A partnership between Middle Tennessee State University and ISR Group will provide a hands-on training ground for MTSU students, attract industry and knowledge-based workers to Tennessee and generate permanent jobs that cannot be exported to other countries.

Principal players say the collaboration is unique to the southeastern United States and will one day wield global influence.

MTSU officials signed a memorandum of understanding on Aug. 20 with ISR Group, a Savannah, Tenn.-based provider of Unmanned Aircraft System, or UAS, services. ISR, whose four divisions are Technical Services, Logistics and Depot, Training Systems and Range Technical Services, Logistics and ISR, whose four divisions are Technical Services, Logistics and Depot, Training Systems and Range Technical Services, Logistics andISR, whose four divisions are Technical Services, Logistics and Depot, Training Systems and Range Technical Services, Logistics andISR, whose four divisions are Technical Services, Logistics and Depot, Training Systems and Range Technical Services, Logistics andISR, whose four divisions are Technical Services, Logistics and Depot, Training Systems and Range Technical Services, Logistics and

Through this collaboration, MTSU’s Department of Aerospace, considered among the top three programs of its kind in the nation, will be able to expand its teaching and research and be on the ground floor

Birthday present

Professor’s 3rd Fulbright takes him to Malaysia

D r. Sean Foley, an assistant professor of history at MTSU, will embark in mid-September on a 10-month research excursion in Southeast Asia after winning the third Fulbright Fellowship of his career. Foley will work and study primarily in Malaysia, where he will examine religious links between Southeast Asia and the Arab-dominated Middle East region under the auspices of International Islamic University Malaysia in the capital city of Kuala Lumpur.

In addition, Foley’s study and lecture itinerary will take him to India, Thailand and Brunei, an experience he will chronicle with periodic columns in The Tennessean.

Foley’s 2010-11 fellowship comes from the Fulbright Program, which is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Marianne Craven, the bureau’s managing director of International Scholars, said Foley’s study is unique among other scholars such as Foley as well as international scholars’ work in the United States.

Conference puts economy in local, U.S. perspective

T homas E. Skains, chief executive officer of Piedmont Natural Gas, will be the keynote speaker at MTSU’s 18th annual Economic Outlook Conference, Friday, Sept. 24, at the Embassy Suites Conference Center in Murfreesboro.

Registration begins at 8:15 a.m. Skains will speak at 9. MTSU faculty may attend free by registering directly with the dean’s office in Room N219 of the Business and Aerospace Building or by calling 615-898-2794. Faculty should not register online. MTSU students may attend the morning session, excluding lunch, at no charge.

The fee for non-MTSU guests is $50 per person. The registration deadline is Friday, Sept. 17. Skains was elected Piedmont president and chief operating officer in 2002 and became CEO in February 2003, taking the post of chairman of the board later that same year. He was an attorney and a senior vice president at Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corp. in Houston, Texas. Skains earned a law degree from the University of Houston Law School. He is active in several civic and charitable organizations.

With his background in energy and environmental concerns and his work in areas of technology that are addressing these issues, Thomas Skains is a great headliner for the conference,” said Dr. Jim Burton, dean of MTSU’s Jennings A. Jones College of Business. “We are honored to welcome an industry leader of his caliber to

IN BRIEF

SCHOOL-SUPPLY DRIVE IS ON!
Help MTSU beat Austin Peay off the gridiron, too! Collect school supplies for Rutherford County and Murfreesboro City students, the winning university will be announced at the Peay game at Floyd Stadium Saturday, Sept. 11. Turn in your donations by 9 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, in bins across campus. For more information, e-mail sgaphil@mtsu.edu or call 615-881-5012.
Winning scholarships is a collective effort
by Laura Clippard
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Foundation celebrates 17 faculty members’ service

The MTSU Foundation celebrated 17 faculty members for their “outstanding work and the services they provide to our students” with special awards Aug. 27 at the Fall Faculty Meeting in Tucker Theatre. Recognized by Foundation President Murray Martin, the award honorees included:

• Outstanding Teaching—Drs. Mohammed A. Albakry, English; Jessica Gentry Carter, agribusiness and agiscience; Richard S. Farley, health and human performance; Sonaaya C. Nagusiero, foreign language and literature; and M. Wayne Rollins, business communications and entrepreneurship.

