**TSSAA tourneys = traffic changes in March**

Transportation changes are ahead for the north and west sides of campus this month as the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association’s annual high-school basketball tournaments return to MTSU. TSSAA girls’ games are scheduled March 11-14 at Murphy Center, while MTSU is on spring break, and the boys’ games are planned March 18-21. Faculty, staff and students are being encouraged to plan ahead for parking and driving alternatives.

During the tournaments, MTSU’s Greenland Drive lot will be reserved for TSSAA ticketholders, who’ll pay $8 per vehicle to park there. As in the past, team buses will be parked along the east side of Middle Tennessee Boulevard, creating a single lane of traffic heading north. The traffic change also will close Faulkinberry Drive at MT Boulevard and at Normal Way during each tournament.

Vehicles and visitors with the appropriate MTSU permits will be allowed to park in the Woodfin, Horseshoe, Maintenance, Corral and S-Curve/CKNB Parking Lots during the tournaments. Those attending the games will be routed to the outer lots surrounding campus, including the Tennessee Livestock Center and Rutherford lots.

The Raider Xpress Shuttle Service will run its normal schedule during TSSAA tournaments, with the exception of the Green Route. During the tournaments, Raider Xpress Green Route shuttles will not serve the Greenland Drive lot. Instead, they’ll make normal stops along Crestland Drive, re-enter campus behind the James Union building and travel around Old Main Circle past Peck Hall and Kirksey Old Main. Green Route shuttles will then take a right onto MTSU Boulevard and head out of campus via Champion Way back to Greenland Drive.

“The TSSAA tournaments attract thousands of prospective students, their families, alumni and other university supporters to campus for these high-school events,” said Byron Barnes, special-events supervisor for transportation and parking services. “We appreciate your cooperation and assistance in helping to make our visitors feel welcomed on campus as well as keeping everyone in our university family safe and on time to classes and work during this busy period.”

For more information, visit www.tssaa.org.
T he June S. Anderson Founda-

tion, now entering its 26th year of operation, has awarded 116 scholarships, with the total award amounting to more than a quarter of a million dollars. Named for its founder, the first female full professor at MTSU, the continuing success of this scholarship program is a testa-
mint of the力度 and determination of “do something for women.”

Realizing that the gender gap in earning is in part a result of the careers into which women were tradi-
tionally tracked, June, who taught chemistry at MTSU from 1938 until 1983 and founded an academic sup-
port service for women in 1975, the Concerned Faculty and Administra-

Project aids in literacy effort

Y oung readers have more books in hand thanks to the MTSU chapter of Phi Kappa Phi honor society, which has launched a literacy project to promote reading in the community.

Recent activities include placing 44 books in Smyrna Primary School’s library for its kindergarten and pre-K readers and providing books to the Dedeker Memorial Library at MTSU’s Project Help.

Believing that it is important to give students opportunities to work in the community in support of academic excellence, the Phi Kappa Phi board devel-

For the Record

Supporting JSA Foundation ‘concrete way to address gender gap’

by Dr. Mary Magada-Ward

President

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budget challenges that lie ahead of us but also pro-

vide direction for the future of the institution.

In my response to “that is an entire is the “Positioning the University for the Future” Web page for your review and feedback. I have also included several other documents, which were provided by the com-
munity in support of academic excellence, the Phi Kappa Phi board devel-

oped the library project with the help of Cindy Morgan and Charis Brown, stu-
dent vice presidents of the chapter. The group is exploring additional ways to promote literacy in the community.

“We are excited about an opportunity to partner with Read to Succeed on an upcoming project—to place a small bookcase and a few essential books in Habitat for Humanity houses built in Rutherford County this year,” Lucy Langworthy, PKP board president, explained.

“We are in the process of outfitting the first house as a pilot project to deter-
mine the cost and time involved. If all goes well, we will then apply for a grant from Phi Kappa Phi to provide funds for the remainder of the Habitat houses built this year. There are usually eight to 10 houses built, and we would like to place books in all of them. What better way to share with these new homeowners and the community the PKP belief that literacy is a lifelong process that can build self-respect and hope for a better life!”

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi is the nation’s oldest, largest and most selective all-discipline honor society with chapters on nearly 300 college and university campuses in North America and the Philippines.

