Y’all ‘all in’ for homecoming?

by Rhonda Wright

You can bet that Homecoming 2008 will hit the jackpot the week of Nov. 3-8. Tying in with the football season slogan of “All In,” the homecoming theme is “Bet on Blue.” The MTSU Alumni Relations Office has been working with student groups to deck the deck with events planned throughout the week that will build on the traditions of the past and make memories for the future.

The week starts with the T-Shirt Swap. Alumni and university faculty and staff can visit the Alumni House between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday, Nov. 3, through Friday, Nov. 7, to trade a shirt from another school for the official 2008 Homecoming shirt. All shirts collected will be donated to a charity. (Students will be able to swap shirts via a Student Government Association event that same week.)

On Friday evening, graduates of the Class of 1958 and earlier are invited to attend the Golden Raider Induction Ceremony and Dinner at the Tom H. Jackson Building.

Alumni and friends are invited to the Chili Cook-Off at 5:30 p.m. on Friday on the Murphy Center lawn, where chili will be served and judged. Participants either can enter a recipe or enjoy the food. Afterward, everyone can head to Murphy Center and watch as student groups battle it out at the National Pan-Hellenic Council Step Show at 7:30 p.m.

Alumni Relations also is inviting the MTSU community to watch the Homecoming Parade at “Mixer on M” at the Alumni House, where a complimentary breakfast will be served starting at 9 a.m. Saturday.

Make a Big Blue Difference!

There’s more than one way to make a difference in people’s lives, and MTSU’s 2008 Employee Charitable Giving Campaign, which kicks off Thursday, Nov. 6, will give employees a chance to “Save a Life — Big Blue Difference in the Community.”

“Joining Together — Making a Difference” is the 2008 theme sponsored by the Tennessee Board of Regents system, said 2008 campaign chair Dr. Gloria Bonner, special assistant to the president for the Office of Community Engagement and Support. “Now, more than ever, it is critical for us to have the support from the MTSU community to help with the changing demands in our society. As a university known for its generous spirit of giving, we are united by the great traditions of this community and bound by its longstanding commitment to economic and social support for all of our citizens.

“As valued members of this university, we embrace the significance of investing in the community, because we really want to make a difference in the lives of others. As you know, it takes everyone working collectively to create a better future for those who generally have the least — those who have no work, health insurance, no access to the opportuni- ties available to us.”

Even in tight economic times, MTSU employees have always found a way to dig down to find a little extra to help those without jobs, without health insurance, with needs for services that they couldn’t otherwise obtain without donations from caring people in the community. Despite ongoing budget cuts at the university, some MTSU employees already are making plans to donate or to increase their contributions.

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$1.97 million grant to help MTSU fight lead poisoning in children

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

“HUD’s lead-elimination program works through organizations like MTSU to identify and remove lead hazards in homes,” U.S. Rep. Bart Gordon said, noting that children are particularly vulnerable to lead poisoning, which has been linked to serious health problems that can result in decreased intelligence and poor school performance.

“MTSU has done outstanding work in this area and reduced the incidents of lead poisoning in Tennessee children,” the Murfreesboro congressman added.

This is the third award MTSU has received to eliminate lead hazards, and the university is expected to clear an additional 156 homes with the second grant. MTSU’s goal with the new $1.97 million grant is to clear another 110 homes of hazardous lead, specifically in the Knoxville area of Knox County.

“Exposure to lead is very detrimental to childhood development — it actually inhibits development of the brain,” said Dr. Kathy

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Living with latest budget cuts

by Dr. Sidney A. McPhee

This communication comes in follow up to my earlier message regarding the state’s implementation of additional budget reductions for fiscal year 2008-09, which calls for MTSU to return slightly more than $3.2 million. On Friday, Oct. 17, we submitted a plan to TBR outlining how these additional reductions would be made and their impact on university operations and employee morale.

Again, the university is committed to protecting its core mission in academics and instructional activities and made no reductions to the Academic Affairs division base budgets. The following are just a few ways in which MTSU will be affected by the latest budget cuts:

• reduction in academic scholarship funds; student programming, training and development activities; travel and professional development funds; and custodial and grounds services;

• delays in the development and implementation of some information technology projects and services;

• a revision in the weekend lockdown schedule that will eliminate two shifts of building lockdown services on weekends; and

• additional reductions in university landscaping, cleaning schedules and HVAC service calls. As a result of these latest cuts and reductions, you will notice a decrease in the level of certain campus services; a shift toward more

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C elebration of Nontradition-
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Mallonee exhibit under way at Baldwin Gallery; lecture set

Photographer Tom Mallonee’s exhibit, “Evidence of Passing: Vanishing Points Along an American Road,” will be displayed until Dec. 4 in the Baldwin Photographic Gallery on the first floor of the McWherter Learning Resources Center. A lecture by Mallonee will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 3, in Bragg Mass Communication Room 103, with a reception afterward in the gallery.

