Alumna provides gift, advice for young scholars

by Tom Tozer

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The ball started rolling when an MTSU Phonathon student called Mary Neal Alexander (B.S. ‘41) for a pledge. She committed $100 and mailed in $1,000. Later, she raised her contribution to $10,000, then established an endowed scholarship of $30,000. Now Alexander is taking it to a higher level.

Could it be that she still feels a strong connection to the Middle Tennessee State Teachers College from the late 1930s because of its commitment, even then, to students?

“The teachers who were there when I was there … they had our best interests at heart. I don’t think it was a matter of just grinding us out like a sausage mill,” said the home-demonstration and home-economics major.

“They cared about us.”

Alexander lived in what’s now the Percy Priest Lake area and was home-schooled as a child. After high school, her mother sent her to Nashville home. Alexander, a member of the Class of 1941 and a long-time home-demonstration agent for the University of Tennessee Nashville home, Alexander, a member of the Class of 1941 and a long-time home-demonstration agent for the University of Tennessee Extension Service, has expanded her $100 scholarship pledge into an endowed scholarship for MTSU students.

MTSU Photographic Services photo by J. Intintoli

Diversity Town Hall Meeting set Oct. 29

MTSU will conduct a Diversity Town Hall Meeting on Friday, Oct. 29, in the Tom Jackson Building to continue efforts to become a diversified campus and ensure excellence in inclusion as part of the university’s Academic Master Plan.

University Provost Brad Bartel and Dr. John Omachonu, interim vice provost for academic affairs, will moderate the discussion, scheduled for 3 to 5 p.m. in Cantrell Hall.

“MTSU is organizing a community Town Hall that seeks to cultivate a culture of engagement and collaboration,” Bartel said. “We hope everyone can join us in an open discussion that can lead to action steps to achieve excellence in access and diversity at MTSU.”

Omachonu currently serves as point person for diversity at MTSU. Bartel said he and Omachonu will be soliciting productive ideas on an issue that is “critical to our intellectual health of our campus.”

For more information about the meeting, call 615-898-2881.

IN BRIEF

CLOTHING DRIVE UNDER WAY

The MTSU Masters Swim Club is collecting gently used clothing and other items through Friday, Oct. 29, for Safe Haven Family Shelter in Nashville. Collection boxes are located in the Recreation Center entry foyer and in Cheryl Richardson’s third-floor office at the Walker Library. For a list of needed items, contact Richardson at crichard@mtsu.edu or Pam Footit at pfootit@mtsu.edu.

Homecoming is one big fun fest

from Staff Reports

news@mtsu.edu

Something for everyone—from Baby Raiders to Golden Raiders—will be on tap for MTSU’s 2010 Homecoming, culminating with the Saturday, Oct. 23, football game against Louisiana-Monroe in Floyd Stadium.

Kickoff is set for 3:30 p.m. for the Sun Belt Conference game.

Of special interest earlier in the day will be the 25th anniversary celebration for the Center for Popular Music from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in the John Bragg Mass Communication Building. Student homecoming activities will include:

• the Fight Song competition for student organizations on Wednesday, Oct. 20, at 7 p.m. in Murphy Center;
• the National Pan-Hellenic Council Step Show, which will be held in Murphy Center on Friday, Oct. 22, starting at 7 p.m.;
• the Homecoming Parade, featuring Grand Marshal Lane Davies, an alumnus of the Class of 1972, starting at 11 a.m. on Saturday. The parade begins on Maney Avenue, follows East Main Street to Middle Tennessee Boulevard and ends at Greenbell Drive.

Children and grandchildren of alumni, employees, students and friends of the university are invited to participate in the parade by walking, being pulled in a stroller or wagon or riding a tricycle in the Baby Raider Ride Contest. Baby Raiders must be under one year old and accompanied by an adult.

Three divisions—alumni and friends, students, faculty and staff—will be on tap for the parade.

For more information, call 615-898-1223.

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C hristmas comes every year, and now, so does Operation Christmas Care! Christmas cards for our wounded soldiers are needed as desperately this year as they were four years ago, when I first established Operation Christmas Care after learning that a friend’s son had lost both of his legs in an IED explosion in Iraq. Through her sister’s blog, I learned just how important cards and letters, with a heartfelt message of support and encouragement, can be for our wounded warriors as they heal.