• Outstanding Achievement in Instructional Technology—Nathan E. Adam, recording industry; Amy Macy, recording industry; and Dr. Debra Rose Wilson (nursing).

• Public Service—Drs. Mark Byrnes, political science and interim dean of the College of Liberal Arts; Jennifer Caputo, health and human performance; and Dovie Kimmins, mathematical sciences.


• Creative Activity—Dr. Joseph L. Akins, recording industry.

• Special Projects—Dr. Rebecca Conard, history/public history; and Professor Leon Alligood, journalism, and.

• Career Achievement—Dr. Gary P. Wulfsberg, professor emeritus.

For more information on the MTSU Foundation’s Faculty Awards, including how to nominate a faculty member for the 2010-11 awards, visit www.mtsu.edu/provost/awards.shtml.

Sept. 28 tribute to ‘Miracle Worker’ Annie Sullivan
Feel the ‘Vibrations of Laughter’ at 1-woman performance

Renowned actress Estelle Condra will bring the brilliant and determined teacher of author-activist Helen Keller to life in an hourlong, one-woman performance, “Vibrations of Laughter: The Story of Annie Sullivan,” on Tuesday, Sept. 28, at 9:40 a.m. in MTSU’s Tucker Theatre.

The program is free and will be open to the public.

Condra’s research into Sullivan’s pre-Keller life led her to create a dramatic work that shares insights into the “teacher of all teachers” via four different characters: Sullivan herself, “speaking” from the garden house of the Keller home in Tuscumbia, Ala., where she changed Keller’s life in an event immortalized in the classic play and film “The Miracle Worker.”

“I am honored to share this important story through my one-woman drama for the advent of Disability Awareness Month,” said Condra, a keynote performance artist and author who spent her early career in South Africa and now lives in Tennessee.

“T’M totally blind and have the privilege, as an actress who is blind, to celebrate and remember the lives of two inspiring women who overcame serious impediments.”

The dramatization’s title is inspired by the true miracle of how Sullivan brought laughter into the life of her student, who had never seen or heard others laugh because of the childhood illness that left her deaf and blind, Condra said.

“Vibrations of Laughter” is presented by VSA Tennessee in partnership with the MTSU Speech and Theatre through a grant from the Tennessee Arts Commission.

For more information, contact Lori Kissinger at userk770@comcast.net or 615-826-5252.
Komen on the Go takes detour through MTSU Sept. 9

MTSU Health Promotion will serve as host to the Komen on the Go breast-cancer awareness tour from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, said Lisa Schrader, director of the office and organizer of the event.

“Representatives from Susan G. Komen approached us about adding a stop at MTSU for the Komen on the Go national tour,” Schrader said.

“We felt it was in keeping with Health Promotion’s goal to create an environment that promotes preventive health practices, and it will give the campus community a great opportunity to engage in a campaign addressing breast cancer, which touches so many families personally.”

The tour involves a traveling pink truck with interactive games and activities to teach visitors about the global breast-cancer movement, life-saving recommendations, information on supporting loved ones and ways to get involved, Schrader said.

The trailer will be set up in the gravel lot on the north side of the Student Health, Wellness and Recreation Center, she said.

Schrader added that organizers will “use this opportunity to sign up individuals and teams for the Raider Walk for the Cure,” a breast-cancer walk taking place on campus on Friday, Oct. 1, at 2 p.m. Details will be announced soon about the logistics of that event, she said.

Exhibit-day highlights include:
• Komen on the Go’s arrival in the eye-catching trailer that opens into an interactive learning center, outfitted with computer stations, flat screens and computer kiosks;
• participants’ opportunity to learn about Susan G. Komen for the Cure and the global movement, life-saving recommendations about breast-health awareness and more; and
• a free drawstring backpack and information about breast self-awareness for each visitor.

For more information about the MTSU event, contact Schrader by calling 615-894-9704 or e-mail lisas@mtsu.edu. For more information on the Komen organization, visit www.komen.org/go.

You say it’s your BIRTHDAY ...

Center for Popular Music celebrates 25 years by expanding archive storage

by Gina E. Fann

MTSU’s Center for Popular Music is celebrating its 25th birthday with a big banner: “Caution—Work in Progress!”