This is a reprint of recent e-mail communications from Dr. McPhie to the university community.
MTSU events challenge women to be ‘catalysts for change’

by Gina K. Logue

T he late U.S. Rep. Shirley Chisholm (D-N.Y.) said, “I am, was, and always will be a catalyst for change.” Her words form the theme for the 2009 National Women’s History Month celebration at MTSU with events scheduled throughout March and into April.

Chisholm, an African-American lawyer from the Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood of New York City, was the first black woman elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. In 1972, she became the first African-American woman to run for the presidential nomination of a major party. Her face graces the 2009 MTSU National Women’s History Month button.

“The reaction from faculty, staff and students is so gratifying,” says Terri Johnson, chair of MTSU’s National Women’s History Month Committee and director of the June Anderson Women’s Center. “The whole campus is engaged in National Women’s History Month. It’s not just a month. All year long, they’re learning about women’s history.”

The keynote speaker for this year’s celebration is feminist author bell hooks, who will deliver a presentation, “Feminism Forever: Continuing the Struggle,” at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24, in the Keathley University Center Theater. Her appearance is sponsored by the JAWC, the National Women’s History Month Committee, the Distinguished Lecture Fund and the Virginia Peck Trust.

Acclaimed as one of the nation’s leading public intellectuals by The Atlantic and one of “100 Visionaries Who Could Change Your Life” by Uline Reader, hooks’ first book, Ain’t I a Woman: Black Women and Feminism (South End Press, 1981) was named one of the “20 most influential women’s books of the last 20 years” by Publishers’ Weekly in 1992. Her most recent books include Feminism is for Everybody: Passionate Politics and Politics (South End Press, 2002) and All About Love: New Visions (Ballantine Books, 1994). hooks’ work is used in courses on feminism, women’s studies, gender and sexuality; and the issues of racism, classism and sexism.

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The conference program on March 18 will include an author reading of Dr. Peggy McIntosh, associate director of the Wellesley Centers for Women, and will present “Recognizing and Lessening Systems of Privilege with regard to Race, Class, Gender and Sexual Orientation.”

McIntosh’s events are co-sponsored by the President’s Commission on the Status of Women; the National Women’s History Month Committee; the Women’s Studies Program; the Distinguished Lecture Fund; the Learning, Teaching and Innovative Technologies Center; the American Association of University Women; and the Holocaust Studies Committee.

The excitement of having two nationally and internationally known intellectuals here invigorates the entire campus community and ignites our desire for change and activism,” Johnson says of hooks and McIntosh.

Other highlights include “Women for the Vote: A Suffrage Rally, 1913,” dramatized by Ante Cvetl, Elvira Casal, Ann Funkhouse, Elyce Helford and Kris Pruitt on Thursday, March 5; the International Women’s Day Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 18; the Interdisciplinary Conference in Women’s Studies on Thursday and Friday, March 26-27. A lecture by the Hon. Martha C. Daughtrey of the Sixth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals on Thursday, March 26; and “Daddy’s Scrapbook: Reflection of a Negro League Daughter” with Harriet Hamilton on Friday, March 27.

All events are open to the public, and all are free except the International Women’s Day Luncheon. For complete information, go to www.mtsu.edu/~jawc or contact the June Anderson Women’s Center at 615-898-2193 or jawc@mtsu.edu.

2009 Women’s Studies Conference examines topic of sexuality

by Gina K. Logue

Sexuality is the theme of the 2009 Interdisciplinary Conference in Women’s Studies at MTSU, which is slated for Thursday and Friday, March 26-27, in Cantrell Hall in the Tom H. Jacobson Building.

Learned scholars from across the country, as well as the Netherlands and the Czech Republic, will present research on topics dealing with the vast panopoly of perspectives on sexuality, including biology, culture, and sexuality; sex trafficking; feminism; and the value of sexuality in education and the workplace.

In addition, undergraduates will gain valuable experience in presenting their own research and obtaining feedback from conference participants.

“I am very pleased that an undergraduate research forum is included in the conference program this year,” says Dr. Dane Miller, vice provost for academic affairs. “This event supports MTSU’s effort to develop a campus culture that fosters and celebrates student research activities. I hope that faculty will attend the conference and encourage their students to attend.”