Tom Jimison, gallery director and professor of electronic media communications, said Mallonee “has an information technology background and white ink prints for artists. Baldwin Photographic Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, noon to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and 6 to 9:45 p.m. on Sundays. The gallery will be closed Nov. 27-29 (Thursday through Saturday) for the Thanksgiving holiday. Exhibitions are free and open to the public. For more information, call 615-898-2085.

From Stark Williams

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Sitting in a classroom taking notes every day can get pretty dull. Traveling is a way to break the monotonous school routine, but many students can’t justify the price tag for the photos. But what if you could travel and earn school credit?

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Scholars Academy’s needs lead to plans for Nov. 13 ‘Black & White Gala’

The scholars Academy at MTSU will celebrate with and benefit from the first Black & White Gala, a Thursday, Nov. 13, event at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center honoring three Tennesseans who have made significant contributions to the areas of education, leadership, diversity and human rights.

“Educating for Extraordinary Excellence: Celebrating our Past, Present and Future” is the theme of the premier gala celebrating the accomplishments of: • The Hon. Camille McMullen, the first African-American woman to be appointed to the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals; • MTSU alumnus Darrell S. Freeman Sr., chairman and CEO of Zycron, Inc., an information technology service and solutions firm; and • Dr. Kevin Churchwell, CEO/executive director of the Monroe Carell Jr. Children’s Hospital at Vanderbilt.

Proceeds from the gala will provide scholarship and endowment funds for the Scholars Academy, a four-year academic and social college support program aiming to increase the graduation rates of minority college students.

The gala and a spring golf outing provide funds for minority and under-served Tennesseans, including Gaylord employees and their children, to attend the Scholars Academy at MTSU.

The reception for the Black & White Gala begins at 6 p.m., followed by a 7 p.m. dinner and ceremony of honors and silent and live auctions. Table sponsorships ranging from $5,000 to $50,000 are available; individual tickets to the event are $200 each.

Honoree McMullen received her law degree from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and was an assistant district attorney with the Shelby County District Attorney General’s Office. From 2001-08, she was an assistant U.S. attorney for the Western District of Tennessee, and she was named to the state’s criminal appeals court this year.

Freeman, whose IT firm employs more than 150 professionals across the country, also is the co-founder of Reliant Bank, Pinnacle Construction Partners and DC Properties. He recently completed a second term as chairman of the Nashville Chamber of Commerce and is a current board member of Centennial Medical Center.

As former chairman of the 100 Black Men of Middle Tennessee, he led the organization to achieve Chapter of the Year honors in 2005.

Churchwell, a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Vanderbilt University Medical School, returned to Vanderbilt in 1995 to join the faculty as assistant professor of pediatric critical care and anesthesia. Since 2004, he has been listed as one of the “The Best Doctors in America” and “America’s Top Pediatricians for 2006-07.” He was the first chief of staff at Vanderbilt Children’s Hospital and was named to lead the facility in July 2007.

For more information about the Black & White Gala or to obtain tickets or table sponsorships, please contact Michelle McDaniel or Dr. Sharon Shaw-McEven at 615-898-5975 or e-mail calvin@mtsu.edu.
Please note:
Event dates, times and locations may change after press time. Please verify specifics when making plans.

TV Schedule

“Middle Tennessee Record”
Cable Channel 9: Monday-Sunday—7 a.m., 5 p.m.
News Channel 5+: Sundays—1:30 p.m.

Through Nov. 13

“4 Women 4 Views with Text”
Book Arts exhibit, Walker Library Special Collection Room
For information, contact: 615-904-8503.

Nov. 3
Fall Honors Lecture Series: Dr. David Foote
3-3:55 p.m., HONR 106
For information, visit http://honors.web.mtsu.edu/lecture_series.htm or contact: 615-898-2152.

Nov. 4
ELECTION DAY
For voting information, visit www.rutherfordcountytn.gov/vote or contact: 615-898-7743.

Learning, Teaching & Innovative Technologies
Center Panel: “Using E-Games in Your Curriculum”
11:40 a.m.–1 p.m., Peck Hall 106
For more information, visit www.mtsu.edu/ltanditc or contact: 615-494-7671.