Created in July 1985 to serve and preserve the study of American popular music as one of 16 Centers of Excellence across the Tennessee Board of Regents system, the center is in the midst of reconfiguring a collection that spans shape-note songbooks to hip-hop mash-ups.

A $140,000 one-time grant from the MTSU Provost’s Office has doubled the center’s storage capacity with the purchase of a compact-shelving storage system that stretches more than 10.5 feet high.

“We wanted to close the center for a little while (in mid-August) to move things out and around, but we just couldn’t, because there were so many people coming in to do their research,” explained Lucinda Cockrell, coordinator of research collections. “They’ve gotten grants to do their research, so when do they have to come? Summer, when they don’t teach! And they’ve come from all over.

“We even put our plans to close on our website (http://popmusic.mtsu.edu) and rescheduled two fellows who had made appointments to do their research, and we let people come on in anyway. We just couldn’t tell them no.”

The Center for Popular Music has become the largest and oldest research facility of its kind in the world, says Interim Director Dr. Dale Cockrell, who is leading the center during the yearlong national search to replace founding Director Paul F. Wells.

Wells, who guided the Center for Popular Music from a single borrowed desk 25 years ago to its current 6,700-square-foot facility in the Bragg Mass Communication Building, retired in April. Cockrell, a renowned music historian and the husband of Lucinda Cockrell, is on leave from his post as professor of musicology at Vanderbilt University.

“This center has an international reputation. We’ve had scholars visit from every continent except Antarctica,” the interim director said. “More than 40,000 scholars have used these archives since the inception of the center.”

The collection includes sheet music and broadsides, rare music books, sound recordings, music trade catalogs, periodicals, performance documents, manuscripts and photographs ranging as far back as the early 1700s. The center specializes in rock and roll and its roots, the various forms of vernacular religious music and the music of Tennessee and the Southeast.

One of the latest jewels in the center’s crown is a new collection from pioneering country-music journalist Everett J. Corbin, The Murfreesboro resident and former editor of the Music City News brought his 40-plus-year career archives to MTSU to “be mindful of the many journalists who come after me and the need for reference material for books, essays and information in brief.”

His notes, recordings and publications “reflect traditional country music from before 1965” and include interviews with Roy Acuff, Ernest Tubb, Mac Wiseman, Jim & Jesse and the Osborne Brothers, as well as a chat Corbin toasts as Dolly Parton’s first major interview with a country-music publication.

“I never attempted to be a ‘collector,’ per se, but as editor at Music City News, I received lots of records for review and held onto more than a thousand for many years,” said Corbin, who’s also a songwriter, producer and publicist.

The Center for Popular Music also has recently added the Peter S. LaPaglia Collection of Tennessee Sheet Music; a collection of sound recordings from Associate Professor Charlie Dahan of MTSU’s Department of Recording Industry, and the archives of the Southern Girls Rock & Roll Camp.

“Paul and his staff have done such wonderful work obtaining and expanding the collection that we were at the point of having to stop taking in items because there was nowhere to put them,” said Dr. Cockrell, noting that the new storage system has eased the center’s space constrictions.

“We’re looking at making a transition for the next 25 years, and we’re establishing an advisory group from the university and community to see where the center should go,” he continued. “The first 25 years focused on collecting and cataloguing, and we’re thinking that the next 25 should target outreach and program-building. We can broadcast our name a little bit more broadly.”

First on that outreach list is a small but appropriate exhibit planned for October at MTSU’s James E. Walker Library: the history of everyone’s favorite song, “Happy Birthday,” along with other highlights from the center’s collections. A 25th-anniversary celebration, complete with cake and all the trimmings, is planned on Saturday, Oct. 23, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. during Homecoming Weekend.

“We’re a work in progress, and we enjoy it,” said Lucinda Cockrell. “We’re glad to be such a wonderful resource for everyone.”
**Campus Calendar**

**Sept. 6-19, 2010**

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**Please note:**

Event dates, times and locations may change after press time. Please verify specifics when making plans.

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**Radio Schedule**

“Middle Tennessee Record”

Cable Channel 9:

Monday-Sunday, 7 a.m., 5 p.m.

Visit [www.mtsunews.com](http://www.mtsunews.com) or [www.youtube.com/mtsunews](http://www.youtube.com/mtsunews) for a complete show archive.

