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by Gina E. Fann

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Get Pumped for Football!

MT Titans T-Shirts for blood donation!

SRA and MT Athletics present:
Red Cross Blood Drive Competition
MT v. Tennessee Tech
September 12th and 13th
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The more time we report to the media's needs, however, we need to plan that publicity. The more we plan, the more publicity we can receive. For example, if we receive our fair share of publicity because our office was given only a few days’ notice. Insure us early! The more time we have to plan, the more publicity options we can consider. If your event is worth pitching to C-SPAN, for example, you need to pitch it two months in advance. If your event will involve several speakers from across the country, the sooner we can contact those people, the better—perhaps for a phone interview and story advance, headshot or to determine their access to media once they arrive on campus. Simply put, the effectiveness of our publicity efforts is in direct proportion to the time that we have to plan that publicity.

Second, your expertise is our livelihood. MTSU has become the go-to university in the area for expert commentary because (a) we make ourselves accessible to media; (b) we drop what we’re doing and accommodate a reporter’s needs; and (c) we provide community-wide programs, forums, training and educational programs to facilitate multicultural awareness.

Kevin Kelly

The appointment is a three-year term that will extend to 2008. The association is a 1,200-member body with 21 state chapters that include Puerto Rico and Hawaii, said Paula Keener-Chavis, director of ocean education for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in Charleston, S.C.

“The work of and his accomplishments impress Keener-Chavis. He has been an NMEA member since 1986. He always has been involved in the (national) conference and always willing to participate and help assist conference planners. He has wanted to take on a more active role.

With Padgett’s track record and all his help with students, the women’s Tennessee State University, the more they realize MTSU is an important source of news commentary and expertise. Perception is the invisible ink in the news industry. It’s important that MTSU be perceived.
Fall Career Day is ‘good opportunity’ for students

by Doug Williams

More than 150 top-name employers as well as graduate school recruiters will meet MTSU students at the annual Career Day on campus from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21.

The fair will include representatives from Cingular Wireless, Disney, Dell and Wells Fargo, as well as recruiters from Belmont, Vanderbilt, Mercer and the University of Tennessee. A complete list of recruiters planning to attend Career Day is on the Career and Employment Center Web site at www.mtsu.edu/~career.

This will be the 25th anniversary of the event, which will be held on the Murphy Center track. Students should bring their IDs for admission.

The annual Career Day activities are an excellent way for students to begin the networking process that will assist in their future job search, said Martha Turner, director of the Career and Employment Center.

“We encourage all seniors to bring their resumes and to dress appropriately,” Turner said. “We expect over 150 employers to be on campus, and we feel this is a good opportunity for students. It can take a minimum of three to six months for students to find the right job, and the career fair is an excellent way to start their search.”

Since Career Day is an informal gathering of business representatives, Turner is encouraging all students to attend the event. That’s because they can learn about the duties and expectations of business professionals, get information on part-time employment and internship opportunities and be eligible for a variety of door prizes.

Career Day is just one of many services provided by the Career Center to assist students in planning their careers, Turner said. Other services include eRecruiting (a Web-based referral system), resume writing and interview preparation workshops, other special events and career days, and a career resource library.

Two recent graduates who used the center’s services recently contacted the office to express their appreciation.

“I’m a recent grad and I wanted to thank you for referring my resume to various employers,” Holly Stevenson told Turner and her staff. “I interviewed for a position I wanted and was offered the job just two weeks after graduation.”

Linda Reynolds also received an offer soon after graduation and even had more than one company interested in hiring her.

“Just a line to let you know I’ve found a position. . . . This company sounds like a wonderful opportunity,” Reynolds wrote to the center. “From the seven resumes sent from companies listed here (at MTSU), I’ve had three calls for interviews. Thanks for all your help.”

Students are encouraged to stop by the Career Center, located in Room 329 of the Keathley University Center, to visit with one of the staff members and to pick up a student career guide. The center also has career coordinators and satellite offices for the College of Basic and Applied Sciences (Jones Hall 309), Business (BASS 123), and Education, Liberal Arts and Mass Communication (all temporarily in KUC 328).

