Communities know that universities bring vitality and economic stability through employment, retail sales, commercial and residential uses and their support of cultural and social events. College towns attract employers and a diverse workforce.

According to a study conducted by the Business and Economic Research Center at MTSU during fiscal year 2003, the university contributed more than $680 million in business revenue, provided 9,176 jobs and generated $343 million in personal income to the Nashville Metropolitan Statistical Area.

The $1.25 million pledge, paid over a period of five years, will benefit a local resident who is dedicated to community service, as well as helping to fund a scholarship program. This year, the Community Benefit Recipient is Karen Jordan. Each member of the Gospel Music Extravaganza Committee suggests individuals who would benefit from the money and further enrich the community. The committee selected Jordan as the Community Benefit Recipient based on her need and good works. Jordan has been a diabetic for more than 30 years and a dialysis patient for six years. Despite the loss of both legs to diabetes, she gives great amounts of her time and energy to community service, as well as helping to fund a scholarship program. This year, the Community Benefit Recipient is Karen Jordan. Each member of the Gospel Music Extravaganza Committee suggests individuals who would benefit from the money and further enrich the community. The committee selected Jordan as the Community Benefit Recipient based on her need and good works.

The benefit will feature performances by choirs, vocal groups, solo singers and spiritual dancers. The cost is $10 for adults and $5 for students; children six and under will be admitted free.

Each year, proceeds from the event are used to provide funding for the endowed professorship in entrepreneurship in the Jennings A. Jones College of Business at the university she loves and has served for many years. “I felt it met what I wanted to achieve,” explained Wright, founder of Wright Travel, “which was a broader concept of what will serve as an opportunity to promote growth with entrepreneurship in middle Tennessee and beyond. The middle Tennessee community has been extremely beneficial to me, and the spirit here has greatly contributed toward my company’s success.” The $1.25 million pledge, paid over a period of five years, will provide funding for the endowed chair and will allow university support a local resident who is dedicated to community service, as well as helping to fund a scholarship program. This year, the Community Benefit Recipient is Karen Jordan. Each member of the Gospel Music Extravaganza Committee suggests individuals who would benefit from the money and further enrich the community. The committee selected Jordan as the Community Benefit Recipient based on her need and good works.

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**Brock McGuire Band bringing Irish traditions Feb. 25**

**from Staff Reports**

The Brock McGuire Band, one of Ireland’s top traditional groups, will perform a free concert Monday, Feb. 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the State Farm Lecture Hall in the Business and Aerospace Building at MTSU.

The concert is presented by MTSU’s Center for Popular Music with the sponsorship of the university’s Distinguished Lecture Committee.

Leaders of the band, button accordionist Paul Brock and fiddler Manus McGuire, are two of Ireland’s most celebrated traditional musicians. Their playing has been recognized with numerous awards, and both men have recorded extensively as solo artists and in various groups. They previously played together in the acclaimed group Moving Cloud, a Clare-based band that recorded two albums for Green Linnet Records in the 1990s.

Brock’s 1986 collaboration with fiddler Frankie Gavin, “Tribute to Joe Clancy,” is regarded by critics and fellow musicians as one of the outstanding traditional albums of the modern era. The Chicago-based Irish American News voted him Best Male Musician in 2004, and his recent duo album with fellow band member Enda Scahill, “Huminnder,” was named Irish Music Album of the Year in 2006 by the Irish Times. “Huminnder” has been released in the United States by Nashville-based Compass Records.

McGuire is an Irish fiddler who blends traditional music with incorporating a moderating taste. Raised in County Sligo, one of Ireland’s most renowned fiddling regions, he absorbed the local fiddle style made famous by such legendary players as Michael Coleman, James Morrison and Paddy Killoran. His recent solo CD, “Fiddlewings,” received a Bravo Award from Traid Grime, and he was voted Male Musician of the Year for 2006 by the Irish American News.

