MTSU ready to help students, staff stay healthy

Seasonal flu shots given, H1N1 vaccines en route

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Between the scientifically perplexing nature of the H1N1 influenza pandemic and the vicissitudes of government bureaucracy in preparing to administer the vaccine, the key word for the illness is not “swine”—a misnomer—but “mutation.”

Everything about H1N1, including the vaccination schedule, has the potential to change shape.

MTSU Health Services personnel stand ready to play whatever roles they can to protect students, faculty and staff from the H1N1 virus and to treat those affected by it. At press time, MTSU had requested 7,000 doses of H1N1 vaccine. Dr. Eric Clark, Health Services physician, says the delivery date of the first shipments likely will be mid-October.

Clark says applications for vaccination sites have been distributed and most sites have been assigned. He says the sites likely will get the vaccine in multiple shipments over time.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have defined children and young adults, pregnant women, caregivers for children younger than six months of age, and health care providers as the high-risk groups that should get the vaccine first. Younger children might never receive the vaccine.

IT partnership means $600K to recruit, train

by Randy Weiler
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MTSU is involved in a $600,000 National Science Foundation-funded partnership to strengthen the information technology work force, said Dr. Tom Cheatham, dean of the College of Basic and Applied Sciences.

Joining MTSU in the collaboration are Nashville State Community College, Tennessee Technological University and the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

“Certainly, unemployment and the economy are driving many people back into the classroom for retraining and to gain the education needed for a change in employment,” said Dr. Deb Sells, vice president for student affairs and vice provost for enrollment services.

“I don’t think the MTSU enrollment increase is as a result of the economy,” said Dr. Tom Cheatham, dean of the College of Basic and Applied Sciences. “Certainly, unemployment and the economy are driving many people back into the classroom for retraining and to gain the education needed for a change in employment.”

25,000-plus? Fall ’09 enrollment ‘terrific,’ officials say

by Randy Weiler
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Enrollment Services officials recently submitted a record 25,188 student total to the Tennessee Board of Regents.

In 2008, MTSU’s then-record enrollment was 23,872 students. MTSU has 1,316 additional students registered for classes this fall—a 5.5 percent increase—compared to fall 08.

“What a boost for everyone involved,” said Dr. Deb Sells, vice president for student affairs and vice provost for enrollment services.

“We don’t have a head count increase,” she said. "Our head count rose by more than 1,300 students. Memphis’s head count increased by a few more than 1,200 students. The remaining four-year schools each grew in head count by somewhere between approximately 60 and 800 students. The quality of the academic programs at MTSU, coupled with the personal attention and exceptional student service level of Murphy Center, event organizers said. At press time, 89 vendors had agreed to send representatives to staff booths and discuss career opportunities with MTSU students. For more information about the event, call 615-894-2500.
by Randolph Jackson
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Where does one start? The beginning? Some would say it began with reading The Diary of Anne Frank all those years ago. It was required reading when I was in elementary school (fifth grade, actually). That was the fall of 1970, but let us flash forward to fall 1980—to more exact, October 1980 at Wiley Barracks in Neum Ulm, West Germany. A day trip to Dachau would forever have an indelible impact on me.

In Dachau, history met me. Even my hometown of Milwaukee, was the first concentration camp and became the prototype for all others. Opened in March 1933 as Konzentrationslager Dachau, it was the first camp for political prisoners opened by the National Social Party, the Nazis. From that time until its liberation by American forces in April 1945, more than 190,000 people died or were exterminated here. I cannot say if this place is haunted, but I certainly felt the presence of the souls that were lost there. There also was an overwhelming stench of evil that permeated my entire being.

On the ride back to Neum Ulm, my mind tried to process everything I had learned in a few short hours. Yes, I had read about the Holocaust in school, but now it had become less abstract. To be at the scene of such atrocities made it real. Anti-Semitism is something I had never understood; Jews were simply people who had religious beliefs that differed from mine. More importantly, I had never been able to date at my school, African-Americans.