For more information on Career Day or other career-planning opportunities, students may call 615-898-5732 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday or visit the center’s Web site anytime.

Free ride

A DEAL ON WHEELS—Campus Police Officer Leroy Carter, left, discusses a new 26-inch Bike TREK 4500 mountain bicycle, donated to the MTSU Department of Public Safety by Greenvale Homes, with Greenvale Homes chief financial officer and MTSU alumnus Shane McFarland (B.S. ’97), Officer Jason Wolford and Chief Buddy Peaster. The bike was bought at cost from Murfreesboro Outdoor and Bicycle owner Mark Dement. McFarland said his company will continue to donate bicycles until every trained bike patrol officer in the department has his or her own bike.

photo by J. Intintoli

NPA perceived as a major player ... by being a major player

Third, please access our Web site at www.mtsu.edu. You will find a wealth of information available to you, the community and the media. Our site includes past and current issues of The Record and The Alumni Record, the NPA Experts List and Speaker’s Bureau, “On the Record” radio programs, our “Middle Tennessee Record” TV program, podcasts, audio clips, our NPA workshop that instructs you on how our office can help make your event even more successful—and “Today’s Response,” our daily media tip sheet.

If you’re browsing activities, please go to “Experts List,” click on it, then click on “Expert’s Form.” Fill it out and e-mail it to us, if you haven’t yet done so. You will then be among our pool of experts for “Today’s Response.”

One more thought about our PR workshop: It travels. We presented it for the entire campus last spring, and we’re doing so Sept. 11 for the Faculty Senate. If you would like us to provide a session just for your department, please contact us at 615-898-2919.

Before you leave our Web site, click on “Staff” at the top. Not only will you see our smiling mugs, you’ll discover the “beats” that each of us covers on this campus. When you have news to report, look up the NPA officer who covers that beat and call him or her.

Remember, use us as PR consultants … but contact us early, early, early!

Share your expertise with us. Finally, visit our Web site. We’re here to showcase you and everything Raider blue!

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News and Public Affairs at MTSU

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TV Schedule

“Middle Tennessee Record”
Cable Channel 9
Monday-Sunday 5 p.m.
News Channel 5+
Saturday-Sunday 1:30 p.m.

Every Monday night
MTSU Guys & Dolls Swing Dance Club
Free dance lessons 6-7 p.m., open dancing 7-9 p.m.
Murphy Center Dance Studio A
For information, e-mail: lindyiend@gmail.com.

Sept. 11
Monday, Sept. 11
Honors Lecture Series
Dr. Clay Harris, “Angry Earth: Waiting for the Big One”
3-3:50 p.m., HONR 106
For information, contact: 615-898-2500.

Faculty Senate Meeting
4:30 p.m., JUB 100
For information, contact: 615-898-2582.

David Loucky Faculty Recital
trumbone and euphonium with Caleb Harris, piano
8 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
No admission charge
For information, contact: 615-898-2493.

Sept. 12
Sept. 12-13
“Get Pumped for MT Football” Blood Drive
10 a.m.-4 p.m. daily, KUC 322
For information, visit www.redcross.org
or contact: 615-898-2590.

Tuesday, Sept. 12
Institutional Review Board
8 a.m., Gore Center Conf. Room
For information, contact: 615-494-8918.

Sept. 14
Sept. 14-16
World Champion Spotted Saddle Horse Show
7 p.m., Tenn. Livestock Center
For information, contact: 615-890-2864.

Sept. 17
Sunday, Sept. 17
Constitution Day
Observance of the 219th anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution.

“MTSU On the Record—VSA arts Tennessee”
Guest: Lori Kissinger
7 a.m., WMOT 89.5-FM

Veterans’ Memorial 5K Run
2 p.m., Peck Hall
Registration: $20 after Sept. 10
For information, visit www.active.com
or contact: 1-888-682-7682.

Sept. 18
Sept. 18-20
National Walking Horse Association Show
Tennessee Miller Coliseum
No admission charge
For information, visit www.nwha.com.