Thank you to those who have already so generously given of your time. I have had several questions about this year’s project and therefore would address them all to for clarification.

This year’s project needs volunteers! Our needs for the immediate future include:

- spreading the word and sending information to anyone—church, school, organization—that you might think would be interested;  
- making and delivering card-drop boxes and “Pennies for Postage” jars by Oct. 25;  
- distributing a flier around campus, town, organizations, etc.

If you place a card-drop box or Pennies for Postage jar in your office by creating one yourself, please e-mail me to let me know. We want to be sure we don’t miss anyone with follow up e-mails for final drop-off.

For more information, call 615-898-2551 or visit lnewton@mtsu.edu.

Lee Ann Newton is the executive aide for MTSU’s Tennessee Mathematics, Science and Technology Education Center. She can be reached at 615-904-8573 or at lnewton@mtsu.edu.
‘Trash-talking’ has new meaning at symposium

by Gina E. Fann

Gill

MTSU will be talking trash in the James Union Building, not in Murphy Center or the student union bowl, as the 19th Annual Tennessee Undergraduate Social Science Symposium gets under way Nov. 2-3.

“Talking Trash: Garbage in Society and the Environment” is the theme of this year’s symposium, which is highlighted by two special lectures:

• a keynote address, “The Garbology of Us,” on Tuesday, Nov. 2, from Dr. William L. Rathje, founder and director of The Garbage Project in Tucson, Ariz.; and
• a Senior Scholar’s Lecture, “Oil Spill Déjà Vu: Social Impacts of the BP Gulf Gusher and the Exxon Valdez Disaster,” on Wednesday, Nov. 3, by Dr. Duane A. Gill of Oklahoma State University.

Rathje, whose research and public presentations focus on the archaeology of modern garbage, will speak at 6 p.m. Tuesday. Gill, who is part of a research team investigating the human impact of the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill as well as several other of its in recent years, will speak at 12:40 p.m. on Wednesday.

Both lectures will be held in the JUB’s Tennessee Room.

Program Committee Co-Chairs Dr. Meredith Dye and Dr. Brian Hinote said this year’s symposium promises to be a “lively gathering of student researchers and established scholars” that engages some of its timely social and environmental issues of contemporary American society.

“We encourage student participation from across all corners of campus and the entire Middle Tennessee area, and in cooperation with many other faculty members and student organizations, are working diligently to make this an enjoyable and informative campus event by bringing leading researchers in the social sciences to MTSU,” Hinote said.

“But the symposium is really a celebration of student research and academics,” added Dye, “so come and join us in early November to enjoy the various activities that we have planned, but also to support student research as well.”

During his lecture, Rathje will explain:

• what foods and drinks we most misreport consuming;
• how our misunderstanding of foods affects our health;
• what biodegrades and what doesn’t in modern landfills and what’s taking up the most space there; and
• the easiest ways to decrease what we throw away.

An interview with Rathje is scheduled to air on “MTSU On the Record” on Sunday, Oct. 31, at 8 a.m. on WMOT-Jazz 89 and www.wmot.org.

Gill’s lecture will examine the social impact of the BP gusher by comparing the community of Bayou La Batre, Ala., with Cordova, Alaska. Both communities are renewable-resource communities, and their social and economic recovery is tied to restoration of damaged resources.

Also on Tuesday, a thematic panel on environmental issues and consumerism is set for 11:30 a.m. in the Tennessee Room, and a feature documentary, “Garbage: The Revolution Starts at Home,” will be screened at 4:15 p.m. The film by writer/director Andrew Nisker follows an average family as they save all the garbage they produce over three months, then discover how their single household affects the planet.

Student research-paper presentations are scheduled throughout the two-day symposium on a variety of social topics, including immigration, social problems, and social and cultural theory, hate crimes, race and ethnicity, Appalachian studies, health and family, experiential learning in archaeological studies, and study abroad. All social-sciences paper submissions are welcome.

The symposium is sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts, the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, the MTSU Distinguished Lecture Series, the College of Graduate Studies, the University Honors College, the Municipal Technical Advisory Service, Students for Environmental Action, the MTSU Sociology Club, the Middle Tennessee Anthropology Society and student activity fees.