The keynote speakers for the event will be Amy Richards and Jennifer Baumgardner, co-founders of Soapbox Inc., a feminist speakers’ bureau. Richards, who also is co-founder of the Third Wave Foundation, is co-author with Baun-
gardner of Mannifesta: Young Women, Feminism, and the Future (2000) and Grassroots: A Field Guide for Feminist Activism (2005). Baumgardner was the youngest editor at Ms. magazine from 1993 to 1997. The pair will address the conference at 3 p.m. on Friday, March 27.

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“The conference is free for all MTSU faculty, staff and students. The advance fees are $80 for nonstudents and $40 for students other than MTSU students, the unemployed and the underemployed. These fees go up to $90 and $45, respectively, on-site.

Campus Mail Box 109 for the $36 combined membership and luncheon fee, if payment now until May of 2010, so new members can pay $36 for a year-and-a-half’s membership and the luncheon,” Baily explained.

If you would like to read excerpts from the book before the luncheon, you can find a link at the AFAW website at www.mtsu.edu/~afaw. Click on “calendar” to see the details about the luncheon and then click on the link to the background materials.

Luncheon cost for AFAW members is $16 each; nonmember cost is $20.

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I n celebration of International Women’s Day, MTSU’s Association of Faculty and Administrative Women will host an International Women’s Day Luncheon on Wednesday, March 18, from noon to 1:30 p.m., in the Hasley Dining Room in the James Union Building.

All interested faculty and staff are invited to attend this informative event.

“Our program this year will be based on the book Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Reifin,” said Dr. Carol Ann Baily, AFAW president. “An impressive panel of women from various disciplines will discuss the importance of educating young girls and women in third world countries.”

The panel will include MTSU professors Ida Faidzillah, sociology and anthropology; Yan-ling Chao, history; Kathy Burriss, elementary and special education; Sandra Johnson, biology; Gloria Hamilton, psychology; and Barbara Haskew, economics.

Topics within the book and areas of discussion include the development of schools for girls, supporting higher educational opportunities and training for these girls as they become women, the importance of women’s vocational centers and the societal benefits realized from educating women.

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Celebrate International Women’s Day with lunch, program on March 18

Female faculty, staff and students are invited to attend this event to dine, discuss and celebrate with each other on March 18 as part of International Women’s Day.

2 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, in the Joe Russell Room in the Campus Mail Center.

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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.
NewsChannel 5+:
Sundays—1:30 p.m.
Visit www.mtsunews.com for other cable outlet airtimes.

March 9

Spring Break
No classes; university offices open March 9-12.

March 11

TSSAA Girls’ State Basketball Championships
Hale Arena, Murphy Center
For information, visit www.tssaa.org or contact: 615-889-6740.

Wednesday, March 11
Tornado-Siren Testing
11:15 a.m., campuswide
For information, contact: 615-898-2424.

Friday, March 13
Spring holiday
All university offices closed.

Sunday, March 15
“MTSU On the Record—Positive Behavior Support Initiative”
PBSI director Dr. Zaf Khan elaborates on encouraging social competence and academic achievement through proven strategies, practices, and interventions.
7 a.m., WMOT 89.5-FM

March 16

Monday, March 16
Dr. Walker Todd, “Are Federal Bail-Outs the Answer?” sponsored by the Weatherford Chair of Finance and the University Honors College
1:30-2:30 p.m., HONR 106
For information, contact: 615-898-2899.

Spring Honors Lecture Series:
Dr. Scott Carnicom, “Portraits of Intelligence in Popular Films”
3-3:55 p.m., HONR 106
For information, visit www.mtsu.edu/honors/Spring_Lecture_Series.shtml or contact: 615-898-2152.

March 17

Wednesday, March 17
Author Chuck Klosterman, “Life Through the Prism of Pop Culture” sponsored by the Seigenthaler Chair of Excellence
1 p.m., LRC 221
For information, contact: 615-898-5150.

March 18

March 18-21
TSSAA Boys’ State Basketball Championships
Hale Arena, Murphy Center
For information, visit www.tssaa.org or contact: 615-889-6740.

March 19

Thursday, March 19
Women’s Studies Research Lectures: Tara Prairie, “Pregnancy and Research: A Critique of Subpart B”
3 p.m., JUB 100
For information, contact: 615-898-5282.