Over the next few years I would reflect on that October afternoon. While working as an insurance salesman in the 1980s, I had a client named Charlotte. In the course of doing business one morning, I noticed a tattoo on her forearm—a tattoo that marked her as one who had been interned at a concentration camp. Seeing that filled me with an insatiable desire to know more. Here was a witness to history sitting across the desk. Charlotte had survived, and I had to hear her testimony. As we concluded our business, I broached the subject of her tattoo.

The moment seemed suspended in time before she replied. In her eyes there was a mixture of sadness at remembering, mixed with hazy curiosity. Why would a Gentile such as myself want to know her story? Briefly I related my visit to Dachau several years before the camp became liberated. Charlotte was awestruck.

I would meet with Charlotte and her husband two weeks later. They invited me over to dinner, and afterward they recounted their stories of despair and determination, love and survival. Leaving them, I was inspired, and I had to know more.

Flash forward to March 1999. I took a trip to Long Island, N.Y., to present my first paper on genocide. It was here that I became involved with the Annual Holocaust Conference on the Holocaust & the Churches. Being a part of this group has broadened my sphere of knowledge in not only the Holocaust but also genocide research in general. The 20th century was rife with genocide prior to World War II but quickly grew to new fury with the current situation in Darfur, and let us not forget recent genocides in central Africa and Eastern Europe.

The topic of my paper to be presented at this month’s conference at MTSU is the treatment of African-American prisoners of war under the Nazis. My interest in this topic was piqued by a question I was asked at a conference at St. Joseph’s University in Philadelphia. While checking in, the desk clerk asked, “Why are you here? You aren’t a Jew.” I informed this African-American male that genocide is not confined to just one group of people. His question did pique my interest, so here I am.

I am looking forward to meeting new scholars and renewing old acquaintances at Middletown Tennessee this month.

Randolph Jackson, an independent scholar residing in Dubuque, Iowa, will present his research, “African-American POWs: Forgotten Voices of the Holocaust,” during the Ninth Biennial MTSU Holocaust Studies Conference on Thursday, Oct. 22, during “Session III: America and the Holocaust.” From 11:20 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in the James Union Building, Jackson currently is working on his first book, which will be published in 2010. For more about the conference, visit www.mtsu.edu and click the “2009 Holocaust Studies Conference” link.

For more information on the Blue Raider Baja Team, visit the Student Government Association’s Sustainable Campus Fund. Projects and proposals should be submitted for evaluation for the Sustainable Campus Fund. Funding will be available for the Fall 2009 semester.

The Blue Raider Baja team includes Steven Childers, D avid O’Brien, Josh Cantrell, Jordan Wolpert, Bryan Armstrong, Micah Barnett and Sherry Harner. The team is led by Randolph Jackson.

Clean Energy Fee deadline is Oct. 9

MTSU’s Clean Energy Fee Committee, established after students voted in fall 2006 to put in place an 88-per semester Clean Energy Fee, is once again soliciting applications for funds generated by the fee. The deadline to submit applications is Friday, Oct. 9.

The following guidelines may be used to determine whether a project is eligible for support from the Sustainable Campus Fund:

Projects and proposals should:

• focus primarily on renewable energy, energy conservation and efficiency, alternative fuels and/or sustainable design.
• eligible funding may include:
  • on-site generation projects that utilize and publicize renewable energy technologies, such as solar arrays placed on campus;
  • opportunities to gain additional funding or offset costs through rebate programs, such as the Generation Partners program provided by Tennessee Valley Authority and Murfreesboro Electric Department;
  • studies that analyze energy-efficiency initiatives;
  • research grants, as well as academic programs for educational, training and research purposes, to help develop awareness of energy use, consumption and conservation to be awarded within the MTSU community.

To apply for a Clean Energy Fee funding proposal, please visit the Student Government Association Web site at www.mtsu.edu/~sga and click the “Request for Funding” link on the right side of the page. Direct any questions to Dr. Cene Fitch, associate vice president for student affairs and dean of student life, at 615-896-2750 or gfitch@ mtsu.edu.

Blue Raider Baja Team makes splash in national event

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The automotive industry may not be doing as well nationally as it would like, but MTSU student car-builders showed real improvement at the national SAE competition in Burlington, Wisconsin.