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**Sports @ Home**

**Sept. 10-11:** Volleyball—Middle Tennessee Invitational

Sept. 10 vs. Arkansas, 7 p.m.; Sept. 11 vs. UAB, 10:30 a.m.; Sept. 11 vs. Albany, 5 p.m.

**Sept. 11:**

Football vs. Austin Peay, 6 p.m.

For information, visit [www.goblueraiders.com](http://www.goblueraiders.com).

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**Sept. 6**

Monday, Sept. 6

Labor Day Holiday

No classes; university offices closed.

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**Sept. 7**

Tuesday, Sept. 7

Volunteer Fair

10 a.m.-2 p.m., Keathley University Center Courtyard

For information, contact: 615-898-2454.

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**Sept. 8**

Wednesday, Sept. 8

Student Organization Fair

10 a.m.-2 p.m., KUC Courtyard

For information, contact: 615-898-2454.

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**Sept. 9**

Thursday, Sept. 9

Komen on the Go Breast-Cancer Awareness Tour

9 a.m.-3 p.m., Student Health, Wellness and Recreation Center

For information, see page 3 or contact: 615-494-8704.

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**Sept. 10**

Friday, Sept. 10

Faculty Piano Recital:

Lynn Rice-See

8 p.m., Hinton Music Hall

For information, visit [www.mtsumusic.com](http://www.mtsumusic.com) or contact: 615-898-2493.

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**Sept. 11**

Heart of Tennessee Exotic Bird Fair

Tennessee Livestock Center

For information, contact: 615-890-5212.

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**Sept. 12**

Sunday, Sept. 12

Faculty Oboe Recital:

Laura Ann Ross

3 p.m., Hinton Music Hall

For information, visit [www.mtsumusic.com](http://www.mtsumusic.com) or contact: 615-898-2493.

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**Sept. 13**

Monday, Sept. 13

Fall Honors Lecture Series—Dr. Guanping Zheng, “Women’s Secret Script in Small Villages of Southern China” 3:35 p.m., Room 106, Honors Amphitheatre

For information, visit [www.mtsu.edu/honors](http://www.mtsu.edu/honors) or contact: 615-898-2152.

MTSU Music: Guest Flutist Molly Barth

6 p.m., Hinton Music Hall

For information, visit [www.mtsumusic.com](http://www.mtsumusic.com) or contact: 615-898-2493.

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**Sept. 14**

Tuesday, Sept. 14

Elizabeth Davidson, “Harriet Beecher Stowe: A Literary Soldier” 9:40 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., Tucker Theatre

No admission charge; suitable for teens and adults


Faculty Senate Meeting

4:30 p.m., Room 100, James Union Building

For information, visit [www.mtsu.edu/facultysenate](http://www.mtsu.edu/facultysenate) or contact: 615-898-2582.

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**Sept. 16**

Thursday, Sept. 16

Constitution Day Celebration

Screen printing by Printer’s Proof, voter registration and Constitution signing, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., KUC Knoll; Constitution printing on the Franklin replica press, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Walker Library

For information, e-mail amerdem@mtsu.edu or visit [www.mtsu.edu/~amerdem](http://www.mtsu.edu/~amerdem).

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**Sept. 17**

Sept. 17-18

Spotted Saddle Horse Show

Tennessee Livestock Center

For information, contact: 615-890-2864.

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**Sept. 19**

Saturday, Sept. 19

Faculty Organ Recital:

Angela Tipps

3 p.m., Hinton Music Hall

For information, visit [www.mtsumusic.com](http://www.mtsumusic.com) or contact: 615-898-2493.

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**Get noticed in The Record!**

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Burton noted that the conference is targeted to bankers, business owners and managers, community officials and leaders as well as business and economics faculty and students—and “to anyone interested in economic growth in the region and nation.” The premise of the conference, Burton said, is to promote the idea of free enterprise and to promote events that proudly wave that banner.

Continuing the informational tradition, the program also will feature Dr. David Penn, director of MTSU’s Business and Economic Research Center, who will provide a Midstate and regional economic update at 10:30 a.m. The BERC maintains significant databases of regional, national and international information and provides research resources and databases for the MTSU community.