Joining Brock and McGuire are Denis Carey and Paul Brock—will perform in concert Monday, Feb. 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the State Farm Lecture Hall in the Business and Aerospace Building. At 7 p.m. that same day, Brock will lecture on “Irish Traditional Music in America—The Golden Era.”

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**Women’s golf welcomes new coach**

**from MT Media Relations**

Chris Adams already has a working knowledge of Middle Tennessee State University’s female golfers after coaching against them for the past five seasons while serving as head coach at Arkansas State.

Not only is Adams familiar with the Blue Raiders’ returning linksters, but she also appreciates the fact she will no longer have to go against them now that she’s been named to the head coach’s position at Middle Tennessee. Adams replaces former Blue Raider coach Rachael Short, who resigned in December to pursue other professional interests. She becomes the third women’s golf coach in the program’s history.

“We are very pleased to bring in an experienced young coach to fill the women’s golf coach vacancy,” Director of Athletics Chris Massaro said. “When you talk to Chris, you feel her enthusiasm, and we believe she will build upon the strong foundation Rachael left us. (Adams) is familiar with our players and our program, having been at Arkansas State, so I see that as another advantage for her, as well as Middle Tennessee.”

Adams, who had coached at ASU since April 2002, inherited an experienced team that includes one of the Sun Belt’s most decorated players in senior Taryn Durham, who became the first Blue Raider to participate in the Women’s U.S. Open last summer. Durham is a three-time All-Sun Belt selection and leads a group that includes several players with strong credentials and a wealth of tournament under their belts.

“Quite frankly, I am glad I don’t have to coach against (Durham) anymore,” Adams said. “Having a player like Taryn Durham is great, but we have a very good team at Middle Tennessee, and that is exciting. We have several players with a great deal of tournament experience at the college level, so they know what it takes to compete at a high level, because that is what Rachael demanded. I look forward to jumping in and getting started. It’s a great opportunity because of the job Rachael has done.”

Middle East expert to speak Feb. 11

**from Staff Reports**

Dr. Juan R. I. Cole, Richard P. Mitchell Distinguished University Professor of History at the University of Michigan, will speak on ‘The Millennium in Pursuit: Shi‘ite Opposition to the United States in Iraq’ on Monday, Feb. 11, at 7 p.m. in the State Farm Lecture Hall in MTSU’s Business and Aerospace Building.

Cole, who recently served as president of the Middle East Studies Association, is a leading expert on Egypt, Iran, Iraq, and South Asia, particularly 19th century history and religious studies (Shi‘ite Islam and the Baha’i faith). Among his recent books are Sacred Space and Holy War: The Politics, Culture and History of Shi‘ite Islam (2002) and Napoleon’s Egypt: Invading the Middle East (2007).

In addition to his scholarly work, Cole plays an active role in public policy debates. He frequently appears as a guest on “The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer” on PBS and contributes op-ed pieces for The Nation, Salon.com, The Guardian and The Daily Star (Beirut).

He also maintains a popular blog, “Informed Consent,” discussing issues related to Middle East politics, religion and the war on terror.

The lecture, sponsored by MTSU’s Middle East Center, is free and open to the public.

Other Middle East Center events planned for spring 2008 include:
• Tuesday, March 18—Dr. Said Ennahid, Albert Ludwigs University, “The State of Historic Preservation in Morocco”; 3:30 p.m., Honors College Amphitheatre (HONR 106);
• Saturday, March 19—Dr. Said Ennahid, “The Archaeology of Space in Arabic Poetry”; 3:30 p.m., HONR 106;
• Sunday, April 19—Omar Faruk Tekbilek & His Ensemble; 2 p.m., KUC Theater; and
• Tuesday, April 22—Dr. Miriam Siegel, Hebrew University, “Contemporary Women Writing in Israel”; Dining Room C, James Union Building.

For more information, contact the center’s director, Dr. Allen Hibbard, at 615-494-7906.
Association Youth and Young Adults Department and teaches Sunday school to preschoolers at Prosperity Missionary Baptist Church. Her participa-
tion in these activities has allowed her to share her experience and knowledge with young people in the community, but she now needs a handicapped-accessible van to contin-
uide her work since she can no longer use her car.