Students worked diligently on a project that incorporated skills needed in the automotive industry, including project management, decision-making, leadership, critical analysis and problem-solving. Baja SAE, organized by the Society of Automotive Engineers’ machine shop and support of the North American SAE Mini-Baja preliminary competitions (East, West and Midwest) each offer different challenges. MTSU’s team participated in the East competition in Atlanta and learned from its mistakes to come back strong for the West competition in Wisconsin, improving its total laps completed from nine to 24.

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The Blue Raider Baja Team included Steven Childers, David O’Brien, Josh Cantrell, Jordan Wolpert, Bryan Armstrong, Micah Barnett and Sherry Harner. I am the team’s faculty advisor, and I would like to thank Rick Taylor for his assistance in the Department of Engineering Technology’s machine shop and support of the team. I would also like to give a special thanks to Paul Martin III and Sherry Harner for their support as well as Jacqueline Victory from the Student Leadership and Service Office. Finally, I would like to thank Dr. Walter Boles, Dr. Charles Perry, Cheatham of the College of Basic and Applied Sciences for their encouragement and support.
 Phi Kappa Phi chapter honored, students recognized

2 undergrads named ‘Emerging Scholars’

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P hi Kappa Phi, a National Honor Society recently recognized MTSU as an out-
standing chapter, has announced that two MTSU students are among the 60 throughout the United States that have received Emerging Scholar Awards.

The students, both Buchanan Scholars, are Lauren A. Rigsby and Adam E. Emerson. Rigsby graduated from Riverdale High School in Murfreesboro and is planning to major in biology. Emerson graduated from Dekalb County High School in Liberty, Tenn., and is majoring in psychology and international relations.

Specifically created “to respond to the needs of undergraduate stu-
dents in American higher educa-
tion,” Phi Kappa Phi awards these honors to rising sophomores with a grade-point average of at least 3.75.

by Tom Tozer
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T he Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi recently recognized the campus chapter at MTSU as a Chapter of Merit. This award is given to chapters that not only comply with the soci-
ety’s national standards but also demonstrate an active commit-
ment to excellence.

By receiving the Chapter of Merit distinction, MTSU’s Phi Kappa Phi chapter is being recognized as a thriving organization that meets frequently, holds annual initiations and applies frequently for Phi Kappa Phi’s select scholarships, grants and fellowships.

“MTSU Phi Kappa Phi Chapter’s distinction as a Chapter of Merit speaks to the academic quality of our faculty and students and their leadership in scholarly excellence and service,” said Dr. Diane Miller, MTSU interim executive vice president and provost.

Local lauded as ‘Chapter of Merit’

by receiving the Fellowship Award this year), the Emerging Scholar Award is one for which students apply rather than being recommended by the home institution.

Dr. Bill Badley, Phi Kappa Phi chapter president, noted that these awards further emphasize MTSU’s emergence as a leading state uni-

versity. He observed that “this makes a fitting complement” to Forbes magazine’s recent recogni-
tion of MTSU as one of the top 50 “best buys” in the nation.

Dr. John R. Vile is dean of the University Honors College and a pro-
fessor of political science at MTSU.

Mapmakers collaborate on a new community picture

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A n MTSU researcher, two undergraduates, a high-school student and a high-school teacher have produced a land cover map of the Blackman area that is considerably more accu-
rate than the best map currently downloadable from the federal government.

Dr. Mark Abolins, associate professor of geo-
siences, and his teammates were participants in the STEP™ program, which was created to “increase discovery-based learning and undergrad-
uate research in the science, technology, engineer-
ing and mathematics (STEM) disciplines,” accord-
ing to the program’s Web site. The program is funded by the National Science Foundation through a grant to the College of Basic and Applied Sciences.

The land cover map depicts developed, agricultural and forested land within a 10-square-
kilometer (3.5-square-mile) area extending from Stones River National Battlefield and The Avenue in the east across Interstate 24 through Blackman and over to State Route 840 and includes some natural forested areas to the northwest of Blackman.