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

March 20

Friday, March 20
First day of spring

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

March 21

March 21-25
MTSU Guitar Festival
Sunday: Mir Ali, Kevin Dollar;
Monday: Erol Ozsever, Ben Bolt;
Tuesday: Virginia Luque;
Wednesday: Rocco-James Duo
All performances 8 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, contact: 615-898-2493.

Saturday, March 21
Office of Admissions
Spring Preview Day
10 a.m., Student Health, Wellness and Recreation Center
For information, contact: 615-898-5670.

March 22

Sunday, March 22
“MTSU On the Record—Poto Mitan”
Documentarians Renee Bergan and Mark Schuller discuss their film, “Poto Mitan,” which was shown at MTSU Feb. 16.
7 a.m., WMOT 89.5-FM
And the largest major for entering freshmen is “undeclared.”

Finding the right major and career near the beginning of college is important for many reasons. First, students who extend their college stay by changing majors cost themselves and the university additional money. Research by the U.S. Department of Education and American College Testing shows that the cost to a student for an additional year of school at a public in-state university averages about $16,400. The cost to MTSU for each student who attended beyond his or her four-year stay last year was $4,878.

“Students who haven’t taken action on major and career planning also have a higher dropout and transfer rate than students who have put the work in to find the right choice. Fletcher says this is due in part to the fact that students who have found the right choice have a goal to attain, while the ones who haven’t finalized their choices tend to be unsure of what they’re working toward and become more easily discouraged. Internships, job-shadowing and co-op program participation also can be crucial factors in landing a job. Students who don’t discover their majors until late in their college stay may miss the opportunity to participate in these programs and lose jobs to other candidates who get more on-the-job training.

Despite the advantages of finalizing a major, some students still are undecided and others change their minds. Why? Elkins and McMillan’s cases mirror some of the reasons that students have difficulty choosing a major. As the youngest child in her family, Elkins entered college with a great deal of family influence and no clear direction of her own. “I am a very driven person at what I do, but decision-making has always been my weakest ability,” she says—a response that Fletcher says is typical for entering students and often afflicts those who come to the center looking for guidance.

“The counselor isn’t telling you what you need to do; the counselor is talking to you in an advising process to get you to take the next steps,” Fletcher explains. “And that’s why this is so challenging for students. A lot of times they’ve been told what they need to do in high school … and now they have a choice—that’s the challenge.”

During her college career, Elkins has changed her major from sociology to nursing, then to an undeclared major (with an interest in education), then psychology. She’s now a speech and theatre major. Elkins says she’s indecisive because she’s interested in many things and wanted to make sure she picked a major that’s right for her.

“Having to actually make a decision in such a short time span that would influence the rest of my life always weighed heavily on my mind,” she says. “I enjoyed getting to experience different possibilities and finding out for sure if a certain direction felt right for me.”

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“I am 100 percent confident that I have (found the right major),” says Elkins. “I really enjoy the work I am doing now and the people I am in classes with. I seem to have found my niche.”

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Dance program leaps into role as host for regional conference

by Lisa L. Rollins lrollins@mtsu.edu

T he dance program at MTSU has been selected to serve as host for the Southeastern Conference of the American College Dance Festival Association with “Exploring Diversity through Dance” as its theme March 10-12.

The conference, which began March 7 and continues through March 10, brings representatives from 30-plus colleges and universities throughout the United States to the MTSU campus. This year, the event is expected to attract some 600 participants, said Kim Neal Nofsinger, artistic director of the MTSU dance program.

“The conference is a great opportunity for students to experience master classes and gain performance skills outside of their usual academic setting,” Nofsinger said. “MTSU’s conference will have over 100 master classes, including courses in salsa, hip-hop, modern, ballet, Pilates (and) choreography, to name a few.”

According to the ACDFA Web site, the nationally acclaimed dance conference encourages talent and creativity within the academic system. ACDFA has been held annually since 1973 and has become the largest dance conference on a collegiate level in the nation.

Nofsinger said highlights of this year’s conference are its featured concerts, all open to the public, including one at 8 p.m. Monday, March 9, in MTSU’s Tucker Theatre.

“These concerts will contain choreography and performances by 12 internationally and internationally known artists, many of whom have been guest artists in the Minority Guest Artist in Dance Program at MTSU,” he said. The concerts will include Travis Gatling, Erica Wilson-Perkins, Teena Caster, Elina Mooney, Sally Wallace, Ursula Payne, Chung-Fu Chang and Sara Semons.