Wednesday, Sept. 20
Caleb Harris and Friends Faculty Recital
8 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
No admission charge
For information, contact: 615-898-2493.

Sept. 21
Thursday, Sept. 21
Career Center Fall Career Fair
10 a.m.-3 p.m., Murphy Center, track level
For information, visit www.mtsu.edu/~career
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Free Legal Clinic
7-9 p.m., June Anderson Women’s Center (JUB 206)
Appointments required
For information, contact: 615-898-2193.

Sept. 22
Sept. 22-24
20th Annual Middle Tennessee Fall Invitational Tennis Tournament
Buck Bouldin Tennis Center
For information, contact: 615-898-2957.

Friday, Sept. 22
Rosh Hashanah
(Jewish New Year)
begins at sundown.

Women’s Volleyball vs. South Alabama
7 p.m., Alumni Memorial Gym
For information, contact: 615-898-2450.

Alternative Fall Break application deadline
4:30 p.m., KUC 326
For information, visit www.mtsu.edu/~camporgs/events.htm or e-mail camporgs@mtsu.edu.

MTSU Wind Ensemble and Chamber Winds
7:30 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
No admission charge
For information, contact: 615-898-2493.

Sept. 23
Saturday, Sept. 23
Blue Raider Football at University of Oklahoma
6 p.m., Norman, Okla.
For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com
or contact: 615-898-2103.

Women’s Volleyball vs. Troy
7 p.m., Alumni Memorial Gym
For information, contact: 615-898-2450.

Sept. 24
Sunday, Sept. 24
Ramadan
(Islamic month of fasting)
begins at dawn.

“MTSU On the Record—Expanding Your Horizons”
Guest: Dr. Judith Iriarte-Gross
7 a.m., WMOT 89.5-FM
Aerospace alumni have collaborated to generate nearly $20,000 toward student scholarships. The group, led by Bruce Thomas, husband-wife alumni Jamie and Linda Smith, Southernland Mattress Co. owner Herman Southernland (father of alumna Stephanie Southernland) and others, generated $19,500 for scholarships and nearly $25,000 altogether from the annual Excellence in Aviation Scholarship fund-raiser.

Thomas (B.S. ’97) and his wife Rachel once again offered their Mt. Juliet home on Old Hickory Lake as the site for the party that began with 26 people attending in 2004 and grew to 250 this year. The event is always held the third Saturday in July. Alumni, aerospace faculty and personnel and students attended this year’s party. Companies represented by alumni include Air Tran Airways, FedEx, UPS and Southwest Airlines, alumna Thomas said.

“It was pretty successful,” Thomas said of the fund-raising party. “We had alumni from Atlanta, Philadelphia, Dallas, the Middle Tennessee area, Memphis, Knoxville and Greeneville.”

“The purpose of the party is to create an endowment,” added Steve Gossett, associate professor of aerospace, adding that after expenses, “that’s what the $19,500 went to.”

The Excellence in Aviation Scholarships provide four $1,000 scholarships a year that go to two male and two female students, Thomas said. Southernland Mattress Co. donated $2,000, Thomas said.

“One of the goals of the party is not only to raise money,” he said. “Aviation is all about networking. We try and set up students and these recent graduates with people who have made it to the big leagues. Every year they come and talk to others who are further along in their careers.”

Alumni Relations Assistant Director Allison Payne helped with registration and ideas for future parties, Thomas said.

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from Staff Reports

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MTSU will use a $700,000 grant from NASA to complete enhancements at the university’s new observatory, officials said. The grant will enable MTSU to finish the observatory complex by outfitting the area with more equipment, including a dome to house the university’s telescope. It will be moved from its current location near the recreation center to an area adjacent to the plaza.

“We are excited about the opportunity to complete the plaza with this grant,” said Dr. Kaylene Gebert, executive vice president and provost. “The observatory is an exceptional resource not only for students and faculty but also for the entire Murfreesboro community.”

Congressman Bart Gordon secured the funding last year as part of a federal appropriations bill. The money is now being released to MTSU through the grant. Previous funding secured by Gordon enabled the university to create the plaza last year.