To make the map, the STEP™ team used computers to combine information from a May 31, 2009, Landsat image and a June 2009 Rutherford County road map. Abolins divided the team into two groups, equipped them with Global Positioning System devices and sent them into the field to check the accuracy of the map. The entire project—map-making and accuracy assessment—was completed in less than eight weeks during June and July.

“We generated a bunch of random locations, downloaded them into GPS units, and then the stu-
dents found each of those 319 locations and observed them from a road or the closest point that they could approach it,” Abolins says.

The new map has an overall accuracy of 73 to 82 percent. The federal government’s map is only about 44 to 52 percent accurate.

“Perhaps as a testament to the fine leadership we have had under our past president Lucy Lawmaking (advise in the College of Liberal Arts) and our cur-
rent president Dr. Bill Badley (assistant vice provost),” added Dr. John Vile, dean of MTSU’s Honors College.

“Perhaps as importantly, it is a testament to MTSU’s own rising star as recognized in the recent Forbes magazine ratings.”

Forbes recently listed MTSU among the top 100 public universi-
ties in the nation in its “America’s Best Colleges” rankings.

Founded in 1897 and headquar-
tered in Baton Rouge, La., Phi Kappa Phi is the nation’s oldest, largest and most selective all-
discipline honor society.

Abolins

Nicholas, who also is an MTSU alumna and graduate student in biology, says she never made a map before, but the experience turned out to be useful in helping her with her master’s thesis. Abolins says the practical applications, in addi-
tion to the obvious advantages of a more accurate picture of the area, could include environmental research.

“These are the headwaters of a couple of tribu-

taries of the west fork of the Stones River,” he says. “The landscape affects water quality. . . This was a good area to investigate from that perspective.”

In addition to Nicholas, the STEP™ team mem-

bers working under Abolins’ guidance are Jordan Graw, an undergraduate geoscientist from Hermitage; Erica Cathey, an undergraduate physics and astronomy major from Murfreesboro; and Taylor Bailey, a Blackman High School student.

Abolins presented his team’s work to his fel-

low professionals at the eighth Middle Tennessee Geographic Information System Forum in Lebanon, Tenn., on Sept. 16.
**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.mtsune.ws for other cable-outlet airtimes or www.youtube.com/mtsune.ws for a complete show archive.

**Through Oct. 22**

Photo Exhibit: “Relics: Photographs by Brad Temkin” 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, noon-4 p.m. Saturday, 6-9:45 p.m. Sunday
Baldwin Photo Gallery
For information, contact: 615-898-2085.

**Oct. 5**

Monday, Oct. 5
Fall Honors Lecture Series: Dr. David Rowe, “American Association of University Professors at MTSU” 3-3:35 p.m., Room 106, Honors Amphitheatre
For information, visit www.mtsu.edu/~honors or contact: 615-898-2152.

**Oct. 6**

Oct. 6-10
International Barrel Racing Association National Finals Barrel Race Championships
Tennessee Miller Coliseum
For information, visit http://libra.us.

Tuesday, Oct. 6
“Blood Bowl” Blood Drive
blood-donation competition with University of Troy, sponsored by MTSU Student Government Association
10 a.m.-4 p.m., Room 322, Keathley University Center
For information, visit www.givealive.org or contact: 615-898-2464.

**Oct. 8**

Thursday, Oct. 8
Retired Faculty/Staff Coffee 9:30 a.m., Foundation House
For information, contact: 615-898-5756.

MTSU Flute Studio Recital 8 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, visit www.mtsu.edu.

**Oct. 10**

Oct. 10-11
Volunteer Ranch Horse Futurity
Tennessee Livestock Center
For information, contact: 615-323-2328.

**Oct. 11**

Sunday, Oct. 11
MT Soccer vs. University of Arkansas-Little Rock 1 p.m., Hayes Stadium
MT Volleyball vs. University of Arkansas-Little Rock 1 p.m., Alumni Memorial Gym
For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com.

**Oct. 12**

Monday, Oct. 12
Columbus Day holiday
For information, visit www.mtsu.edu.