Jordan was born to the late Rev. John O. and Mary E. Jordan and had strong ties to the church from an early age. Her faith strengthens her, and she says she wants to teach others that they too can do all things through Christ. Despite life’s hardships, Jordan constantly tells family and friends, “It is well with my soul.” A fan of gospel music, Jordan is a regular at the Extravaganza and sings in her church choir. Her favorite song is the spiritual “I Won’t Complain,” which captures her attitude in life.

Jordan says she hopes to continue educating children and teenagers about health and diabetes. She believes that through this interaction, she can inspire them to overcome whatever obstacles God gives them with joy and to pass along the wis-
dom and hope she has found.

The program is still looking for organizations or individuals willing to donate or provide help. For more information, please contact Mary E. Glass at 615-898-5145.
TV Schedule

“Middle Tennessee Record”

Cable Channel 9:
- Monday-Sunday—7 a.m., 5 p.m.
- NewsChannel 5+:
  - Sundays—1:30 p.m.
  - Visit www.mtsu.com for other cable outlet airtimes.

Through Feb. 28

“Maine Women: Living on the Land”
- Photo exhibit by Lauren Shaw Baldwin Photo Gallery, LRC
- For information, visit www.mtsu.edu/~aahm
- photo by News and Public Affairs


Campus Calendar

Feb. 11-24

Wednesday, Feb. 13

Black History Month:
- John Fleas Faculty Award
  - 4-6 p.m., Tom Jackson Building
  - For information, visit www.mtsu.edu/~aahm

Feb. 14

Thursday, Feb. 14

Retired Faculty/Staff Coffee
- 9:30 a.m., Foundation House
  - For information, contact: 615-898-5756.

MT Basketball Mardi Gras Night vs. South Alabama
- Women, 5:50 p.m.;
- men, 7:30 p.m.
  - For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com.

Feb. 16

Saturday, Feb. 16

Men’s Basketball vs. Western Kentucky (ESPN Regional)
- 3 p.m., Murphy Center
  - For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com.

Feb. 17

Sunday, Feb. 17

Women’s Basketball vs. Western Kentucky (ESPN Regional/Think Pink Event)
- 2 p.m., Murphy Center
  - For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com.

Feb. 18

MTSU Jazz Ensembles
- 7:30 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
  - For information, contact: 615-898-2493.

Feb. 19-20

MTSU Concert Chorale/ Middle Tenn. Choral Society
- 3 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
  - For information, contact: 615-898-2493.

Feb. 20

Wednesday, Feb. 20

Black History Month:
- Felony Disenfranchisement and the Right to Vote in Tennessee
  - 12:30-2 p.m., CKNB 121

Black History Month:
- Black History Quiz Bowl
  - 5:30 p.m., location TBA
  - For information, visit www.mtsu.edu/~aahm.

Feb. 21

Thursday, Feb. 21

Women’s Studies Research Series: Dr. Yuan-ling Chao, “Poetry and Footbinding: Women in Late Imperial China”
- 3 p.m., JUB 100
  - For information, contact: 615-898-5282.

Still ‘insuring’ science strength

Tornado Siren Test Date
- 12:20 p.m., campuswide
  - For information, contact: 615-898-2424.

Black History Month:
- A(Wearness) Runway Project
  - 6 p.m., JUB Tennessee Room
  - For information, visit www.mtsu.edu/~aahm

Presidential Concert Series: Read Gainsford
- 7:30 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
  - For information, contact: 615-898-2493.

Wednesday, Feb. 13

Faculty Brown-Bag Lunch: “Discovering Our Extraordinary Place in the Cosmos”
- 11:30 a.m., Walker Library 475
  - For information, contact: wblack@mtsu.edu.

Feb. 14

Thursday, Feb. 14

Brass Chamber Ensemble
- 8 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
  - For information, contact: 615-898-2493.