“MTSU’s community outreach programs are phenomenal, and this observatory will provide another great resource for Middle Tennessee residents and students,” said Gordon, the ranking member of the House Science Committee, which oversees NASA.

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One hundred thirty pounds of barbecue was served, and a country music group, the Travis Birchland, performed on a floating stage. Gibson and Copley guitar companies donated items for a silent auction, Thomas said. The Copley guitar was autographed by country superstar Gretchen Wilson.

Four pairs of airline tickets, a truck bed liner and airplane rides on MTSU airplanes were auctioned. Aerospace employee Matthew Taylor brought a boat for rides on Old Hickory Lake. Paul Mosey, chief flight instructor since January, joined aerospace students in helping with party set-up a day early along with alumnus Tim Cole.

Matt Taylor, Steve Gossett, Jerry Hill, Joe Hawkins, Terry Dorris and Jeremy Woodside were among the aerospace faculty in attendance.

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proposal to McPhee this summer for approval.

“President McPhee deserves recognition and appreciation for his willingness to lend financial support to a program that will improve the health and both physical and mental well-being of his faculty and staff,” Anshel said.

The program, which also will serve as a study called “The Effect of Personal Coaching on Improving Healthy Lifestyle Habits,” will feature: individual fitness coaching; weekly nutritional counseling from a registered dietician and two graduate nutrition students; and guidance from a life-skills coach who will help participants target mental barriers and replace bad habits with healthy ones.

Anshel also will offer tips on applying healthy habits, such as time-management skills, to the workplace.

“We plan to take very good care of our participants,” Anshel said.

“There’s no question that lives are going to change permanently as a result of this program.”

It begins Monday, Sept. 18, with a 90-minute orientation in Room 100 of the James Union Building. Those who can attend the Sept. 18 session must attend orientation in the same room on Wednesday, Sept. 20, from 5 until 6:30 p.m., Anshel said.

For more information or to sign up for the program, contact Anshel at manshel@mtsu.edu.
Alumna takes reins of Seigenthaler Chair

In her new role, Keel, also a member of Investigative Reporters and Editors and the Society of Professional Journalists, says she intends to “increase the (program’s) presence on a national level and allow it to facilitate discussion of current events in journalism.”

“We are really excited to be able to reach every school in Tennessee or the first time, MTSU’s programming on Channel 30 on the campus cable system or Murfreesboro cable system or the network services folks in the university’s Seigenthaler Chair of Excellence program with an initial endowment of approximately $1.3 million, an amount that has grown to more than $3 million today.”

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Webcasts give new angle to K-12 videoconferences

by Randy Weiler

For the first time, MTSU’s eUniversity Learning Center will be Webcasting K-12 programming.

“We are really excited to be able to reach every school in Tennessee with high-quality student enrollment and professional development pro-gramming,” said Dr. Connie Schmidt, director, MTSU Instructional Technol-ogy Support Center.

“This expansion in our K-12 audi-ence has been made possible by the generous contributions and support of the network services folks in the Information Technology Division.”

The one-hour Enrichment Program for K-12 air beginning at 9 a.m. Tuesdays starting Sept. 19 through Nov. 28. No program will air Nov. 21, and the programs for Oct. 3 and Oct. 17 will be prerecorded.

The one-hour Professional Development Programs for Teachers air beginning at 1:30 p.m. from Sept. 14 through Nov. 30. No program will air Nov. 23 or Oct. 5.

“The programs on the schedule for students and teachers cover a wide range of topics, including history, geography, math, science, reading, health, career planning and the arts,” Schmidt said.

“We are grateful to do with the fact Anne and Dave have done so much for the program,” Julie Smith said. “It is very deserved. They have worked hard through the years.”

Jim Van Winkle, development officer for the College of Basic and Applied Sciences, said he is “grateful to see alumni making gifts of this magni-tude. I hope they are setting an example for others.”