Fall Honors Lecture Series: Dr. Fred Colvin, “Sports at MTSU” 3-3:55 p.m., HONR 106
For information, visit www.mtsu.edu or contact: 615-898-2152.

**Oct. 13**

Tuesday, Oct. 13
MT Baseball: Grand Slam Fish Fry 6 p.m., Tenn. Livestock Center
Tickets: $20 at the door; children 6 and under eat free
For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com or contact: 615-898-2450.

**Oct. 14**

Wednesday, Oct. 14
Employee Benefits Fair 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Tennessee Room, James Union Building
For information, contact: 615-898-2929.

Faculty Recital: Tonya Lawson, clarinet 8 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, visit www.mtsu.edu.

**Oct. 15**

Thursday, Oct. 15
MTSU Symphonic Band/MTSU Wind Ensemble 7:30 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, visit www.mtsu.edu.

**Oct. 16**

Oct. 16-17
Tennessee Dairy Expo
Tennessee Livestock Center
For information, contact: 615-790-5721.

Oct. 16-18
Smoky Mountain Reins Show and Volunteer Breeders Classic
Tennessee Miller Coliseum
For information, visit www.tnrha.org.

Friday, Oct. 16
MT Volleyball vs. North Texas 7 p.m., Alumni Memorial Gym
For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com.

**Oct. 17**

Oct. 17-20
Fall Break
No classes; university offices open.

Saturday, Oct. 17
2009 Blue Raider Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony 12:30 p.m., Kenpool Hall of Fame
For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com or contact: 615-898-2450.

MT Football vs. Mississippi State 3 p.m., Floyd Stadium
For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com or contact: 615-898-2450.

**Oct. 18**

Sunday, Oct. 18
MT Volleyball vs. Denver 1 p.m., Alumni Memorial Gym
For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com.

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Enrollment

MTSU Enrollment 2008 Fall Semester 2009 Fall Semester Net Increase/Decrease
Head count 23,872 25,188 1,316 (5.5%)
Undergraduate students 21,252 22,299 1,047 (4.9%)
Graduate students 2,620 2,889 269 (10.3%)
First-time freshmen 3,456 3,596 140 (4.0%)
New transfers 1,935 2,137 202 (10.4%)
New undergrad special 34 37 3 (8.8%)
New graduate students 698 816 118 (16.9%)
Returning students 16,812 16,946 764 (4.5%)
Re-enrolling students 1,555 1,630 75 (4.8%)

Source: MTSU Enrollment Services

Pharmacy

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For those who wonder why they should consider the MTSU Campus Pharmacy instead of their regular outlet, Pharmacy Director Tabitha "Tabby" Ragland says it’s more convenient, and the co-pays are the same as elsewhere. And last, but not least, she says, "We who work and study here should support our university: "In most cases, there will be more traffic getting to other pharmacies in the community, and Alumni Drive is less crowded than other roads on campus," she points out. If she were doing a commercial for the new pharmacy, Ragland says her slogan would be “‘Personal, fast and convenient service.’ In what other environment can you walk and get your prescription filled where you work? To students, my pitch would be ‘convenience, price and personal service.’”

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For more information, call 615-494-8888 or visit www.mtsu.edu/pharmacy.

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Unlike seasonal flu, for which the primary high-risk group is the elderly, the H1N1 virus appears to target young people who were born after the swine-flu outbreak in the 1970s. “Pregnant women are high on the agenda to be offered the immunization because there’s been a higher death rate among pregnant women in the second and third trimester,” says Dr. Pat Spangler, Health Services medical director.

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The annual MTSU Employee Benefits Fair will be held Wednesday, Oct. 14, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building.

Open to all MTSU employees, the event will feature more than 50 benefits vendors. Human Resource Services will assist those who want to make changes for the 2009 annual enrollment/transfer period.

Employees may register for door prizes but will not need to be present to win. For more information, please call 615-898-2929.

The Todd Gallery at MTSU will serve as host for a joint exhibit of artworks by Steve Prince and Boris Zakic from Oct. 6 through Oct. 22.