Feb. 15

Feb. 15-16 and 20-23

MTSU Theatre: “Baby”
- 7:30 p.m., Tucker Theatre
  - For information, contact: 615-898-2640.

Monday, Feb. 18

Black History Month:
- Reflections on the “Jena 6” Protest: Film and Discussion
  - 4-5:30 p.m., CKNB N116
  - For information, visit www.mtsu.edu/~aahm.

Feb. 16

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MTSU Symphonic Band/
- Brass Ensemble
  - 7:30 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
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Monday, Feb. 20

Black History Month:
- Dr. Nikki Giovanni, “Race in the 21st Century”
  - 7 p.m., LRC 221
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Feb. 23-24

MT Softball:
- Middle Tennessee Classic
  - Feb. 23: 1 p.m., UT Martin;
  - 5 p.m., Belmont; Feb. 24: 11 a.m., Southern Illinois; consolation/championship, 3 p.m.
  - For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com.
and quality of life. While not every plan for campus expansion pleases everyone, campus planning staff and university administrators are making every effort to respond to residents’ concerns. In addition to open forums on campus that welcome neighbors to discuss the issues, The Record, the official publication of the university, signifies our intention of keeping the lines of communication open with our friends and neighbors. This issue is the first of three in 2008 that we will send to university neighbors. In each, we will provide up-to-date information on campus construction and expansion. We hope you’ll enjoy the other stories as well; our students provide several Record stories throughout the year, a fact of which we are quite proud.

The Campus Master Plan, which is to be presented to the State Building Commission on Thursday, Feb. 14, is a response to the university’s Academic Master Plan. The physical plan, as reflected in the future-oriented map of campus seen below, supports the academic goals of the university and provides a framework for future additions and modifications to accommodate the enrollment growth and the educational needs of our students. In particular, the Campus Master Plan helped to define the requirements for a new science building and a new education building for the College of Education and Behavioral Science. Along with buildings, the plan summarizes utility and infrastructure work needed to keep pace with campus development.

While these two buildings are essential for MTSU’s growth, they will not solve all of the university’s shortage of space. Right now, MTSU has significantly less space per student than all other institutions in the Tennessee Board of Regents. There currently are 84.54 net square feet per student at MTSU; other TBR schools average 114.53 net square feet per student. With a target total headcount of 27,000 students, MTSU will still need to construct 1.6 million gross square feet of nonresidential space to accommodate enrollment growth and be on par with its sister TBR schools. Rather than growing for growth’s sake, however, MTSU’s current and future physical expansion is the result of a carefully designed plan to catch up to current and future demands.

New buildings, additional parking lots, upgraded and expanding infrastructure—all are necessities to accommodate the educational needs of our students so that they will graduate and become contributing, successful citizens.

MTSU, which has the largest undergraduate enrollment in the state, continues to attract many of the state’s best and brightest students. We must provide them with the finest learning environment and facilities possible.

Construction forging ahead across campus

Construction on the MTSU campus has become part of the landscape, literally and figuratively speaking.

While sometimes inconvenient, noisy and dusty, the various projects around campus indicate that the university continues to attract many of the state’s best and brightest students—and MTSU must accommodate their educational needs. In addition to the Campus Master Plan, much of which is future-oriented, there are several projects currently underway.

Work on the baseball stadium upgrade is gradually moving toward the target completion date of June. The concrete work on the dugouts is complete, along with the rough-in mechanical, electrical and plumbing. The interior framing in Lyon Hall along Middle Tennessee Boulevard is nearly complete. Renovation of apartments DEF and GHI in the Womack Lane Apartment complex should be coming to an end, and occupants should move in around June 1.

The addition of the Student Health, Wellness and Recreation Facility to the current Recreation Center should be completed by June. Sprinkler systems have been installed, the roof is finished and tile is being installed in the existing lobby.