Others attending the informal and formal check presentation and special presentation to the Smiths were Kirk Purdom, director of the MTSU Office of Development, and Dr. Tom Cheatham, dean of the College of Basic and Applied Sciences.

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by John C. Lynch

Lt. Col. Michael T. Walsh is the new chair- man and professor of the Department of Military Science at MTSU.

“It’s an awesome responsibility,” said Walsh, referring to his new post. “My first tour of duty was as a lieutenant in Germany before the Berlin Wall came down. Our new cadets only know about that from history books. We’re in a period of insta- bility since the Soviet Union’s collapse, and our military needs to be adaptable and flexible.”

Born in Westwood, N.J., and raised in Ridgefield, Conn., Walsh is a distinguished military graduate of Northeastern University, earning a bachelor’s degree in business administration in 1987. He earned an MBA from Troy State University and a master’s in defense studies from King’s College, London, England. He is currently a professor of defense studies and field artillery at the Joint Forces Staff College and has completed Ranger and Airborne training and field artillery officer basic and advanced courses.

According to Walsh, he and his wife, Trish, met while both were in the military. She is currently a pharmaceutical sales representative.

“We came to Murfreesboro scouting a year ago, and the town ‘adopted’ us,” he said. “I think we’ve found a home. I’m committed to being a part of this community.”

He said he was influenced to join the military by the Iranian hostage situation in 1979.

“I tried ROTC in college and liked it,” he said. “I tell cadets they don’t need to feel like they need to spend 20 years in the military. The skills you can learn here can be used throughout a career, even if you only spend three or four years in the military. We want to turn out not just great officers but great civil- ians also.”

Before this assignment, Walsh served as the division chief for security cooperation in the Strategic, Policy, and Plans Directorate, U.S. Southern Command, Miami, Fla. His first troop assignment was with the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery, 3rd Armored Division in Kirkgoths, Germany, where he served as a fire support offi- cer, platoon leader and execu- tive officer. He was a firing battery platoon leader during Operation Desert Shield/Storm and served at the Pentagon as a systems integrator for com- mand and control and fire support systems, among other career postings.

Walsh’s awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Ranger Tab and Parachutist Badge.

Show features graduates from 5 decades

24 alumni contribute art for 1st-time exhibit

by Lisa L. Rollins

For the first time ever, MTSU’s Department of Art will sponsor an exhibit featuring the works of 24 of its alumni, according to Dr. Lon Nuell, art professor and director of the university’s Todd Gallery.

Nuell said the upcoming exhibition is the first in an ongoing series designed to recognize art department graduates for their commitment to art- making, sharing not only their work but also the passion they have for their discipline.

Artists participating in the inaugural alumni show, which is free and open to the public, represent a range of years beginning with 1960 and end- ing with a 2004 graduate.

(“The artists) are active educators in higher education, professionals in graphic design and visual communication and independent artists,” is the first in a series of upcoming workshops on mind mapping, which can be used to access your mind and improve your memory and thinking,” she said. “They will take part in the show, including clay artist Dawn Perault of St. Paul, Minn.; printmaker Tracey Goodrich of Minneapolis; Nashville’s Hans Schmitt-Ratzen, an artist and preparator for the Frist Center for Visual Arts; graphic designer Jeff Porter; and Aaron Grayum, a painter/writer/graphic designer residing in Nashville.

More recent art alumni, all of whom graduated between 2000-2004, also will take part in the show, including clay artist Dawn Peraul of St. Paul, Minn.; printmaker Tracey Goodrich of Minneapolis; Nashville’s Hans Schmitt-Ratzen, an artist and preparator for the Frist Center for Visual Arts; painter Dan Hall; and Patrick Brien of Nashville, an artist and preparator for the Cumberland Gallery.

The Todd Gallery at MTSU is open 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday and is closed on all state holidays. Admission is always free. For more information regarding the show or artists, please contact Nuell at 615-898-2905.

‘Mind Mapping’ workshops offer better study tips

by Gina K. Logue

Regardless of how experienced students are, they always can use new and better study tips to make the semester flow more smoothly.