All events are open to the public and are free.

For more information on the symposium, please contact Hinote at hhinote@mtsu.edu or 615-494-7914 or Dye in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at mds@mtsu.edu or 615-898-2690. You also may visit the symposium website at www.mtsu.edu/sosc/socsymp/index.shtml.

BFA degree candidates’ work set for late fall display

Support art scholarships at seasonal exhibit and sale

from Staff Reports

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MTSU’s Department of Art is continuing its successful Art Scholarship Seasonal Exhibit and Sale with another fundraising event set for Nov. 3-5.

The exhibit and sale, begun in fall 2008 as a effort to raise funds for various scholarships within the department, will be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 3 and 4, and from 9 a.m. to noon on Friday, Nov. 5.

The works included in the exhibit and sale have been collected from art department faculty members, staff, students, alumni and friends in the community, organizers said.

Continuing in the original vein of donors’ choice, funds from the sale of each piece will go to a scholarship fund designated by each artwork’s donor.

Current art scholarships include:

• the Hester Rogers Ray Scholarship for art-education students;
• the Charles Massey Scholarship for second-semester studio-art majors;
• the Dr. Charles Brandon Scholarship for studio-art majors;
• the easiest ways to decrease what we throw away.
• how our misunderstand-

ing of foods affects our health;
• what biodegrades and what doesn’t in modern landfills and what’s taking up the most space there; and
• the Department of Art Scholarships for art majors.

The department also will feature exhibitions of work by Bachelor of Fine Arts degree candidates throughout November and December in the Todd Gallery.

BFA Studio 2 artists will exhibit their work Nov. 15-19 and BFA Studio 3 artists will be on exhibit Nov. 29-Dec. 3.

Opening receptions for the three exhibits are planned on each exhibit’s opening day (Nov. 8, 15 and 29) from 6 to 8 p.m. All the BFA exhibits will be open during the Todd Gallery’s regular operating hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

For more information on the scholarship exhibit and sale or the BFA degree candidates’ exhibits, call 615-898-2455.

Graphic-design students’ show Oct. 21-Nov. 2 at Todd Gallery

A juried show of graphic-design students’ work will be on display at MTSU’s Todd Gallery Thursday, Oct. 21, through Tuesday, Nov. 2.

The exhibit will showcase award winners chosen by Latocki Team Creative, a Nashville-based team specializing in identity creation, brand management and image alignment.

An opening reception for the exhibit is set on Oct. 21 from 4 to 5 p.m.

The Todd Gallery is located on the second floor of MTSU’s Todd Building in the heart of campus.

Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 615-898-2455.
**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 or www.youtube.com/mtsunews for a complete show archive.

**Radio Schedule**

“MTSU On the Record” 8 a.m. Sundays, WMOT 89.5-FM

**Sports @ Home**

Oct. 22-23 MTSU Family Weekend
For information, visit www.mtsu.edu/~honors or contact: 615-898-2454.

Oct. 25 Fall Honors Lecture Series—Dr. Michael Roskin, “Predicting China’s Foreign Policy” 3-3:55 p.m., Room 106, Honors Amphitheatre
For information, visit www.mtsu.edu/~honors or contact: 615-898-2152.

Oct. 26 Tuesday, Oct. 26 Studio Saxophone Recital:
Don Aliquo
8 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, visit www.mtsunews.com.

**MTSU Homecoming**

Oct. 21 Thursday, Oct. 21 TIAA-CREF Employee Sessions
8 a.m.-5 p.m. (by appointment only), Room 313, Keithley University Center
To schedule appointments, contact: 866-842-2336.

Oct. 22 October 22-23 MTSU Family Weekend
For information, visit www.mtsu.edu/~honors or contact: 615-898-2454.

Oct. 27 Wednesday, Oct. 27 “Stay in Place” Tornado Drill
10 a.m., campuswide
For information, visit http://bit.ly/MTSafePlaces or contact: 615-898-2919.

**Team player**

**TOP WORK!**—Sally Swoape, center, executive aide for the Department of Engineering Technology, accepts a plaque as the latest quarterly Secretarial/Clerical Award winner from Trina Clinton of Human Resource Services, left, chair of MTSU’s Employee Recognition Committee, and EF department chair Dr. Walter Boles. The committee salutes staffers who make outstanding contributions and demonstrate excellence in their roles. For more information about nominating a full-time co-worker for the award program, go to www.mtsu.edu/hr/relations/recog.shtml.