The new observatory east of the Cope Administration Building is scheduled for completion in late February. Completed projects include Wiser-Patten/JUB Life Safety; the Mass Communication Mix Room; the new HVAC system, elevator and unisex handicapped-accessible restroom in Peck Hall; the re-roofing of Judd, Gracy and Smith halls; and the fire-alarm upgrades in Peck Hall and Cope Administration Building.

Projects in design are the new science building, university center and education building.
from Staff Reports

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lose to $2 million in new money could lower the poten-
tial tax burden on the city and it would reduce the num-
ter of households by which the city has grown since then.

“We have budgeted $50,000 to conduct the census,” he said. “The return on that investment is obvious.”

MTSU students, because they spend a majority of their time in Murfreesboro, and they’re considered resi-
dents, so they’ll be counted now that they have arrived back in the city for the spring semester, Lewis said.

The correspondence will include a form asking simply for the first and last names of everyone living at that resi-
dents’ homes this month, Lewis said. The correspondence will include a form asking simply for the first and last names of everyone living at that address.

“We’re very simple,” Lewis said. “People can mail it or send it to us or do it online. They’re living there and they should be counted.”

By late May, the planner explained, the date by which Tennessee requires population figures to be submitted.

“I’m not a direct tax, Lewis maintains, but it is a cost-effective way to help raise more money to fund city services and programs.

“I’ve personally been through the state of Tennessee and was totally taken with its beauty,” she remarked. “It was very lush when I visited, and all the colors were such a great story in the tradition of the common folk from the South.”

“I was on the edge of my seat as she revealed each detail of her story, with all its triumphs and heartbreaks,” Williams continued. “She reminded me of the late Molly Ivins and Ann Richards, both kick-butt-and-take-no-prisonsers Texas women, too.”

Although her upcoming visit marks the first time she’s been to MTSU, it’s a stop Wilson said she’s looking forward to.

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“We’ve been to a lot of conferences as well. We’ve met a lot of people who were only on the media...” he said.

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by Randy Weider

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Activist/author takes on lecture, classes in March

by Lisa L. Rollins

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ctivist Diane Wilson, author of An Unreasonable Woman: A True Story of Shrimpers, Politicians, Pollution, and the Fight for Saudi Gulf, Texas, will visit the MTSU campus March 12-13 to speak with classes and deliv-
er a free public lecture.

Sponsored by the American Democracy Project, the Distinguished Lectures Committee and the National Women’s History Month, Wilson’s talk, “Diane versus Goliath: Taking on Politicians and Corporations to Protect Family and the Environment,” will get under way at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, in the State Farm Lecture Hall of the Business and Aerospace Building. A book signing will follow.

A native of Seadrift, Texas, Wilson is a fourth-genera-
tion shrimp boat captain and mother of five who learned that she lived in the most polluted county in the United States.

She decided to fight back by launching a campaign against a multibillion-dollar corporation that reportedly covered up spills, silenced workers and dumped lethal eth-
ylene dichloride and vinyl chloride into the bays along the Gulf Coast.

Cited as an epic tale of bravery, An Unreasonable Woman chronicles Wilson’s fight at the chemical plant’s doors and through the court system.

Diligent in her efforts to stop the pollution and its cover-up, Wilson encountered scorn, bribery and death threats before realizing she had to break the law to achieve justice.

Wilson’s story of her battle to stop the industrial pollution and its result-

ing contamination to both water and people has been characterized by authors such as E.J. Hightower and Rick Bass as “a mandela story of corporate intrigue, government shenanigans and all-around political dirty-tricks” that also resonates as “one of this nation’s greatest works of nonfic-
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Paterson said some of the events have been changed by the national Science Olympiad organization. Some of the middle-school events include “Science Crime Busters,” “Amphi-

bians,” “Reptiles and Amphibians” and “Trajectories.”

High school events will also include “Forensics,” the “Wright Stuff” and “Electric Vehicle.”

The veteran director said she anticipates more than 350 students from at least nine middle and 11 high schools in Middle Tennessee, making it one of the largest region in the state.