"The Steve Prince/Boris Zakic Exhibit" will include a free public reception for the artists on the exhibit’s opening day, Tuesday, Oct. 6, from 4 to 5 p.m.

Participating artist Prince, who is a native of New Orleans, works primarily as a linoleum printmaker. He earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Xavier University in Louisiana and a Master of Fine Arts from Michigan State University.

"Steve richly embeds layers of symbolism, cultural icons and biblical references in his work," Eric Snyder, gallery curator, said of Prince. "He deals in themes of social and racial justice and visually explores a biblical response to the problems consuming today’s urban communities."

Currently a resident of Hampton, Va., Prince frequently lectures in secular and sacred settings and is the winner of numerous awards and honors.

Artist Zakic’s unique style combines the traditional techniques of the old masters with philosophical concerns that resonate across all periods of human history.

"A constant theme in his paintings is the integration of text, usually a single word often represented as a figure," Snyder observed. "He believes that words have no intrinsic meaning—they function as indicators with layers of possible meaning. He also signifies images, but not by the words generally associated with them."

The Todd Gallery is open 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and closed on state and university holidays. Admission to the gallery is always free. For information, please contact Snyder at 615-898-5653.

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Gather old medications, dump them safely Oct. 10

The annual Rutherford County College Night will be held Monday, Oct. 12, from 5-30 until 7:30 p.m. in Murphy Center, MTSU admissions officials said.

The event is free and open to the public. Any student and their parents or guardians from public or private high schools in Rutherford and surrounding counties are welcome to attend to learn about higher-education opportunities, said Michelle Arnold, an associate director in the Office of Admissions.

Representatives from more than 50 colleges, universities, community colleges and other organizations from across Tennessee and the South have requested booth space around the track area, Arnold said.

MTSU’s Office of Financial Aid will have a booth manned by Bonnie McCarty and Melanie Collins, said Director David Hutton. McCarty and Collins are scholarship and HOPE Lottery Scholarship experts who can answer financial-aid questions, Hutton added.

Students can ask their guidance counselors for details or call 615-898-2111 for more information, Arnold said.

The event is sponsored by the Tennessee Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers.

50+ schools join MTSU for College Night

The School of Agribusiness and Agiscience has experienced a 13 percent uptick this fall in both majors and a 10 percent increase in student credit hours, director Dr. Warren Gill said.

In 2008, Gill and Drs. Cliff Ricketts and Alana Neely piloted a dual-credit horticulture course, enrolling more than 100 high-school students. The students had the option to pay $60 to MTSU and take an MTSU final exam for the course. Students who passed the course could add the credit to their future college transcripts.

Mr. Morton, a Rutherford County native and a bus driver for Parking and Transportation Services, was employed by MTSU from October 1979 until his retirement in June 2001. The son of the late Edgar and Beatrice Moody Morton, Mr. Morton was pre-deceased in death by his first wife, Carol Ann Morton; sisters Virginia Hill and Ann Morton; sisters Virginia Hill and Ann Morton; brothers John (John) Walls; and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Morton is survived by his wife of 62 years, Dr. Burns P Phillips Jr. (with co-authors R.G. Floyd, R. O’Donnell and Bethanie Morton; brothers James “Butch” (Judy) Morton; sisters Mary Ann Sewell and Lillie (John) Walls; and several nieces and nephews.

Dr. Burns P. Phillips Jr. (mathematics), 86, passed away Sept. 10. Dr. Phillips attended the University of Tennessee briefly before joining the Marines in 1942. He was seriously wounded on the South Pacific island of Peleliu in September 1944 while serving with the 1st Marine Division.

He returned to Murfreesboro in 1945 to resume his education at George Peabody College, and after graduating, he taught at Murfreesboro Central High School before becoming principal of the Murfreesboro Independent School

In 1959 he joined the staff of the Department of Mathematics at MTSU where he taught until his retirement. Dr. Phillips was the first president of the Murfreesboro Exchange Club and also was an outdoor enthusiast.