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**Prep for Oct. 27 ‘stay-in-place’ tornado drill**

Faculty and staff: Please read the following script to your students and colleagues during the “stay-in-place” tornado drill on campus at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 27.

We hope this effort will prove less disruptive, but it is essential that you pause for a few minutes to share information regarding the “safe place” in your building on that day at that time. Building managers will make their rounds to offer any assistance you may need.

We appreciate your cooperation in this important effort to keep everyone as safe as possible. If you have any questions or problems, please e-mail Tom Tozer at ttozer@mtsu.edu.

“May I have your attention please?

“We are currently experiencing a tornado drill. During a tornado warning, the campus siren will sound and, if you have registered, you will receive an emergency notification in the form of a text message, voice alert or e-mail—or all three.

“It’s important that you know where you should go for shelter in this building if this were an actual tornado warning.

“Our ‘safest place’ in this location is ________. (If it were necessary to vacate this room and go to that safe place, you would need to:

• take possessions with you;
• remain calm and walk quickly to the safe place;
• stay away from doorways, windows and loose or breakable objects;
• as a general rule, use stairwells, not elevators;
• help anyone with a disability go to a safe place, or offer any assistance you may

• Do not pull the fire alarm;
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• In case of injuries in an actual emergency, call 615-889-2424 or 911.

If you do not receive emergency notifications, go to www.mtsu.edu/alert4u.

Thank you.”

If any of your students or colleagues have questions about signing up for emergency notifications, please refer them to page 6 for a handy guide.

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**Homecoming**

1963-98 Political Science Alumni Tailgate, the Zeta Tau Alpha Alumnae/Collegiate Tailgate and a multitude of other gatherings in Walnut Grove after the parade;

• Concrete Industry Management tailgating at the Voorhees Engineering Technology Building;

• a reunion of the 1959 and 1961 Tangerine Bowl football teams and Varsity Club members at the Oct. 23 homecoming game, when athletes, cheerleaders and fans will trek from Walnut Grove to Floyd Stadium in the ceremonial Raider Walk at 1:15 p.m. “Painting the lightning bolts doesn’t just signify a simple community-service project,” ATO Recruitment Chair Chris Hardman said. “It signifies the Blue Raider pride that we have as a chapter and how we want to spread that pride to the MTSU community.”

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**Alumna**

Joe Bales, vice president for development and university relations, said Alexander’s gift is “yet another example of the kinds of gift that MTSU has tried to preserve with our alumni and friends. The endowment and what it will do for countless students are invaluable. The relationships that come out of these kinds of connections are just as wonderful. We are grateful to Mary Neal Alexander for honoring her alma mater with this gift.”

A gift of friendship also has emerged from Alexander’s partnership with Development and University Relations. She and Lucie Murphy Burchfield, a development director, have become pals.

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**The Record**

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MTSU changes ‘exciting’ for new AVP Cicotello

by Randy Weiler
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david Cicotello is finding “personal excite-
ment” in joining the MTSU administrative
staff as associate vice provost for admis-
sions and enrollment services.

“Being part of this enterprise has been great,”
Cicotello said. “I’m feeling welcomed, and the hos-
pitality extended to me does not go unnoticed.”

Cicotello left the University of Nebraska at
Omaha to join MTSU after a national search to
replace longtime administrators Lynn Palmer and
Sherian Huddleston. MTSU’s reorganization, via
President Sidney A. McPhee’s “Positioning the
University for the Future” plan, combined various
aspects of admissions, enrollment services and
financial aid, leading to changes in administrative
tasks for the associate vice provost’s job.

Other staffing changes within the departments
include naming Stephen White as the new financial-aid director, Teresa Thomas’ switch from
Records Office director to director of enrollment
technical systems and moving Cathy Kirchner to
registrar from assistant director in the scheduling
center.

“What’s exciting to me in the reorganization of
this division (Student Affairs) and the ‘Positioning
the University for the Future’ is that it’s not often
we have these chances,” Cicotello said. “Plus, we
have a new provost (Dr. Brad Bartel) and a new CIO (Bruce
Petrosik). I’m very excited about being here.”