Dr. Donald Ratajczak, regent’s professor of economics emeritus at Georgia State University and a nationally known economic forecaster, will address the luncheon audience at noon. Ratajczak’s keen observations have become a staple of the annual conference. “Don always has a thought-provoking approach to interpreting national and international data and making it relevant to the issues and problems facing regional businesses,” Burton said. “And he’s often right on target with his forecasts.”

During the lunch break, Burton and Aubrey B. Harwell Jr., holder of the Jennings A. Jones Chair of Excellence in Free Enterprise, will present the Jennings A. Jones Champion of Free Enterprise Award to Stephen B. Smith, chairman of the board of Haury & Smith Contractors, Inc., one of Nashville’s oldest development and home-building companies. The award recognizes a person who exemplifies the ideals of free enterprise through any combination of entrepreneurship, governmental involvement, participation in civic and charitable affairs, and education.

Smith, whose name is synonymous with Blue Raider baseball, is active in community affairs and has won numerous awards for his public service. He attended MTSU and earned three varsity baseball letters and played on the team that won the 1976 Ohio Valley Conference championship. He serves on the MTSU President’s Council, is a former Blue Raider Athletic Association board member and in 2004 was inducted into the Blue Raider Sports Hall of Fame. Smith led the effort to raise $5 million to build a new MTSU baseball stadium named after his father, Reese L. Smith Jr.

An avid horseman, Smith has served as board member and president of the Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders and Exhibitors Association. As a rider, he has won 10 world championships and, in 1992, was named Amateur World Grand Champion. A man of diverse interests and skills, Smith also served as national finance co-chair for Lamar Alexander’s presidential campaign and for Alexander’s U.S. Senate bid in 2008. The conference will dismiss at 1:15 p.m.

The MTSU Economic Outlook Conference is cosponsored by the Jones College, the Jones Chair in Free Enterprise, the Business and Economic Research Center and the Jack O. Weatherford Chair of Finance. For more information, call the Jones College at 615-898-2764. The Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center is located at 1200 Conference Center Blvd. in Murfreesboro.
Ag volunteers have ‘grape’ time making juice for veterans

School of Agribusiness and Agriscience Professor Tony Johnston and an ag student volunteered their time Aug. 23 to help residents press 200 pounds of grapes at the Tennessee State Veterans Home on Compton Road in Murfreesboro.

The grapes came from the university vineyard at the Rutherford County Extension Office on John Rice Boulevard, said Johnston, who specializes in enology and viticulture. Johnston led the project.

“We used a small table-top press that can accommodate two gallons of fruit,” Johnston said. “The residents of the veterans’ home used the juice to make jelly.”

The veterans’ home residents and staff said they deeply appreciated the volunteers’ efforts.

“Words will never be able to express the joy that our veterans had with your students during our pressing of the grapes,” Barbara Cochran, director of activities at the veterans’ home, wrote in an e-mail to Johnston. “The veterans were busy with their hands and minds as they spoke of days gone by, remembering when they made jelly at home.”

“We appreciate those who picked the grapes for us and those who stayed with our veterans through the process for many hours. Today as I visited with our veterans, I heard so many stating what a good time we all had together preparing the grapes, and they can’t wait to taste the final product.”

Cochran said this is just the “kind of activity we at the Veterans Home are looking for to engage our veterans in to make them feel more alive, useful and able to assist their community. Everyone needs to feel needed during the day, and thanks to your work and the dedication of MTSU students, you made that happen …”

“On behalf of all the staff and veterans, we greatly appreciate MTSU for sharing the fruits of your labor with us. We would love to help you in any projects you might have in the future. Please come and visit with us again real soon.”

Holly Baggett, a freshman agribusiness major from Fayetteville and a Motlow State Community College transfer, called volunteering at the Veterans’ Home “a very fulfilling experience.”

“Just being a part of an activity, such as making jelly alongside the veterans and their spouses who live there, was an eye-opener for me,” Baggett said.

“I enjoy spending time with them, and I really believe that they really enjoyed that a younger person was willing to sit with them and listen to their stories. Just being able to bring a smile to each one of their faces was heartwarming. It was really nice to give back to the people who gave so much to our country.”

Tasty fish a ‘Grand Slam’ for Oct. 11 baseball fundraiser

from MT Athletic Communications www.goblueraiders.com

Grab a napkin and save room for the hush puppies! The annual Grand Slam Fish Fry fundraiser for Middle Tennessee baseball will take place on Monday, Oct. 11, at 6 p.m. at MTSU’s Tennessee Livestock Center.