JAWC Career/Professional Brown Bag Development Series: Lucy Jones and Katy Riddle of the Career Development Center
Noon–1 p.m., JUB Dining Room C
For information, contact: 615-898-2193.

Our Friends, Our Selves Bookclub
featured book: What Makes a Man—22 Writers Imagine the Future by Rebecca Walker
3:30-4:30 p.m., JUB 206
For information, contact: 615-898-2193.

Nov. 5
Nontraditional Student Day
MT Men’s Basketball vs. North Alabama
7 p.m., Murphy Center
For information, visit www.mtsu.edu or contact: 615-898-2450.

Nov. 6
Nontraditional Student Potluck Dinner
Bring a side dish for eight to 10, plus drinks for your family
5:30-7:30 p.m., KUC 322
For information, contact: 615-898-5989.

MT Women’s Basketball vs. North Alabama
7 p.m., Murphy Center
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Faculty Horn Recital: Angela DeBoer
8 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, contact: 615-898-2493.

Nov. 7
Dr. Robert Kronick, “Developing Community Partnerships to Achieve Service-Learning Outcomes”
1:30-3:30 p.m., JUB 100
For more information, contact: 615-494-7671.

First Friday Star Party: Dr. E. Klumpe, “The Solar Cycle”
6:30 p.m., Wiser-Patten Science
For information, contact: 615-898-2483.

Nov. 8
Homecoming: Blue Raider Football vs. Louisiana-Monroe
2:30 p.m., Floyd Stadium
For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com or contact: 615-898-2450.

Nov. 9
MTSU On the Record— TERRA
Dr. William Canak talks about the Tennessee Employment Relations Research Association and its 11th annual conference
7 a.m., WMOT 89.5-FM Podcast available at www.mtsunews.com.

Nov. 10
Fall Honors Lecture Series: Dr. Bob Spire
3-3:55 p.m., HONR 106
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Faculty Senate Meeting
4:30 p.m., JUB 100
For information, contact: 615-898-2582.

Nov. 11
Veterans’ Day
Red Cross Blood Drive
10 a.m.-4 p.m., KUC 322/318
For information, contact: 615-898-2591.

Nov. 12
MTSU Percussion Ensemble
8 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, contact: 615-898-2493.

Nov. 13
Retired Faculty/Staff Coffee
9:30 a.m., Foundation House
For information, contact: 615-898-5756.

Nov. 14
MT Men’s Basketball vs. Trevecca
7 p.m., Murphy Center
For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com or contact: 615-898-2450.

MT Volleyball vs. Troy
7 p.m., Alumni Memorial Gym
For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com or contact: 615-898-2450.

Nov. 15
MT Women’s Basketball vs. South Alabama
7 p.m., Alumni Memorial Gym
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Nov. 16
MT Volleyball vs. Lafayette College
7 p.m., Murphy Center
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Nov. 17
“MTSU On the Record— A Christmas Carol”
Actor and alumnus Allan Barlow talks about his work on A Christmas Carol and his speech and theatre workshops.
7 a.m., WMOT 89.5-FM Podcast available at www.mtsunews.com.

Faculty Piano Recital: Titus Bartos
3 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, contact: 615-898-2493.

Nov. 18
String Studio Recital
5 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, contact: 615-898-2493.
Football hero returns to lead this year’s parade

by Claire Rogers
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A well-known Middle Tennessee State University alumnus and 2008 Kenyon Hall of Fame inductee will be returning to serve as grand marshal during MTSU’s homecoming parade on Saturday, Nov. 8.

Kelly Holcomb, 35, was inducted into the hall of fame this year for his outstanding accomplishments in Blue Raider football during the 1991 to 1994 seasons. He graduated from MTSU with a bachelor’s degree in 1996 after beginning his professional football career.

Former Coach Boots Donnelly recruited Holcomb from Lincoln County High School to play for the Blue Raiders in 1991. He was a four-year starting quarterback for the Raiders and set multiple passing records during his college career.


After the parade, attendees can call 615-898-2103 or visiting www.goblueraiders.com. The Alumni Relations Office also has $8 discounted general admission end-zone tickets for alumni.

For a full schedule of homecoming events, visit www.mtsu.edu/~sga/homecoming.htm or www.mtalumni.com.