Along with the personnel changes, work on the new
Guiding of Education and student-union buildings is pro-
gressing rapidly on the east side of campus. Plans are in place for a new student-services building
that will be a one-stop shop for prospective and current students.

“We already have the Campus Recreation
Center, the new College building and the new
entrance (off Rutherford Boulevard) on that side,”
Cicotello said. “I’m enthusiastic about the prospects
of creating an entrance to that side of campus and
making that a positive first impression for visitors.
We can show visitors ‘the new MTSU’ to go along
with the historical side.”

The Pennsylvania native and other MTSU
administrators are in the midst of an eight-city tour
for student receptions and guidance-counselor
lunches. The one- and two-day trips include
Chattanooga, Clarksville, Lynchburg-Shelbyville,
Johnson City, Knoxville, Nashville, Jackson and
Memphis.

“Our mission is to serve MTSU students and
offer programs that serve students from around the
region, state and world,” he said.

Cicotello has an English background, earning
his undergraduate and master’s degrees from the
University of Nebraska at Lincoln “and was a class-
room professor for years” before venturing into
higher-education administration.

He also is a baseball writer, co-editing a book
about Forbes Field, former home of the Pittsburgh
Pirates, and he recently co-authored Mysteries from
Baseball’s Past with Angelo J. Louisa. He’s a mem-
ber of the Society for American Baseball Research.

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omineations are being accepted from the MTSU
community through Friday, Nov. 12, for the Who’s Who Among
Students in Universities and Colleges.

“Each year, MTSU selects up to
150 students to join the prestigious
Who’s Who community,” said
Jannique J. Huddleston, director of
the Office of Leadership and Service at
MTSU.

MTSU’s College of Basic and
Applied Sciences recently
held its annual State of the
College Address for faculty, adminis-
trators, staff and invited guests to
celebrate the past year’s accomplish-
ments and look toward another
bright academic year for 2010-11.

“There are a number of goals we
hope to achieve in
the coming year,”
Dean Tom
Cheatham said.
“We expect it to be
a good year. We’re
excited about
the new Ph.D.
programs (molecular
biosciences, com-
putational science,
and mathematics
and science education). We have 45
new Ph.D. students, which is amaz-
ing for the first year.

In addition to hoped-for successful
starts with doctoral programs and
MTeach, the college’s primary goals
include:
• improving extramural funding;
• solidifying the aerospace
department’s partnerships with
ITT/NextGen and ISR Group;
• hiring a permanent chair in the
computer-science department;
• constructing a new milking
facility.

Cheatham said improvements in
the retention and graduation statisti-
cs and extramural funding will be
“big drives in the new formula for
THEC (Tennessee Higher Education
Commission) funding.”

The dean said the college
received a bid of $2.76 million to
build the milking facility at the
MTSU farm property, located east of
campus on Guy James Road near
Halls Hill Pike.

The math- and science-education
Ph.D. and MTeach programs are
partnerships with the College of
Education, Cheatham said. MTeach’s
goal is to recruit and retain quality
math and science teachers.

The college had more than 218
full-time faculty and 6,231 majors in
2009-10. This fall, there are 192
faculty and 3,125 majors, meaning
we have 586 fewer
students paid by
the U.S. Army.

MTSU has more than 218
college awards and scholarships.

How to Register for
MTSU Emergency Alerts

Go to www.mtsu.edu/alert4u and click Sign Up for MTSU’s Alert4U
Emergency Notification. On the MTSU Now login page, click the
Register Now link under the login button.

Proceed with the five-step registration process.

1. Create your account. Enter your complete MTSU e-mail address and
create and confirm a password.

2. Enter your first and last name; enter and confirm your mobile
number, enter your preferred e-mail address, click to agree to the
terms of use and click Next. Confirm your cemer and click Next.

3. Validate User. An e-mail will be sent to your official MTSU e-mail
address. Click on the validation link in that e-mail to confirm
your registration and return you to the website to continue the
registration process.

4. Confirm mobile number. A text message will be sent to your
mobile number with a four-digit confirmation code; enter that code
and click Finish to complete the process. (If you do not receive a
code, click “Skip. I’ll enter code later” and click Finish.)