The event once again will feature country wide fried catfish with all the trimmings, prepared by Shelbyville’s own “Big Hoss” Cartwright, and authentic Cajun gumbo by Louisiana transplant and Blue Raider legend John Stanford, as well as hot dogs for the kids. The Russ and Becky Jeffers Country Band from the Jack Daniel Distillery will be on hand for the evening’s entertainment.

“We have fried more than 600 pounds of catfish and 50 gallons of gumbo the last three years,” said Steve Peterson, head baseball coach.

“The Fish Fry is one of our biggest events of the year. We have been hosting it since 1984, and each year it gets bigger and better. It’s a great way to socialize with everyone and raise money for the baseball program. With great food, fun and entertainment, it’s certainly an event you don’t want to miss.”

Tickets are $20 at the door. Children 6 years old and younger will be admitted free.

Tickets are available at the Middle Tennessee Ticket Office, located at Gate 1A of Floyd Stadium and the Blue Raider Athletic Association’s office in Murphy Center.

Funds can mail checks, payable to Middle Tennessee Baseball Fish Fry, in care of Peterson at MTSU Box 90, 1301 E. Main St., Murfreesboro, Tenn. 37132.

For more information, please call 615-898-2210 or 615-898-2450.

Make appointments now for TIAA-CREF counseling

MTSU employees with TIAA-CREF accounts can meet this month and in October with a representative on campus for individual counseling sessions, Human Resource Services officials said.

Meetings will be held in Room 313 of the Keathley University Center from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on:
• Tuesday, Sept. 21;
• Wednesday, Sept. 22;
• Tuesday, Oct. 12;
• Wednesday, Oct. 13; and
• Thursday, Oct. 21.

Employees must contact TIAA’s Elaine Hostetter directly at 866-842-2336 to schedule their appointments in advance; HR officials said.

Employees should book their appointments early, because peak times are filled quickly.

Feel like getting fit this fall? Campus Rec has answer

Want a fitness program just for faculty and staff? Join the Faculty and Staff Wellness Program at MTSU. The full program for the entire semester runs Tuesday, Sept. 7, to Friday, Dec. 3.

If you prefer a shorter version, sign up for Session A—Sept. 7 to Oct. 13—or for Session B—Oct. 20 to Dec. 3. Cost is $175 for the full program and $100 each for session A or B.

If you want to take control of your body, join your fellow students, faculty, staff and recreation members to “Get Fit and Stay Fit!” A $50 fee gets a program designed for your needs, an aerobics pass good for 30 classes, a fitness assessment and more.

Sign up anytime this fall in the Campus Recreation Office.

If you love to dance and to swim, Aquatic Moves and Grooves is the place for you. The first session begins Sept. 7. The second session begins Monday, Oct. 4, with an Oct. 1 sign-up deadline, and the third session starts Monday, Nov. 1 (Oct. 29 sign-up deadline). The fee is $24 for each monthly session, and classes meet Monday through Thursday from 5 to 6 p.m.

If you’ve wanted to run a half-marathon but never had the courage, you’re in luck! The 12-week Half-Marathon Training Program includes 12 weeks of Saturday runs at 11 a.m. and a weekly schedule for an advised running plan.

If you’re looking for a convenient class that will whip you into shape, join Rosemary Shuey, faculty, staff and Rec Center members for Fall 2010 Boot Camp. Classes are offered Monday through Friday from 12:30 to 1 p.m. and from 4:45 to 5:30 p.m.

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“It’s really a program that exemplifies academic excellence, but even more than that, it’s a program that promotes mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries,” Craven says.

In addition, the Fulbright Program promotes teacher exchanges for primary and secondary schools, Humphrey Fellowships for mid-career professionals to come to the United States for a year and student excursions that enable American college graduates to go overseas and international students to come to the United States for graduate study and language instruction. MTSU alumni and graduate student Eric Little will depart in late September for Portugal with a student grant to teach American culture and English.

More than 40 alumni of the Fulbright Program have won Nobel Prizes, including former MTSU professor Muhammad Yunus. He, along with his Gramene Bank in his native Bangladesh, received the Nobel Peace Prize in 2006 for his development of microcredit and microfinance.