“We’ve got some new ones—
Dayspring from Robertson County and Clarksville High School—that we’re excited about,” she said.

“Central Middle supposedly is com-
ing for the first time ... (and) Harpeth Hall is coming back to us.”

The awards ceremony will start around 3:30 p.m. in LRC 221. The state Science Olympiad is set April 5 at the University of Tennessee.

Journal — from page 8

coach at the University of Alabama and the Tennessee Titans’ “Music City Miracle” on canvas.

Through a partnership with the University of Michigan Library’s Scholarly Publishing Office, which will house the journal, and the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition, as well as gen-

erous donations from a benefactor who supports the journal’s mission, Jubenville says he expects the first issue to be released in late 2008 or early 2009.

For more information, contact Jubenville at 615-898-2909 or jubercn@mtsu.edu or Goss at 417-

882-8251 or jgoss@umich.edu. The journal’s Web site is www.jassonline.org.

A podcast of Jubenville’s inter-

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A new technology continues to find its way into the classroom, many educators feel that the classroom itself is in need of an update.

Dr. Andrew Milne, CEO of the Palo Alto, Calif-based Tidbreak Inc., will make a special presentation at MTSU for faculty and staff on Friday, Feb. 29, in the Faculty Senate Chamber, Room 100 of the James Union Building.

Milne’s workshop will focus on the growing need for universities to rethink the design of their traditional learning spaces.

A group of MTSU students also will contribute to Milne’s project. Under the direction of Dr. Ron Kapan, both assistant professor of English, students are participating in an interactive survey concerning traditional and alternative classroom spaces.

"In addition, whenever I was at a board meeting a while back, and he promoted involvement in entrepreneurship," she said. "The university believes student activity continues to be rearranged to accommodate different instructional approaches," Milne says. "Participation not only makes learning more fun, it helps to reinforce important concepts and hone critical thinking skills."

In addition to Kates, event coordinators are Barbara Draude, director of academic and instructional technology services in the Information Technology Division, and Faye Johnson, assistant to the executive vice president and provost for special initiatives. Johnson says the presentation will be of great interest to the MTSU student body.

"We have a lot of faculty on campus interested in learning about how to improve learning spaces," Johnson says. "[Those] that attend will find it very helpful and enlightening."

As for the presenter himself, Milne is excited at the prospect of visiting MTSU and hopeful that his insight ultimately will benefit the campus.

"The hope is that the session will be an opportunity for faculty to reflect on the changing nature of teaching and learning," Milne says, "and identify critical priorities for designing learning spaces at MTSU in the future."

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Call now for Preds tickets

MTSU Nights with the Nashville Predators are making a special ticket offer to the MTSU community for two upcoming home games.

The team is offering $4 to $17 off regular ticket prices and will donate $5 from each ticket sold to the Sports Marketing Scholarship in the Department of Management and Marketing, Dr. Don Roy notes.

Game dates are Thursday, Feb. 21, versus Vancouver and Tuesday, March 10, against Washington. Lower Bowl (Section 120) tickets, regularly priced at $62 each, will have a special price of $45. Mezzanine (Section 319) tickets (regularly $45 each) will cost $35 each, and Upper Level (Section 332) tickets will cost $25 (a savings of $4 off the regular price). There are no transaction fees. Both games begin at 7 p.m. at the Sommet Center in Nashville.

Orders received two weeks prior to game will be mailed to you. After that, you can pick up tickets on game night at the will call window at the Sommet Center ticket office.

To order by phone or for more information, call Dan Schaefer, Nashville Predators sales account executive, at 615-770-2115 and mention the MTSU Night promotion to receive the discount price.

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Star dates change for spring

The Spring 2008 lineup for the Department of Physics and Astronomy’s popular “First Friday Star Parties” has undergone some changes and revisions to accommodate guest lecturers and other schedule adjustments.