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MARSHALING THE TROOPS—Former MTSU and pro football player Kelly Holcomb, seated center, his wife, Lori, and their children pose for a photo at the MTSU Alumni House while preparing to serve as grand marshals for the Nov. 8 homecoming parade. The Holcomb children are, from left, Jameson, 5, Jalyn, 7, and Kellyn, 9.

Photo by J. Intintoli

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This party is open to all alumni, friends and fans and has the best view of the parade on campus. The MTSU National Alumni Association is providing free homecoming souvenir photos of attendees at the Mixer on Middle.

After the parade, attendees can head to Walnut Grove to tailgate. Tent City is a natural gathering place to get the latest news and see friends and professors. The Colleges of Graduate Studies, Basic and Applied Sciences, Business, and Liberal Arts and the University Honors College will open their tents starting at noon.

The Blue Raiders will take on the Louisiana-Monroe Warhawks in the homecoming game. Kickoff is at 2:30 p.m. at Floyd Stadium.

Game tickets are available by calling 615-889-2103 or visiting www.goblueraiders.com. The Alumni Relations Office also has 8 discounted general admission end-zone tickets for alumni.

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Online communications to reduce printing and mailing costs; and slower response times, particularly in areas such as maintenance and custodial services and offices where there was already heavy traffic, such as financial aid. We realize that we have placed an additional burden on our nonacademic units, but protecting our students and educating students is essential to our continued success and viability as an institution. While we remain positive in our efforts to deal with these latest reductions, we recognize that having an almost $10 million reduction in funding over the course of four months has serious implications for the university. Our flexibility in dealing with additional cuts has been drastically diminished. Any future cuts, which we all anticipate as a result of the worsening economy, could force us to make major decisions about the elimination of programs and possible reductions in our workforce. We are aware of how these cuts affect morale on campus, and we are trying to do everything possible to mitigate it. Because we are a well-managed university in terms of our financial affairs, we fully expect to manage our way through this and become a stronger university.

As some of you may know, we have already had some discussions with deans and chairs in a series of brainstorming sessions about how we will deal with economic conditions on campus. We are continuing that effort. Several members of the working group that we established this summer have been meeting and will be involved in organizing other groups on campus that will review and address many of the issues that are negatively impacting the university. Additional information regarding these meetings and how you can be involved will be forthcoming. This is a great institution with very dedicated employees, and we hope to make these decisions in a way that will keep the value of our people in the forefront.

As always, thank you for your continued support of MTSU. I will keep you apprised of the latest developments on the impact of these cuts.

Dr. Sidney A. McPhee is president of MTSU.

Mathis, MTSU’s project director and an associate professor in the Department of Engineering Technology. “We’re working in partnership with the City of Knoxville and community action program to target children between prenatal and 6 years old.”

With this new grant, MTSU’s work is expected to prevent the poisoning of approximately 250 children under the age of 6. The grant is part of HUD’s Operation.

Differences in 2009 by bringing lunch from home one more day each week or cutting rides to work. Some are even setting aside a portion of this year’s state bonus to give to causes like the Employee Charitable Giving Campaign.

Pledge forms and the campaign brochure once again will be available online at the campaign Web site, www.mtsu.edu/give. Paper copies of each also are available from departmental coordinators if needed.

All pledge forms must be returned to campaign headquarters in Room 114 of the Cope Administration Building, via departmental coordinators or direct campus mail, by Friday, Nov. 21, at 4:30 p.m. Employees who return their forms by the deadline will be eligible for a campuswide drawing on Wednesday, Nov. 26, at 1:30 p.m. for dozens of prizes. (A full listing will be available by clicking the “prizes” link at www.mtsu.edu/give.) Donations are not required to enter any of the prize drawings.

The university’s 2007 campaign saw MTSU continue its record-breaking tradition of helping the community with more than $81,000 in contributions. That surpassed the 2006 tally of nearly $79,500 in contributions.

Faculty and staff can give by payroll deduction to any charitable organization included on a list of 10 independent charities and three federated charitable organizations, Bonner said, including Community Health Charities, Community Shares and local United Ways. The deductions will begin with the first paycheck of 2009.

MTSU’s own Project Help, a nonprofit program that provides early intervention and family support services to high-risk children, children with disabilities and children with developmental delays, receives a portion of its funding from United Way grants via charitable giving efforts like this one.

“Past years, our university has been very supportive of this overall campaign, and that support helped MTSU meet its goal with regard to increased participation. May we count on you again this year for your contribution to this worthwhile initiative? Working together, united around the values and principles that we share as citizens, I have every confidence that we can move beyond today’s challenges as a community and ‘Make a Big Blue Difference,’” Bonner said.