Nofsinger said the event also will feature two award-winning dances by Stefanie Bland, the current artist-in-residence with MTSU’s dance program. Adjudication concerts and the Gala Concert also will be open to the public, he said.

“In the adjudication concerts, schools present their choreography before a panel of three internationally known adjudicators, who offer feedback on their work,” he explained. “This year’s panel includes Mark Borchelt, a ballet instructor and former dancer with Ballet West; Ursula Payne, an internationally known choreographer and performer; and Dr. Maura Keefe, a dance historian and critic, who is the Scholar-in-Residence at Jacob’s Pillow.”

The Gala Concert, the final performance of the conference, will be held at 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, and will showcase dances demonstrating the range of work at the collegiate level.

Tickets for the adjudications are $5 per person. Admission to the Gala Concert and the featured concerts is $10 per person. All performances will occur in Tucker Theatre in the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building.

For more information on the conference or the dance program, contact Nofsinger at nofsinge@mtsu.edu. A schedule of conference activities and concert times is available online at www.mtsu.edu/dance/special/events.shtml.

Nominate outstanding teachers today

by Drew Dunlop ndunlop@mtsu.edu

T he MTSU chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America will serve as hosts for a regional event, “Discover Your Opportunities: Opening the Door to Your PR Profession,” March 20-22, where they will be “bringing together some of the most talented communicators in our state,” says MTSU PRSSA Vice President Sierra McMillan.

The event will provide an excellent opportunity for communications and PR students to network with industry insiders, McMillan said. Early registrants also will be paired with professionals in their preferred PR professions to participate in the job-shadowing program.

The MTSU chapter is focusing on job placement for students who will graduate in May, but members also hope to give MTSU students an advantage over other job seekers with insider tips, events and networking opportunities.

“This event demonstrates our dedication to provide students access to exclusive information about the PR arena,” McMillan says.

On Friday, March 20, participants in the job-shadowing program will go to their assigned businesses. Saturday attendees will get tips from industry leaders about how to break into the PR field; a networking luncheon also will allow the students to speak with various industry professionals and more than 90 fellow PR majors from across the Southeast.

The Career Exhibition program Saturday evening will allow students to speak one-on-one with representatives of leading firms and corporations and present them their resumes.

The event will wrap up with a brunch on Sunday featuring a keynote speech by MTSU alumnus Ronald Roberts, chief operating officer of the Nashville-based firm Dye Van Mol & Lawrence.

The event will take place at the DoubleTree Hotel in downtown Murfreesboro. Information about the event or nomination information can be found at www.mtsuprssa.webs.com.
An inventive solution

JUST GIVE IT TIME—Ethan Crawford, center, a sixth-grader at T.B. Hunter Middle School in Hendersonville, demonstrates his "Portable Planner" invention for Olympic gold medalist Jon Olsen, the guest speaker at the 17th annual Invention Convention Feb. 26. Olsen, who medaled in freestyle swimming in 1992 and '96 and now coaches swimming in Florida, is the son of Dr. James Calder, MTSU professor of elementary and special education. The Invention Convention, which is open to students in fourth, fifth and sixth grades from public and private schools as well as local home schools draws hundreds of young people from schools across middle Tennessee to MTSU's James Union Building. Participants are asked to work with a specific set of conditions to invent either a game or something that will make lives easier. The Invention Convention is sponsored by State Farm Insurance Company and the Department of Elementary and Special Education.

photo by J. Intintoli

Faculty


Cynthia Chafin (Center for Health and Human Services) made a 15-minute presentation on the Tennessee Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition’s “ABC-123 Healthy Kids in Tennessee” project during a live international webcast on World Cancer Day, Feb. 4, for The International Union Against Cancer.

Dr. Michaele Chappell, Mary Enderson, Jason Johnson and Jacob Klerlein (mathematical sciences) presented "Stress Management for Mathematics Teacher Educators Annual Meeting Feb. 7 in Savannah, Ga.


Dr. Kaylene A. Gebert (nursing), Dr. Debra Rose Wilson (nursing), Dr. Mark Anshel (Intercultural communication and entrepreneur)

Design Showcase a big draw

S ome 240 people attended the Fourth Annual Interior Design Showcase, with Nashville designer Shirley Honowitz, on Feb. 7 at MTSU.

