Naval intelligence director Cothron shares experiences

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A lumnus and U.S. Navy Rear Adm. Tony L. Cothron ('77) brought his knowledge and wisdom gained through career experiences to share with MTSU students, faculty, staff and alumni during an April 8 visit to campus.

“The purpose of the admiral’s visit was to highlight possible career options for history majors and to enhance our military history program,” said alumnus Dr. Derek Frisby ('94), assistant professor in the Department of History. “The students and faculty were able to interact on a very personal level with a distinguished MTSU history alum and discuss the importance of...” (See ‘Cothron,’ Page 2)

Honors flow during Celebration of Excellence

8 alumni among those recognized by president at annual awards event

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Eight MTSU alumni were among 15 people altogether who were recognized for their outstanding achievements during the fifth annual President’s Celebration of Excellence, held April 12 in the James Union Building’s Tennessee Room.

The honors that featured alumni included:

• the National Alumni Association’s Distinguished Alumni Award recipients Lana Seivers ('72), Sandra Trail ('76) and Gale Prince ('57);
• the Alumni Association’s Young Alumni Achievement Award recipient Brady Barnett ('97);
• the Student Government Association’s John T. Bragg Distinguished Service Award honoree John Hood ('74, '74);
• the MTSU Foundation’s Career Achievement Award honoree Dr. Robert F. Carlton ('64);
• the Tennessee Board of Regents’ Chancellor’s Citation for Excellence in Philanthropy Award to Stephen B. “Steve” Smith; and
• the Office of the President’s Legacy Award to Elizabeth “Liz” Hay Rhea ('55).

The Legacy Award is given to an individual whose accomplishments have made a significant impact on the history of MTSU and whose actions have served as an inspiration to others.

Rhea and her husband, the late Dr. Creighton Rhea, have supported... (See ‘Honors,’ Page 5)
Compass” Feb. 24. Bill Westenhofer is their supervisor. 

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Cohron
history and critical thinking skills in various career fields.

“They also gained some insight into the extremely complex intelligence community and the role intelligence played in the Iraq war and war on terrorism.”

Cohron is the director of intelligence for the Chief of Naval Operations and the 62nd director of Naval Intelligence. His lecture was titled “U.S. National Security Policy and Decision-Making: Insights on How and Why Our Nation Is at War.”

Cohron commanded the U.S. European Command’s Joint Analysis Center at Royal Air Force Molesworth, U.K, from August 2001 to July 2003, transforming the command in response to the global war on terrorism and supporting combat operations against Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He also commanded the Navy’s national level, operational intelligence and scientific and intelligence analysis center, the Office of Naval Intelligence from September 2004 to January 2006. Upon his promotion to flag rank, Cohron was assigned to the National Security Agency as deputy director of Signals Intelligence for Customer Relationships.

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Summer Reading adventure for new freshmen

‘Three Cups of Tea’ author will speak at Aug. 24 University Convocation

By Gina Fann  gfinn@mtsu.com

What can one person accomplish? MTSU’s 2008 Summer Reading Program selection, ‘Three Cups of Tea: One Man’s Mission to Promote Peace ... One School at a Time,” by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin, has the answer.

The memoir, touted by NBC’s Tom Brokaw as “thrilling” and “one of the most remarkable adventure stories of our time,” details Mortenson’s quest to build schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Mortenson, the co-founder (with Dr. Jean Hoerni) and executive director of the nonprofit Central Asia Institute and Pennies for Peace, has dedicated his life to community-based education and literacy programs, especially for girls, in remote mountainous regions of Pakistan and Afghanistan.

His quest began in 1993, when to honor his late sister’s memory, Mortenson climbed Pakistan’s K2, the world’s second highest mountain, in the Karakoram Range. While recovering in a local village called Korphi, the Montana resident met a group of children sitting in the dirt writing with sticks in the sand and made a promise to help them build a school.

Dr. Laurie Witherow, MTSU’s Academic Support Center director and coordinator of the Summer Reading Program, is encouraging faculty to incorporate this latest text into their fall 2008 syllabi.

“‘Three Cups of Tea’ would be a perfect start.

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MTSU, Thai connection

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“One day, the principal (Supoj Khanonwech) came to my classroom and told me that he knew about Murfreesboro,” Riggan added. “Then he smiled and told me that I was going to graduate school 30 years ago ... He’s a heck of a nice guy to work for. Finally, he smiled when I said (the name) Boots Donnelly (’65, ’67, and former MTSU coach and athletic director). Guess he enjoyed American-style football while he was here.”

