florence O. Adams ('65), Murfreesboro, passed away June 3, 2010.

Jaxon Daniel Long, born May 3, 2010, to Jared and **Alaina Long** ('04) of Hohenwald, Tenn.

Riggs Daniel Ludlow, born April 20, 2010, to Kiliaen and **Leslie Daniel Ludlow** ('91) of Johns Creek, Ga.

Parker Alexander Parrish, born June 3, 2010, to Drew and **Jessica Willett Parrish** ('02) of Las Vegas, Nev.

Karsyn Leigh Riddle, born May 12, 2010, to **Brad** ('99) and **Katy Francisco Riddle** ('99, '05) of Murfreesboro.

Olyve Isabelle Rockwood, born Feb. 18, 2010, to **Bethany Rockwood** ('99) of Chattanooga, Tenn.

John Roland Watts, born Dec. 12, 2009, to Jesse and **Kristy Watts** ('04, '06, '07) of Gallatin, Tenn.

Elizabeth Scout Wiggs, born May 20, 2010, to **Daniel** ('98) and **Holly Wiggs** ('01, '06) of Estill Springs, Tenn.

David Michael "Trey" Youell III, born May 31, 2009, to **David** ('02, '04) and **Carrie Youell** ('04, '07) of Knoxville.

Ralph Adams ('60, '61), Knoxville, Tenn., passed away April 3, 2010.

Ronald Fults ('64, '69), Manchester, Tenn., passed away June, 14, 2009.

1970s

Carolyn L. Clark ('70), Fayetteville, Ga., passed away Jan. 22, 2010.

1980s

Joe Sobotka ('87), Cullman, Ala., passed away Sept. 15, 2006.

1990s

William Lewis Jr. ('92), Prospect, Ky., has passed away.



All MTSU aerospace alumni and friends are invited to the
Excellence in Aviation Scholarship Fundraiser Party
September 25 - 6 p.m.

at the Old Hickory Lake home of Bruce and Rachel Thomas
421 Beacon Hill Drive in Mt. Juliet, Tennessee.

Tickets are \$50 per couple, \$30 for individuals.
The party benefits the Excellence in Aviation Scholarship Fund.

Need more information? Join the Facebook group
"Excellence in Aviation Scholarship Party"
or visit the events page of www.mtalumni.com.
Questions? Contact Jennifer Allen at jallen@mtsu.edu or 615-898-5003.

MTSU notes passing of retirees LeDoux, Jones, Hawk

Professor emeritus David G. LeDoux and associate professor and MTSU alumnus Herbert C. Jones ('63), both have passed away.

LeDoux, 83, a member of the Department of Art faculty from 1956 until 1994, passed away May 25 at Middle Tennessee Medical Center in Murfreesboro. He was a painter who came to Murfreesboro in 1956 to teach drawing and painting at MTSU.

Jones, employed in the MTSU Department of Accounting from 1967 until retiring in 2005, died July 30 in Murfreesboro.

Other longtime personnel who have passed away include alumnus Floyd Richard "Dick" Hawk ('54, '58), 78, who was employed in MTSU's counseling services department from 1972 until retiring in 1997. He passed away July 16.

'Exciting, inspiring' feelings remain

New alumni president seeks your ideas as MTSU heads into Centennial

Twenty years ago, almost to the day, I was one of four young women from McNairy County who set out on an adventure that we had planned for months and our parents had dreaded for years.

We were teenagers on our summer trek to tour our proposed university of choice, Middle Tennessee State University. Upon arrival, we discussed other universities and opportunities they had offered us, but I knew in my heart MTSU was for me, thanks to Ron Malone. Twenty years later, it is as exciting and inspiring as I remember as a 17-year-old walking in The Grove for the first time.

I am honored to be serving as president of the National Alumni Association to nearly 100,000 alumni across the world. Your National Alumni Association offers a variety of activities for all generations, from Alumni Summer College to young alumni nights at area vineyards to local sports

events, just to name a few.

The association also is the base financial support for our Student Ambassadors. This elite group of students serves as hosts/hostesses for the university in various capacities. Their passion for MTSU is very addictive, and we appreciate their hard work in communicating the attributes of our fine university.

As the year progresses, I will be calling on alumni far and wide for advice, suggestions and direction on how to help us grow and prepare for the upcoming Centennial celebration in 2011. This is a major landmark in our university's history that will require mountains of planning and execution. Feel free to contact me at any time with thoughts and comments on any subject you



Jones

feel compelled to discuss.