5. Registration is complete. You are now ready to receive alerts.

Registration is free and easy, but your current carrier’s
text-messaging rates do apply.

To redeem your Who’s Who certificate, please call Brian Alten
at 615-898-2877 (balt1 mtu.edu).

To cancel your account, please visit www.mtsu.edu/~mtleader/awards,
mtleader.shtml for an application.

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ominationen sind eingereicht aus der MTSU-Community bis Freitag,
12. November, für die Who’s Who Among
Students in Universities and Colleges.

“Jedes Jahr wählt MTSU bis zu
150 Studenten, die in die preiswerte
Who’s Who Community aufgenommen
werden,” sagte
Jannique J. Huddleston, Direktorin
des Office of Leadership and Service
bei MTSU.

MTSUs College of Basic and
Applied Sciences hielt
kurz vor Mitternacht seine jährliche
State of the College Addresse für
Fakultäten, Administratoren, Personal
und eingeladene Gäste zu
feiern, was das vergangene Jahr
erreichte und hinblick auf einen
bunter akademischen Jahr 2010-11.

“Es gibt eine Reihe von Ziele,
wie wir hoffen, im
jetzigen Jahr zu
erfüllen,” sagte
Dean Tom
Cheatham.
“Wir erwarten es
zu sein
ein gutes Jahr. Wir
wirre uns über
neue Ph.D.
Programme (Molekular-
bioscience, Computational
Science, and Mathematics
Science Education).
Wir haben 45
neue Ph.D. Studenten, was
erstaunlich für das erste Jahr
ist.

Zusätzlich zu hoffen
wird für einen erfolgreichen
Start mit Doktoratsprogrammen
und MTeach, die Hauptziele
des College einschließen:
• Verbessern der externe
Finanzierung;
• Stärkung der Luftwaffen-
department’s Partnership mit
ITT/NextGen and ISR Group;
• Berufung eines festen
Chefs in der
Computerwissenschafts-
department;
• Bau eines neuen Milch-
Fahrzeug.

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College Preise und
Scholarships.

Wie registrieren Sie sich für
MTSU Notfallwarnungen

Gehen Sie zu www.mtsu.edu/alert4u
und klicken Sie auf Sign Up for MTSU’s Alert4U
Notfallwarnung. Auf der MTSU Now Login-Seite,
klicken Sie auf die Register Now-Verknüpfung unter
der Login-Button.

Fortgehen mit den fünf Schritten
Registrierungsprozess.

1. Erstellen Sie Ihren Account. Eingeben Sie Ihre komplekte
MTSU E-Mail-Adresse und erstellen und bestätigen Sie
Ihre Passwort.

2. Eingabe Ihres ersten und letzten Namens; Eingabe und
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MacDougall takes chemistry reins as interim chair

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Sixteen-year faculty member Dr. Preston MacDougall has accepted the call to serve as interim chair in the Department of Chemistry for the current academic year, College of Basic and Applied Sciences Dean Tom Cheatham said.

MacDougall, a professor, will lead the department in the absence of Dr. Earl Pearson, who has had to step aside from his administrative duties because of family illness. Pearson has been chair since 1998, when he came to MTSU.

“I feel honored to be named interim chair of the chemistry department at this key moment in its history,” MacDougall said. “Our participation in the new science Ph.D. programs makes the future exciting, and the upcoming Centennial Celebration will give us special opportunities to celebrate our past.”

MacDougall teaches physical science for nonscience majors, honors general chemistry, physical chemistry and advanced topics courses for master’s and doctoral students.

“Dr. Preston MacDougall has been a chemistry faculty member since 1994 and has served as the assistant chair,” Cheatham said. “He is the PI (principal investigator) on an $890,000 U.S. Department of Energy grant to study computational modeling of drug-resistant bacteria. I am grateful to him for stepping in as interim chair in Dr. Pearson’s absence.”

MacDougall earned his bachelor’s degree in 1983 and a doctorate in education in ’89, both from McMaster University in Canada. He has participated in postdoctoral fellowships at Texas A&M University and Los Alamos National Laboratory.

MacDougall’s research interests in theoretical chemistry include the development of quantum chemistry-based design tools for pharmacology and molecular modeling in chemical education.