The annual effort at MTSU is conducted in unison with all TBR institutions.

For more information about the campaign, contact Laurie Glenn at 615-494-7900.
The Blue Raider baseball program will play host to a three-game series Feb. 20-22 to open the 2009 season at the newly renovated Reese Smith Field and begin a stretch in which the Blue Raiders will play six of its first seven games at home.

“Our home opener is Missouri State, a ball club not far removed from the College World Series, who is one of the strongest teams in the Missouri Valley conference. So we will have our hands full early with a team that we have not had much success against,” said Head Coach Steve Peterson.

After a short trip to Nashville to face Belmont on Feb. 24, the Blue Raiders will return home to play Tennessee Tech, Jacksonville State and Memphis. Middle Tennessee will then open Sun Belt Conference action at New Orleans March 6-8.

After that three-game series, the Blue Raiders return to Reese Smith Field for nine games, which will include Lipscomb, Arkansas State, Southern Illinois and Florida Atlantic.

The squad will hit the road after that to play nine away games, including Arkansas-Little Rock, Austin Peay and Louisiana-Lafayette.

Middle Tennessee plays host to Vanderbilt on April 7 after its long stretch on the road and will play Florida International at Reese Smith Field that weekend.

“It is another good schedule,” Peterson said. “It is even better than last year, because we had to play so many road games by design due to the stadium being under construction. We have more home games than normal, with some being very attractive, including conference and nonconference. It would be a very demanding schedule, as it is every year.”

The Blue Raiders travel to Knoxville to face Southeastern Conference foe Tennessee April 15. The team then heads to Mississippi State for a two-game series.

MTSU will round out its 2009 baseball season by playing its last seven games at Reese Smith Field. Mississippi Valley State will play Middle Tennessee in a three-game series before the team plays host to lipscomb. The team then travels to Mississippi State for a two-game series.

The MTSU community is encouraged to apply for funding now to bring distinguished lecturers to campus.

The Distinguished Lecture Committee seeks to promote appearances by nationally and internationally known speakers who focus on the timely discussion of regional, national and global issues in a variety of fields.

Through the Distinguished Lecture Fund, the committee supports academic and other departments that wish to bring to the MTSU campus individuals who represent a recognized level of expertise in their respective fields. The programs sponsored will represent a balance of topics pertinent to the student population of MTSU and should be designed to elevate the campus dialogue on important current events.

Preference will be given to funding the appearance of well-known speakers who can bring educational excellence to campus.

Speakers may include authors, lecturers, politicians and other relevant individuals. These programs should generally be open to students, faculty and staff members without charge.

If you would like to apply for funds, you may apply online at www.mtsu.edu/newsfund/mtsu_shtm by Monday, Nov. 10. Click on the Distinguished Lecture Fund tab. Applicants will be notified through e-mail within three working days that the application was successfully received electronically.

The Distinguished Lectures Committee will meet shortly after the deadline to review the applications for funding.

For more information, call 615-898-2454.

Gina Poff is director of the Office of New Student and Family Programs.

Distinguished Lecture Fund deadline is Nov. 10

by Gina Poff

The MTSU student, Ramsey Tyson, played a different but equally important role. Tyson had demonstrated his bass-guitar skills during a speech in one of Kissinger’s classes. When Kissinger and the class learned that a bass guitarist would be needed for the performance, they contacted Tyson, bringing him from the front of a university classroom to the Dollywood stage.

Dollywood was so impressed with the performance and workers that they are considering making this an annual event at their park, Kissinger said.

ORCO students find success at Dollywood

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From the Rutherford County government and State Farm Insurance.

Admission is free to the Nov. 13 lecture, which is the fourth talk in the 2008 Community Heritage Lecture Series held at The Heritage Center and sponsored by the TCWNAH, which is a partnership unit of the National Park Service.

Located just off the square at 225 West College St., The Heritage Center is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding major holidays, and features guided walking tours of the town square on the hour. Group tours are available Monday through Saturday by advance reservations. Admission is free.

The Heritage Center is a joint venture between the TCWNAH, Main Street Murfreesboro/Rutherford County, the City of Murfreesboro and the Center for Historic Preservation at MTSU. Additional support comes from the Rutherford County government and State Farm Insurance.

For more information on the Community Heritage Lecture Series, please call the center at 615-217-8013 or e-mail Jennifer Butt at jbutt@mtsu.edu.