That’s the goal of “Mind Mapping,” two free workshops set Thursday, Sept. 14, 1-4 p.m. and 5-8 p.m. in the Hazelwood Dining Room of the James Union Building.

These workshops are sponsored by the Adult Services Center, Older Wisers Learners and the Pineapple Honor Society for nontraditional stu- dents.

Dr. Carol Ann Baily, Adult Services Center director, says Mind Mapping is a “technique for note- taking, organizing your notes and reading materials for test preparation, even for generating ideas for writing papers.”

The workshops will be led by Plymouth, Mich.-based Jamie Nast, a nationally acknowledged expert on helping individuals organize their thinking.


Mind Mapping is made possible by a grant from the Student Activity Fee funds. Reservations will be made on a first-come, first-served basis and are limited to 50 students per session. To reserve a space for either workshop, call the Adult Services Center at 615-898-5989.

TEN-HUT—Lt. Col. Michael Walsh, left, inspects the troops Aug. 25 during the annual Cadet Drill at Fort Hall, where new cadets are sworn in and sen- iors are given their staff positions. Awaiting instructions are, from center left, Courtney Stumpf, Michael Burrows, Jason Overstreet and Kenneth McDevitt.

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Gann-Smith

early two decades of costumes and wearable art created by Lori Gann-Smith, an assistant professor in MTSU’s speech and theatre department, will be on display through Sept. 28 at the Alabama A&M University Art Gallery in Norman, Ala.

“Most people on earth wear some type of clothing on a regular basis from within the first two centuries of their life,” Gann-Smith said regarding her current exhibit of art—which features 15 to 20 pieces made from materials such as hand-dyed silk and peacock feathers as well as wine and garbage bags.

“In fact,” she added, “most of us are laid to rest in clothing. For centuries, clothing and adornment have been the indicators of status and station, of conformity and rebellion, of tastes and attitudes. Acceptance, guise, impression and alignment all hinge in some degree upon what we wear.”

An award-winning artist and costume/makeup/props designer, Gann-Smith said the show “is basically a retrospection of my work, representing pieces that I designed and created as far back as during my undergraduate days here at MTSU and throughout my professional career.

“The work includes both costumes designed for specific show as well as pieces of wearable art,” she continued. “Most of the wearable art is very whimsical and playful, as I see what we wear as a reflection of our personalities or character, and I tend toward the whimsical and playful.”

Gann-Smith—whose on-campus office also displays a few of her costume designs—said that although she had not pursued a formal exhibit opportunity, when AAMU extended the invitation to show her pieces, she was delighted to share her art with others.

“Some of the wearable pieces reflect my interests in playing with what is acceptable and unacceptable in our culture and what things should be like as opposed to the way they are,” she noted. “I think there is a very fine line between clothing and costume.”

“As we examine clothing, or costume, throughout history, we see patterns in ‘periodic style’ and identify the clothing of an age with that prevalent style and not by the individual’s choice of what he or she would like to have worn,” she continued. “People wore what was proper... or improper. Even ‘radicals’ had a dress code that set them apart and served as an identifier of their politics, religious preference or some other predilection.”

A native of Gallatin, Gann-Smith maintains a private studio where she creates costumes and commissioned works. She has designed for a number of producing organizations and production companies, including the Georgia Repertory Theatre, Arkansas Repertory, Nashville Venice Festival, University of Georgia, MTSU Theatre, Georgia College and University and the Tennessee Governor’s School for the Arts, among many others.

Additionally, her work is included in the 2005 comedy “Tom and Francie,” a feature film recently released on DVD. Gann-Smith also gave a Tennessee Theatre Award for best costume design for her creations for the Nashville Venice Festival’s production of “A Midsommer Night’s Dream.”

The AAMU Art Gallery, located in the Morrison Fine Arts Building, is open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday and on weekends by appointment. Admission is free and open to the public, including a reception in honor of Gann-Smith set for 6-8 p.m. on the closing night of the exhibit.

For more information regarding Gann-Smith’s exhibit at AAMU, including directions to the gallery, please contact the gallery directly at 256-372-4072.