Craven says the Fulbright Program changes the proportion of fellowships available as events warrant, including an increased emphasis on the Muslim world after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. The goal, however, is to help the Department of State achieve broad foreign-policy priorities and bilateral relationships with specific countries.

“We’ve tended to see Southeast Asia as ‘something else’ or ‘different,’” Foley says. “Some Americans may have had experience—either themselves or their parents—with Vietnam. But it’s part of a larger global network in which the Indian Ocean has been important for a very long time.”

Although Americans learn relatively little about the region in the news media, Foley says it has probably the most important sea lane in the world in the Straits of Malacca, the gateway between the Indian Ocean and the Pacific Ocean.

Malaysia, in particular, provides the world with electronic equipment, petroleum, rubber and palm oil. Foley says it is a commerce-based society that is an important U.S. trading partner.

“It is certainly a middle-class, well-educated country that has emphasized education, particularly learning English, as part of a way of integrating itself into the global economy,” Foley notes.

Foley says it has become a destination for Muslims who seek a lifestyle that provides a balance between tradition and modernity. Shari'a law is a part of the legal system, but the government is a constitutional monarchy with a king, prime minister and parliament.

“In fact, the legal code of Malaysia reflects the fact that it is a highly diverse society,” says Foley. According to the Central Intelligence Agency’s World Factbook, Malaysia’s population is 50.4 percent Malay, 23.7 percent Chinese and 7.1 percent Indian. Muslims make up 60.4 percent of the faithful, followed by Buddhists with 19.2 percent, Christians with 9.1 percent and Hindus with 6.3 percent.

The locale and the research subject perfectly fit Foley’s expertise and experience. He did his doctoral dissertation at Georgetown University on the Sulu movement, which has a huge following in the region. His most recent book, The Arab Gulf States: Beyond Oil and Islam (Lynne Rienner Press), finds numerous links between those six nations and Southeast Asia.

Foley’s wife, Kerry, will join him for the 10-month duration of the fellowship. She says she speaks Russian, Somali and Arabic and picks up new languages with great facility.

Foley recently taped three segments with the Voice of America—one for the Turkish-language service, one for the Persian-language service and one for the Azeri-language service.


For more information about Foley’s research, go to www.seanfoley.org.

Harris takes basketball operations director’s post

from MT Athletic Communications www.goblueraiders.com

Rick Insell, Middle Tennessee head women’s basketball coach, has announced the appointment of Mariska Harris as the program’s director of operations for the upcoming 2010-11 campaign.

“She is a great addition who gives us another look on things,” Insell said. “The way she is able to communicate with our players and other coaches, along with her passion and work ethic, are unbelievable. When I witnessed her in camp ... her rapport with the campers and their parents was great, and that is when I decided that I wanted her to be a part of the Lady Raider basketball program. We are excited about her coming on board.”

Harris, a Midstate native, played at Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville, where she was a 2007 and 2008 NAIA All-American and Academic All-American. She played for four straight NAIA National Tournament squads, including the 2008 national runner-up, where she garnered first-team all-tournament recognition.

“I am really excited about getting started and coming on board,” Harris said. “Coach Insell has really turned this program around in the five years he has been here, becoming one of the top programs in the nation. I am excited about being a part of it and his vision for what he wants in terms of its growth.”

Harris comes to Murfreesboro after serving as a varsity basketball coach and wellness teacher at Independence High in Thompson Station, Tenn. She has a variety of other camp experience as a coach and counselor, including the 2007 and 2008 Fat Head Summit Overnight and Day Camps.
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“He has been part of it since the beginning,” says Miyakawa. “He started as a writer, B-Boy and DJ. He also gives us the benefit of a research-based perspective on hip-hop history. He’s a walking encyclopedia.”

In addition to the documentary viewing, Pabon will speak to Miyakawa’s “Hip-Hop Music and Culture” class and will lead a B-Boy/ B-Girl workshop during his time on campus. Video of Pabon in action is available at http://jfb.it/Paban1 and http://jfb.it/Paban2.

Pabon’s visit to MTSU is sponsored by the Distinguished Lecture Fund, the MTSU School of Music, the Center for Popular Music and the Department of Recording Industry.

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