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Families have a blast at alumni events in Memphis, Knoxville, Nashville, Atlanta

From staff reports

When planning events, the MTSU Office of Alumni Relations realizes that family is first for our alumni, and what’s a better way to spend time with your family than at the zoo? Therefore, we decided to host our Paint the Zoo BLUE Tour in four cities throughout March, April and May. We wanted to not only give alumni a great day for their families, but also a chance to meet fellow alumni in their area.

Paint the Zoo BLUE began in Knoxville. Guests braved the cold and on-again-off-again rain to enjoy a great day. At lunch, alumni and their guests were greeted by an exotic bird that they were allowed to pet and observe much closer than usual.

The tour stop in Memphis included a terrific buffet picnic lunch. Alumni and guests saw many exotic animals.

“Memphis certainly has lived up to its billing as one of the best zoos in the country,” said MTSU alumni assistant director Paul Wydra. “Our guests have seen all kinds of animals from monkeys to pandas, all the while being able to introduce their families to their former classmates. Not only are our alumni reconnecting, but their families are making connections.”

“The kids, and adults alike, seemed to really enjoy everything that Zoo Atlanta offered,” Wydra said. “Alumni had a chance to reminisce about MTSU memories while enjoying a fantastic summer picnic buffet. Once again, the Nashville Zoo was painted BLUE.”

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many MTSU projects. They were among the first donors to enter into a significant estate plan with MTSU. They donated some $10,000 to establish and endow two Leadership/Performance Scholarships. She continues to support athletics, the School of Music and Alumni Relations’ initiatives. A 1998 Distinguished Alumna, Rhea promotes her alma mater through leadership positions in the MTSU Foundation, Blue Raider Athletic Association and National Alumni Association. She remains active in raising funds for the MTSU Rutherford County Alumni Scholarship fund through the annual Pigskin Pre-Game.

The Chancellor’s Citation for Excellence in Philanthropy recognizes generous giving of resources for a TBR institution and outstanding volunteer efforts in raising money for the institution.

Smith, who played baseball for former Coach John Stanford in the mid-1970s, has been instrumental in helping secure the needed funds ($85 million) to begin construction on a baseball stadium that will be completed soon. MTSU dedicated the Stephen B. Smith Clubhouse and Indoor Training Facility in ’98.

Alumni Dr. Bob Adams (’78), left, vice chancellor for the Tennessee Board of Regents, presented the Chancellor’s Citation for Excellence in Philanthropy to Stephen B. "Steve" Smith. Sharing the occasion are Liz McPhee and MTSU President Sidney A. McPhee.

Honors

The Professional Achievement honoree is Seivers, who served as Tennessee Commissioner of Education from her appointment by Gov. Phil Bredesen in 2003 until stepping down in January. As commissioner, she led the department in many initiatives to help fulfill its mission to provide quality education for every child in Tennessee. Before her appointment, Seivers had served as a teacher, principal and superintendent in Oak Ridge Schools and Clinton City Schools. The Service to the University recipient is Trail, an attorney who began private practice of law in Murfreesboro. Her involvement with MTSU began almost simultaneously when she was nominated as a Foundation trustee. With her legal and accounting background (she’s a certified public accountant), she revised many Foundation organizational documents and began assisting with negotiation and preparation of contracts and agreements for the Foundation.

Prince earned the Service to the Community honor. He has devoted his life to serving others, first in the military for more than 20 years and then through the Lions Club, which he joined in 1980. He volunteers to screen children’s eyes to detect and correct vision problems. He graduated from MTSC as a Distinguished Military graduate and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. Prince served in Korea and Vietnam, retiring as a lieutenant colonel in 1978. His military honors include the Bronze Star and Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation.

The Young Alumni Achievement Award recognizes a young alumna for his or her professional achievement, outstanding leadership abilities and/or service to the university and/or community.

Barnett has logged some impressive experience as an independent producer, engineer and author since earning his MTSU degree. He has worked at prominent facilities in Los Angeles such as The Enterprise, Skip Saylor Recording and Pacific Ocean Post. He has engineered for artists such as Keith Urban, LeAnn Rimes, George Jones, Reba McIntire, Trace Adkins, Alan Jackson, Faith Hill, Brad Paisley, N'Sync and Stephen Curtis Chapman. He has given back to the Department of Recording Industry by working as an adjunct professor and by helping develop new courses.