Presentations

Dr. Jo Edwards (Adams Chair of Excellence, Center for Health and Human Services) participated in the Tennessee Public Health Association’s annual meeting in Franklin, Tenn., Sept. 2-3. Posters were presented on three grants administered by CHHS: “SIDS Education in the Region of Middle Tennessee,” “Cancer Control and Prevention—A-B-C-1-2-3 Healthy Kids in Tennessee” and “Student Tobacco Outreach Prevention (STOP).” The CHHS also had a display highlighting MTSU and the CHHS for viewing by conference participants, and Edwards and Cynthia Chafin (CHHS) were available for questions.

Dr. Patrick Geho (business communication, entrepreneurship, Tennessee Small Business Development Center) presented “Conflicts Business Plans: Enforcement of Employee Noncompete Contracts” Sept. 15 at the Association of Small Business Development Center’s national conference in Orlando, Fla.

Publications


Ken Middleton (Walker Library) co-authored an article on “Volunteer Voices,” Tennessee’s state-wide digitization program, in the September/October 2009 edition of TL Lib. Mag. (pp. 9-10). The article also mentions MTSU’s Center for Popular Music and features the sheet-music image from “Monkey Biz- nizz,” one of about 750 images contributed by the CPM.

MTSU’s Health Promotion Office is sponsoring a prescription drug take-back event on Saturday, Oct. 10, with the Community Anti-Drug Coalition of Rutherford County.

The collection, which will be conducted in the parking lot behind Reeves-Sain Drug Store at 1807 Memorial Blvd. from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., is an opportunity for residents to turn in expired and/or unused drugs to be safely destroyed without the environmental impact that can come from flushing them down sinks and toilets.

“Surveys have also showed that many teenagers who abuse or sell prescription drugs get them from their parents’ and grandparents’ medicine cabinets, so we hope to reduce access by getting unneeded ones out of people’s homes,” said Lisa Thomason, director of health promotion at MTSU and one of the organizers of the event.

While this is not an MTSU-specific event, some of our students will be involved in the collection and destruction process, and of course, we’d love to have faculty, staff, and students bring their unneeded medicines by the event.

The prescription take-back event is sponsored by Reeves-Sain and CAD-COR with support from MTSU as well as Rutherford County Emergency Management Services, Murfreesboro Police Department, Centerstone behavioral health care provider and the Rutherford County Drug Court.

For more information, contact Thomason at 615-494-8704 or thomason@mtsu.edu.

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TV’s ‘Judge Alex’ to present Oct. 5 honors lecture

by Randy Weiler

TV pre-law students are in for a special treat when TV personality “Judge Alex,” the Hon. Alex Ferrer, appears for a University Honors College lecture.

The event, which is free and open to the public, begins at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 5, in the Paul W. Martin Sr. Honors Building Amphitheatre, Room 106.

“He has a nationally syndicated television program and hopes to speak to our students about his own career path and what it has taken him,” Hutton added.

Ferrer’s show, “Judge Alex,” is in its fifth season and airs from 2 to 3 p.m. weekdays on WUXP Channel 30.

Ferrer, a former police officer, lawyer and Florida judge, was born in Havana, Cuba, in 1961, but immigrated to America with his family a year later.
LOOKING OUT FOR THE ECONOMY—C.M. “Bill” Gatton, an investor and entrepreneur whose business interests have included auto dealerships, banks and commercial real estate, listens at right to former Dean of Students Judy Smith, center, and her husband, longtime MTSU supporter Tommy Smith, right, during a break in MTSU’s 17th annual Economic Outlook Conference Sept. 24 at the Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center in Murfreesboro. Below, Jennings A. Jones College of Business Dean Dr. Jim Burton, left, presents the 2009 Jennings A. Jones Champion of Free Enterprise Award to Gatton during the conference. Gatton, 76, has donated millions of dollars to schools and universities. The University of Kentucky College of Business and Economics bears his name, as does the College of Pharmacy at East Tennessee State University. The annual Champion of Free Enterprise Award recognizes an honoree “who exemplifies the ideals of free enterprise through any combination of entrepreneurship, governmental involvement, participation in civic and charitable affairs and education.” Members of the Middle Tennessee Chambers of Commerce nominate award candidates from their own membership.

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