Representatives from the MTSU Student Chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers/International Interior Design Association served as hosts for the event, which featured a keynote address by Honowitz, "An Interior Design Journey: The Interior Renovation of Fair Hills, Tennessee, Governor’s Residence," as well as vignette presentations by students and fundraising efforts that resulted in more than $2,000 for cancer research.

"The (student event) was a great success," said Dr. Teresa Robinson, coordinator for MTSU’s textiles, merchandising and design program. "It gave MTSU interior design students and faculty an opportunity to showcase their work in and out of the classroom. The students presented an outstanding collection of portfolios that displayed their design creativity and professionalism."

Dr. Susan Myers-Shepherd: Pastoral Counselors in a Context" series of Johns Hopkins University Press.


See yourself in The Record!

E-mail your faculty/staff accomplishments to gfann@mtsu.edu. Deadline for publication in the March 23 Record is 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 11; deadline for publication in the April 6 Record is 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 25.

Classes canceled? Click the snowflake at mtsunews.com!

S pring officially arrives on Friday, March 20, but a lingering chance of inclement weather could still affect classes at MTSU.

When inclement weather arises, MTSU closing information will be available online and on area radio and TV stations. The university also will send out an official text-message and e-mail alert via the RAVE system. Class cancellations will apply to all classes, credit and noncredit. MTSU offices will be open unless otherwise stated. Overnight decisions will be announced by 6 a.m. the next day.

Learn more anytime by visiting www.mtsunews.com and clicking on the snowflake. You also can make sure you don’t miss a thing by signing up now for a RAVE text-message alert at www.mtsu.edu/alert4u.

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Music from Japan, now in its 34th sea- son, will bring its internationally praised presentation of Japanese music to MTSU’s Wright Music Building on Sunday, March 15 at 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Murfreesboro is one of only six stops on this year’s North American tour, which includes Washington, D.C., and New York, N.Y. An award-winning nonprofit organization, Music from Japan is chaired by Hisashi Owada, a former Japanese ambassador to the United Nations and the current chief judge at the International Court of Justice in the Hague, Netherlands. Owada lectured at MTSU in 2002.

“They bring the best of the best in the field every year,” says Dr. Kiyoshi Kawahito, advisor to the president and the provost on academic affairs and professor emeritus of economics and finance. “Music from Japan programs have received many prominent awards.”

This year’s “Tradition/E-novation” concert will include works for shamisen, a three-stringed traditional instrument similar to a guitar but with a much longer, slimmer neck and without frets, as well as violin and electronics.

Heading the lineup is shamisen player Mojibei Tokiwazu V, whose father and grandfather, both also shamisen players, were designated “Living National Treasures” by the Japanese government. Tokiwazu V has taught at the Tokyo University of Fine Arts and Music since 1994 and at Waseda University Theatre Arts Museum since 2005. In 2001, he received special recognition from the National Theatre of Japan. Violinist Mano Kimura is hailed by The New York Times as “a virtuoso playing at the edge” and the “plugged-in Pagani for the digital age” by All Music Guide. She is noted for her revolutionary technique, “subharmonics,” and for interactive performances of her works with computer-generated music. Kimura has taught a graduate class in computer music performance at the prestigious Juilliard School in New York since 1998. She holds a doctorate in performance from Juilliard and has been invited to international festivals in more than 20 countries, including the Other Minds Festival in Paris, Spring in Budapest and the International Bartok Festival.

Tomomi Adachi’s recent work focuses on solo performance for voice, sensors, computer and self-made instruments, sound poetry, video installation and workshop-style large ensemble pieces for non-professional voice and instruments. His punk-style choir, the Adachi Tomomi Royal Chorus, has recorded several of his compositions. Adachi also has performed works by composers as diverse as John Cage and Dieter Schnebel.

This year’s Music from Japan concert is co-sponsored by the MTSU School of Music, the Office of Student Programming and the Office of the President. The event is free and open to the public, but tickets are required. To obtain tickets, write to info@mtsu.edu, indicating the number of tickets desired and the name of each recipient. Tickets may be delivered or e-mailed in an “e-voucher.” For more information, contact Kawahito at kawahito@mtsu.edu.