(Suza Clark, director of the MTSU Office of Publications and Graphics, contributed to this report with her writing in the event program.)
1950s

Dr. Hershel Wall ('57), Memphis, Tenn., is chancellor and vice president for Health Affairs at Alcorn State University of Tennessee Health Science Center.

1960s

Peggy Jackson Gerdes ('94) and Ken Gerdes ('66), Macon, Ga., returned from the spring 2008 MTSU alumni trip to Italy.

William Hoffman ('68), Goodlettsville, Tenn., is a retired plumbing contractor.

Cheryl Miller ('68), Tallahahsa, Tenn., is a loan administrator with American City Bank.

Jim Miller ('67), Tallahahsa, Tenn., retired as store manager from Cool Springs Carson's/King Ferry Company and Dillard's department store in Tallahahsa.

Stella Cooper Mitchell ('94), Fayetteville, Ga., has written and published her novel, “The Original Hair Girls,” about her time at MTSU.

1970s

Curtis W. Beech ('77), Kensington, Md., is a senior contract manager for Development Alternatives Inc.

Gary Davenport ('72), Elk Grove, Calif., is a minister with Parkwyk Church of Christ in San Antonio.

Bruce L. Jewell ('73), Asheville, N.C., retired as assistant director of the Southern Research Station for the USDA Forest Service in January 2008.

Brian Oldfield ('73), Elgin, Ill., has been named third on the all-time world top shot put list in the April issue of “Track and Field” magazine.

Terry Price ('79), Springfield, Tenn., is a program director for The Writer’s Loft, MTSU’s low-residency creative writing certificate program.

Jeanette (73), 74 and Larry A. Underwood ('71), Oshioaawa, Tenn., are retired and traveling extensively.

Ali Al-Saleh ('87), Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, resides over the Saudi Arabia Employee Association.

Janice Bane ('86), Hendersonville, Tenn., is the general manager of MCS America, the USA division of Music Copyright Protection.

Teddy Bane ('86), Hendersonville, Tenn., is an ordained minister in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Russell Burns ('82), St. Louis, Mo., is the president of Clayco Inc.

Cynthia Cline ('84), Houston, Texas, has been appointed as defense co-counsel for Prosper Mugimaire, former civilian service minister of Rwanda, who is charged with genocide.

Maj. David Hughes ('88), Murfreesboro, is the uniformed division commander for the Murfreesboro Police Force.

Brian Knox ('87), Sussex, Wis., is vice president of Zippo's & Associates, one of the top 150 independent public relations firms in the nation.

Cindy M. Morgan ('83), Chester, Va., is a senior advertising and new media manager for Hamilton Beach.

Ken Peden ('87), Oglesea, is a pilot.

Alison A. Pochot ('88), Cary, N.C., is a landscape architect for Alison A. Pochot ASLA.

Richard Ramko ('89), Natch, Mass., is a partner in Martin & Young LLP.

Ronald Roberts ('84, '91), Murfreesboro, has been named president of DVL Public Relations and Advertising in Nashville, Tenn.

Col. Carolyn R. Sharpe ('92), Woodbridge, Va., is the deputy director of business management for the gulf region division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Fairhaven, Mass.

Dr. Sonya G. Smith ('86, '88, '90), LaVista, Neb., is the associate vice chancellor for academic affairs/chief student affairs officer and associate professor for the college of public health for the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Donald Swartz ('86), Commerce, Texas, is a registered nurse working in a cardiac unit.

David H. Whitworth ('82, '90), Philadelphia, Pa., is the director of in-flight services for U.S. Airways in Philadelphia.

Maureen Wirtzman ('87), Eggleville, Tenn., is the owner of Wilderness Fosses.

Carol C. Schroer ('96, '00), Murfreesboro, is a teacher at Erma Siegel Elementary.

Tony Sheppard ('91), Jeffersonville, Ind., has published her first training manual, “Group Psychotherapy with Children.”

Carol D. Sissom ('90), Indianapolis, Ind., is co-owner of Medical Consulting From A-Z.

Kent Spears ('97), Decatur, Ga., is a geographic information systems specialist with the U.S. Census Bureau in Atlanta, Ga.

Toni R. Trice ('95), Henderson, Tenn., is a clinical systems analyst for West Tennessee Healthcare.

1980s


Mary Benton ('97), Pelham, Tenn., is the Holocaust education representative for the United Methodist Higher Education Foundation.

Michael E. Canady III ('98), Washington, D.C., is the deputy for youth ministry for the Episcopal Diocese of Washington.

CPT Philip E. Crabtree ('97), Kilimanjaro, Texas, is deployed for Iraq for the third time, and currently serves as the chief of the Baghdad Medical Engagement Team for the Multi-National Division.