Some of his research was performed with collaborators at the NASA Ames Research Center. The Department of Chemistry has a combined 30 full-time and adjunct faculty members. There are approximately 1,200 students majoring in chemistry.

Free shuttle rides available to early-voting site through Oct. 27

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MTSU students and staff who want to vote early in the 2010 midterm elections can get free rides to the Rutherford County Election Commission Office on Murfreesboro’s Public Square via Raider Express. The fall general election is Tuesday, Nov. 2.

Free shuttle rides are provided by the American Democracy Project at MTSU in conjunction with the Division of Business and Finance’s Event Coordination Department, and Parking and Transportation Services. The shuttle schedule is:

• Thursday, Oct. 21—3 p.m. pick-up in front of the Union Building; pick-up at the square at 4:15 p.m. to return to the JUB;
• Friday, Oct. 22—2:30 p.m. pick-up in front of the JUB; pick-up at the square at 3:45 p.m. to return to campus;
• Monday, Oct. 25—10 a.m. pick-up in front of the JUB; pick-up at the square at 11:15 a.m. to return to campus;
• Tuesday, Oct. 26—5 p.m. pick-up in front of the JUB; pick-up at the square at 6:15 p.m. to return to campus.

Details about early voting in Rutherford County can be found at the election commission website via http://bit.ly/VoteEarly2010. For more information, contact ADP coordinator Dr. Mary Evins at amerdem@mtsu.edu. The ADP Web site is www.mtsu.edu/~amerdem.

Environmental ed center publishes Tennessee water booklet

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MTSU’s Center for Environmental Education and National Project WET have created and developed a new publication called "Discover Waters of Tennessee." The booklet also is available online through the center’s website, www.centerformtennesseewaterprojects.com. The booklet also meets State Department of Education standards in science, language, arts, social studies and mathematics.

All the ancillaries help to meet the stormwater permit goals for MTSU and the city of Murfreesboro. While supplies last, limited copies of the publication are available by calling 615-904-8575, said Cynthia Allen, natural resources group coordinator with the center.

The Center for Environmental Education, which is part of MTSU’s biology department, is located in the Fairview Building.
Lead Poisoning Prevention Week is Oct. 24-30

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Oct. 24-30 is designated by the U.S. Senate as National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week, and MTSU’s Tennessee Alliance for Lead-safe Kids program wants people across the state to know the risks and take precautions.

“The only way to know of lead exposure is through a simple blood test, and even low levels of lead in a child’s blood can be dangerous,” said Leigh Woodcock, TALK/TN LEAP East coordinator in Knoxville.

TN LEAP is the Tennessee Lead Elimination Action Program, which, like TALK, is administered by MTSU. “The target audience for TALK’s lead-poisoning prevention efforts is parents, but also anyone (child care or health care providers) who works with children under 6,” Woodcock said.

Effects of childhood lead poisoning can include lowered IQ, developmental and growth delays, learning disabilities, violent and aggressive behavior and coma or even death, researchers have determined. Unless they have been exposed to lead hazards, children should be tested at 12 and 24 months old. Parents and guardians should talk to their pediatrician or local health officials about any concerns, Woodcock said. Children can be exposed to lead through:

• peeling and chipping paint in homes built before 1978;
• lead dust from paint in homes built before 1978;
• some older water pipes, mini-blinds, imported toys, hobbies, home remedies and jewelry; and
• exposure in utero, where lead can pass through the mother’s bloodstream to her unborn child.

“There is a great concern for lead poisoning from imported goods, and rightly so, but many are unaware of the lead in their own homes that could poison their children,” Woodcock said. “It’s our goal at TALK and TN LEAP to help parents take the very simple steps to protect their kids.”

In Tennessee, more than 1 million homes were built before 1978, increasing the likelihood that lead-based paint hazards may exist, TALK and TN LEAP officials say.

Housing and Urban Development grant programs at MTSU can assist families in various ways. TALK offers outreach and education about the dangers and prevention of childhood lead poisoning, and TN LEAP has grant funding to help identify and clean up lead-based paint hazards in pre-1978 homes of those who qualify.

Childhood lead poisoning is 100 percent preventable, TALK and TN LEAP officials say. For information on how to protect your child or and request assistance, please call 865-244-4350 or visit www.mtsu.edu/talk.