Please take a moment and recall your fondest memories of our great university. I promise if you take some time to come back to campus, walk through The Grove and attend an event that is of interest to you, your heart will be filled once again with the Blue Raider spirit.

Go Big Blue!

MTSU National Alumni Association President Beth Barber Jones received her B.S. in 1999. She has been a sales rep for Intervet Schering Plough Animal Health since 2004. She and her husband, Andy ('96), live in Columbia, Tenn.

8 chosen for board of alumni association

All will serve 3-year terms

Eight MTSU alumni have been chosen to serve on the National Alumni Association Board of Directors. Each new member, selected from written nominations, is asked to serve a three-year term.

"We are excited to have eight new board members for 2010-11," said Ginger Freeman, director of the Office of Alumni Relations. "New personalities and backgrounds, blended with experienced members, should create great ideas and energy. I look forward to an exciting year ahead."

The new members include Muffin Dixon ('95), Memphis, Tenn.; Jim Dunlap ('57), Dunwoody, Ga.; Paul Fulcher ('07), Manhattan, N.Y.; Barton Harrison ('80), Franklin, Tenn.; Denise Rucker ('78), Murfreesboro; Latrece Sankey ('94), Antioch, Tenn.; Chip Walters ('85), Murfreesboro; and Mike Williams ('82), Franklin, Tenn.

The mission of the National Alumni Association Board of Directors is to develop and foster sound relationships between MTSU and its alumni and to be a strong force for the advancement and support of the university.

Nominations for the 2011-12 Board of Directors will be accepted beginning in January 2011.

Please support your Alumni Association by nominating someone to serve. Join the new alumni online community and update your contact information by visiting mtalumni.com.

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Distinguished Alumni 2010-11

Gwyn, Taylor, Witherspoons, young alum Latterell earn top honors from nominations

From staff reports

MTSU's National Alumni Association has announced its Distinguished Alumni and Young Alumni Achievement Award recipients for 2010-11.

The Distinguished Alumni recipients include: Mark Gwyn ('85), Professional Achievement; H.G. "Pete" Taylor ('60), Service to the Community; Don ('64) and Hanna ('64) Witherspoon, Service to the University. The Young Alumni Achievement honoree is Michael Latterell ('03).

Gwyn, a McMinnville native now living in Nashville, is serving as Tennessee Bureau of Investigation director for a second term. He has spent his entire career in public safety, including 22 years with the TBI. As the director, he has focused efforts on technology and drug-related crimes to increase the safety of Tennessee residents.

Taylor, who lives in Belton, Texas, has more than 33 years in the service to the U. S. Army. He has been tireless in his devotion to community service. His dedication to nonprofit organizations and higher education includes many organizations including the Texas Boy Scout Council, chamber of commerce, Coalition for Family Involvement, American Cancer Society, Food Care Center and many others. Taylor's efforts have garnered much recognition including the naming of "Pete Taylor Day" in Killeen, Texas.



Gwyn



Taylor



D. and H. Witherspoon



Latterell

The Witherspoons chose to retire in Murfreesboro 10 years ago after lengthy careers in private industry. They since have dedicated their retirement to the betterment of MTSU through volunteering and holding leadership positions in the Alumni Association, Foundation, Blue Raider Athletic Association and other university departments as well as establishing the Rutherford County Alumni Scholarship.

Latterell, a Nashville resident, has had a fast rise to success in the recording industry. He has had five Grammy nominations as an engineer, earning a Grammy for Best Bluegrass Album with singer/songwriter Jim Lauderdale's "The Bluegrass Diaries." A recent project with Dailey & Vincent reached No. 1.

The MTSU 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 a high level of service to their profession, their community and/or MTSU.

Gwyn, Taylor, the Witherspoons and Latterell will be recognized during this year's Homecoming Game activities Oct. 23. Plans to honor them and their accomplishments are set for the May 2011 Commencement.

Sticking with it after 45 years

William "Bill" Boyd, left, of Tullahoma, Tenn., shown with his wife Effie, graduated Aug. 14 with his Bachelor of Science degree in liberal arts — at age 81, 45 years after first enrolling at MTSU. He is a veteran who retired after working at Arnold Engineering Development Center. Nearly 900 degree candidates received diplomas.



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Honoring ‘Wink’

Midgett family provides financing to upgrade Kennon Hall of Fame room

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Former professor, author, historian and head coach E.W. “Wink” Midgett has been recognized by MTSU for his role in Blue Raider athletics in the years surrounding World War II by naming the conference room in the Rose and Emmett Kennon Hall of Fame in his honor.