Final lecture in public history series set Nov. 13

by Lisa L. Rollins

The Heritage Center of Murfreesboro and Rutherford County and the Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area will present the final lecture in its series of public programs at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13.

Spurgeon King, a doctoral student in the public history program at MTSU, will discuss the unique history of Elmwood, also known as the Hord Farm, which was built in Rutherford County in 1853 by Thomas Hord. The property is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

“Elmwood is an important example of a family farm that survived during the Civil War,” King said. “Its historical significance lies not only in its architectural design but the period of Union occupation and use as a hospital during the Battle of Stones River.”

The farm is located north of the Stones River National Battlefield along the Old Nashville Highway and North West Broad Street/U.S. 41-A.
Citations, or UCCs, essentially can be seen as a deterrent to dangerous driving. Some traffic laws, including speeding, can cause a ticket that really sets the story in motion,” he added. “After all, a tortured soul given a brief respite from eternal damnation is a pretty compelling character.”

In addition to performing A Christmas Carol during his time at MTSU, Barlow also will work with students in several theater classes during his visit.

“I am excited about returning,” he said. “I haven’t been an acting student myself for over 20 years. I’m very curious to talk with the current crop about how they view the prospect of a life in the theater.”

After graduating from MTSU, Barlow successfully worked with the Nebraska Theater Caravan for three seasons. Since that time, he has worked in theaters throughout the Pacific Northwest. He has appeared in dozens of industrial videos and television commercials for companies such as Toyota and Microsoft. His movie and TV series work includes roles in the films “Last Stand” and “Lost on the B Side” and roles in the CBS series “Northern Exposure” and Lifetime Network’s film “Better Off Dead.”

The MTSU program is the people I came to know and respect the most, Barlow said, “I love them all! That’s part of why I developed the show: so I could play all of them!”

“I guess if I had to pick a favorite scene, though, it would be the meeting between Scrooge and Marley. It’s this scene that really sets the story in motion,” he added. “After all, a tortured soul given a brief respite from eternal damnation is a pretty compelling character.”

Tickets for A Christmas Carol may be purchased at the door on the evening of Nov. 18 performance. Tickets are $4 for students and $10 for general admission. MTSU students will be admitted free of charge with valid ID. For more information, please visit www.mtsu.edu/theatre.

There also will be a school-group-only matinee at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 17. Tickets for this performance are $4 for students and chaperones are admitted for free. To make reservations for the school-group matinee, teachers may call 615-494-8810.

Barlow

MTSU Police officers have begun issuing University Campus Citations for violations of specific traffic laws, including speeding, to help serve as a deterrent to dangerous driving without bringing an undue hardship on motorists.

University Campus Citations, or UCCs, essentially will be the same type of ticket as a campus parking citation. This means that UCC will be very different from a conventional traffic ticket.

Typical traffic tickets in Rutherford County usually start out costing anywhere from $115 to $179 depending on where and how the ticket is issued,” MTSU Chief of Police Buddy Feaster said.

They also can count against a person’s driving record. This means that a person who gets a typical traffic ticket may get an increase in his or her vehicle insurance rates.”

UCC fines will start out at $20 for running a stop sign and $25 for speeding; speeding fines can reach as high as $50, depending upon the nature of the violation.

University Campus Citations will be issued only for violations occurring in on-campus roadways and parking lots.

The Office of Parking and Transportation Services will receive the citation fines. Appeals of UCC citations will be handled the same way that parking tickets are handled, officials said.

For questions or more information about the new University Campus Citation process, please call MTSU Police at 615-898-2424.
Men’s basketball game, around town, to the gym.

T-shirt to wear to the Friday, Nov. 21, MT vs. UT.

President’s House, weekdays between 8 a.m. on Middle Tennessee Boulevard across from the sleeved shirts are $15 each.

Short-sleeved shirts are $10 each, and long-sleeved shirts are $15 each.

Stop by the Alumni Relations Office, located on Middle Tennessee Boulevard across from the President’s House, weekdays between 8 a.m.

and 4:30 p.m. or call 1-800-533-MTSU (1-800-533-6678) to get yours.

To purchase by phone, credit-card payment is required at the time of your call, and there’s a $3 shipping fee for each shirt mailed. Order soon, because supplies are limited!

The game is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at Murphy Center. It will be broadcast on CSS-TV, the Comcast/Charter Sports Southeast cable network. For ticket information, visit www.goblue raiders.com or call 615-898-2450.

Orange you gonna show your blue at men’s game vs. UT?

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