New dates include:

- Friday, March 14 (second Friday for this month only) — “Central Engines for Galaxies,” Dr. Eric Klumper
- Friday, March 28 (replacing April Star Party) — “View of the Center of the Universe,” cosmologist Joel Primack; and
- Friday, May 2, “Messenger at Mercury,” Dr. Charles Higgins.

Each Star Party will be conducted from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., beginning in Wiser-Patten Science Room 102 with a 30- to 45-minute public lecture and viewing outside through telescope observing, weather permitting. The events are open and free to the general public, and children are welcome.

Free parking is available behind the WFS building after 4:30 p.m. on Fridays.

For more information, contact Higgins at 615-898-5946 or Klumper at 615-898-2483 or visit www.mtsu.edu/~physics.

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Alumna

officials to launch a search for the position and begin chair activities. The first installment has been completed.

"An endowed chair typically represents the best in their field," noted Joe Bales, vice president for development and university relations. "Pam has helped us establish the first chair of this type, and we are eternally grateful to her."

Wright opened her doors for business in 1981. The largest travel agency in Tennessee now employs 70 people and, in addition to Tennessee, operates offices in Alabama, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina and Utah.

"I wanted not only to be just an alumna but a business connection to this community," she said. "The university has been fabulous in allowing me the opportunity to participate and contribute through board and committee involvement."

Wright has served on the MTSU Foundation Board and the College of Business Advisory Board. In 2002, she was among the first group to receive the Exemplar Award, which is presented to alumni who have served as models for students of achievement in business and industry.

"Burton noted that the curriculum for the entrepreneurship program at MTSU originally was a joint venture between the Departments of Communication and Marketing and Business and Economics. The dean also alluded to a report recently released by the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce that touts entrepreneurship as a driving force for creating jobs the region. Rather than taking an alternative to not finding steady work, he said, entrepreneur- ship has become a deliberate choice for students who want to be their own bosses.

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Dr. Robert Lahm is seeking “Campus Partners”—faculty, administrators and campus groups—to participate in MTSU’s “Entrepreneurship Week” activities Feb. 23-March 1. For more information, please visit http://mtsu.edu/~eweek.
New journal aims to empower sport management industry, practitioners

by Gina K. Logue

TSU’s Sport Management Program will be the point of origin of a new scholarly journal that will provide cutting-edge research on issues affecting the sport industry.

A call for papers will be issued soon to scholars around the world requesting submissions for the Journal of Sport Administration & Supervision. The publication is the brainchild of Dr. Colby Jubenville, associate professor of health and human performance and coordinator of that department’s graduate program.

“We are soliciting some of the top academics and practicing professionals in the sport industry to let them know that we want to provide a platform from which information can be produced and consumed and that we want them to be part of this process,” Jubenville says.

In a twist on conventional academic publications, Jubenville says that, in addition to academicians, sport practitioners will be allowed to review scholar works, examine their research and assess them to channel that theory into meaningful applications to pieces of research, we feel confident that other practitioners across sport can understand it, particularly at the upper administrative levels, because almost all of those sport managers are ultra-savvy business people who work with information constantly in making decisions.”

Possible issues to be tackled by writers for the journal include the influence of drug cultures on sport; parental involvement with youth sports; the impact of globalization and internationalization of sport; images, role models and sportsmanship; the impact of marketing practices (sponsors, branding, advertising, etc.) on sport; and influences on decision-making on high school/college athletics.

“The future and the face of sport is ultimately what we’re going to address here,” Jubenville says. “The journal’s layout and design were created largely by MTSU doctoral student Mike Martinez. A former sports information specialist for The University of Southern Mississippi and sports-writer, Martinez brings his graphic arts, journalism and public-relations skills to the project.

“For me, this is a good fit because I’m kind of both sides of the coin,” Martinez says. “My perception is that education is not only to teach people to think critically but be productive in what they choose to do.’’

Artwork for the journal will be provided by Douglas C. Hess of Madison, Ala. Hess, whose imagery has been compared to that of Norman Rockwell, has captured numerous sports moments, such as Bear Bryant’s final victory as head football coach.

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