A generous donation from Midgett’s son, Don Midgett, has provided financing for a major upgrade in the conference room. It includes state-of-the-art chairs and a conference table with hidden computer outlets and controls for videos and televisions in the room.

“On behalf of the Midgett family, I am happy to honor my father and his many coaching accomplishments at Middle Tennessee State University,” Don Midgett said.

Wink Midgett, who coached football and basketball at Middle Tennessee before and after World War II, began his coaching career in 1939 when he took the reins of the men’s basketball program. In 1940, he began coaching the Blue Raider football team, bringing them up to a 4-4 record (which included a 6-0 win against rival Tennessee Tech) after two previous seasons that had netted a total of just three wins.

Midgett’s teams posted winning records of 4-3-1 in 1941 and 4-2-1 in 1942, despite losing many players to World War II, and he concluded his football coaching career in 1946 with a 5-3-1 mark. Football was suspended during 1943 through 1945 because of the war. Perhaps his greatest accomplishment, at least in terms of long-range success, came in 1939, when he formed and coached the very first Middle Tennessee golf team. Members of that team included Blue Raider Hall of Famers John Bragg, Jimmy Jackson, E.K. Patty and Gene McIntire.

Success in the Blue Raider golf program included a national championship in 1965 and multiple conference titles and NCAA tournament appearances.



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Jennifer Midgett Gregory, left, Director of Athletics Chris Massaro, Carolyn Gwaltney Midgett (’64), Don Midgett, MTSU President Sidney A. McPhee and Jennette Midgett Sockwell attend the unveiling of the E.W. “Wink” Midgett Conference Room in the Rose and Emmett Kennon Hall of Fame.

Midgett’s son Dan, who has since passed away, was a member of that winning 1965 team.

“We want to thank Don and Carolyn Midgett for their generous donation to the Middle Tennessee athletic program on behalf of Don’s father, Coach E.W. ‘Wink’ Midgett,” said Director of Athletics Chris Massaro. “Coach Midgett was a very successful coach in a very trying time for our university.

“This donation will allow us to upgrade what is already one of the finest facilities on our campus, the Rose and Emmett Kennon Blue Raider Hall of Fame.”



Alumni Relations photo

MTSU alumni gather at Nashville Sounds

President Sidney A. McPhee, left, is shown with MTSU supporters Kathy and David Hoover before going into Greer Stadium for the MTSU Alumni & Friends Day at the Nashville Sounds on July 17. Alumni and guests enjoyed a great picnic meal and a Sounds victory! We look forward to seeing you at our next event.



MTSU Football 2010

Stop by the alumni tent in the Grove before every home game for fun giveaways, plus check out our website for our pre-game plans for these away games:

MemphisGeorgia Tech

Western Kentucky


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MT football 2010

Sept. 2 Minnesota (True Blue)	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 11 Austin Peay (Hall of Fame)	6 p.m.
Sept. 18 at Memphis	6 p.m.
Sept. 25 at La.-Lafayette*z	2:30 p.m.
Oct. 5 Troy (ESPN2)* (Black Out)	7 p.m.
Oct. 16 at Georgia Tech	TBA
Oct. 23 Louisiana-Monroe* (Homecoming)	3:30 p.m.
Nov. 2 at Ark. St.*(ESPN2)	6 p.m.
Nov. 13 North Texas* (Salute to Armed Services/Veterans)	2:30 p.m.
Nov. 20 at W. Kentucky*	3:30 p.m.
Nov. 27 Florida Atlantic* (Learning Circle Honor Roll Day)	2:30 p.m.
Dec. 4 at Fla. International*	TBA

* — Sun Belt Conference game
z — Sun Belt Network

All times Central, tentative and subject to change.



GOLDEN RAIDERS SOCIETY

Induction and Reunion

This esteemed society is for alumni who graduated 50 years ago and earlier. Members receive a special lapel pin and the distinction of being Golden Raiders.

Who: Members of the Class of 1960 and earlier
When: October 22 and 23
Where: MTSU Tom Jackson Building

RSVP by calling the Office of Alumni Relations at 1-800-533-6878.
The deadline for reservations is Oct. 15.



ALUMNI Legacy GOLF CLASSIC

to benefit a newly established scholarship for children of MTSU alumni

September 10 ■ Indian Hills Golf Course

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