Tim Doyle ('94), Cordova, Tenn., is a producer for Channel 3 Memphis in Memphis.

David Ellis ('99), San Jose, Calif., is a first officer for MAG/United Express flying the CRJ 200/700/900.

Gary Estep ('99), Colorado Springs, Colo., is the chief assistant engineer for the Ground Based Midcourse Defense Communication Network.

Preston Foreman ('93), New Milford, Conn., is the national sales trainer for Point of Care at the healthcare company for Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics in Tarrytown, N.Y.

Bosko Grubic ('99), Marina Del Rey, Calif., is an in-house executive producer for AIG/aidgment.

Cynthia Jolley ('98), Tallahahsa, Tenn., is the choir director for Coffee County Schools.

Dennis Jones ('92), Coalmont, Tenn., is director of Sewana EMS at the University of the South and a paramedic for Grundy EMS.

SFC Becki Louden ('99), Woodbury, Tenn., is serving in Iraq at Camp Victory with the 214th Garrison Support Unit. She is the executive assistant for the commander in the human resources division.

Herald T. Hunter ('74), Nashville, Tenn., is an AFRP assistant for Warner Music Group.

Christina Frazer Mitchell ('95), Nashville, Tenn., is director of creative for Grundy Country.

Clay M. Marr ('92), Summertown, Tenn., is a reunion class coordinator for Grundy Country.

Susan Messer ('95), Jackson, Tenn., has been awarded the Grand Award in the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education District III communications contest.

Blessing Oluwunse Aiyunna II ('04), Aug. 29, 2007, to Malia (04) and Blessing O. Aiyunna ('03) of Canegrin Ridge, Tenn.

Paul Jude Asmer Jr., born Feb. 13, 2007, to Jill ('97) and Paul Asmer of Mount Pleasant, S.C.


Coby Russell Crowell Jr., born Jan. 29, 2008, to Rebecca and Coby Crowell ('95) of Unionville, Tenn.

Sonny Jean Caudill, born Aug. 12, 2008, to Boray and William Caudill ('07) of Smyrna, Tenn.

Diana N. Grush (06), born Jan. 26, 2008, to Kristin ('96) and Michael Fortuna of Clifton, N.J.

Logan Fritts, born Aug. 10, 2007, to Michele ('07) and Jason Fritts of Murfreesboro.

Gary Hellinger, born Oct. 20, 2007, to Jackie Clark ('99) and Matthew Hellinger of Birmingham, Ala.

Sherrilynn Mac Holcombe, born June 20, 2007, to Keri ('03) and Brian Holcombe of Spring Hill, Tenn.

Johshia Johnson, born Feb. 18, 2008, to Latasha ('97) and Kevin Johnson ('95, '96) of Smyrna, Tenn.

Alyson Putman Johnson, born March 20, 2008, to Jessica L. Johnson ('06) of Ankeny, Iowa.

Samatha Lynn Johnson, born April 10, 2007, to Shelly ('01, '03, '06) and Steven W. Johnson of Nashville, Tenn.

Clinton Jacob “CF” Kersey, born Dec. 20, 2007, to Jennifer ('03) and Kersey ('08, '09, '10) of Smyrna, Tenn. (See ‘Baby,’ Page 7)
To our newest 4,200 members since ’07 ...

Congrats; you’ve joined a connected, active alumni group; touch base with us more connected. You will find more professional, regional and special interest alumni chapters than ever before. There are e-mail newsletters, The Alumni Record, updates via Facebook, LinkedIn, Plano and MySpace.

I believe you will be happy to find plenty of activities with your fellow alumni. There are (and have been) spring activities for those in the nursing, accounting, and even performing arts industries, among several others. For those who love the water, we will have an MT Day at Nashville Shores in July.

Whatever your interest, take a moment to touch base and let the alumni office know how you want to be involved. Call or e-mail and let us know where you will be and how we can help. Whether it’s updating your mailing and e-mail addresses or volunteering to help develop new events wherever you are, your Alumni Association is here to serve and connect.

Finally, whatever your future plans hold, take a moment and check back in from time to time.

We’d always love to hear from you.

Go Blue!

Mass Communication recognizes alumni

Stevens, Blakeman, Prater added to Wall of Fame during April 2008 ceremony

From staff reports

MTSU’s College of Mass Communication added three distinguished alumni to its Wall of Fame during annual awards April 23 in the John Bragg Mass Communication Building.

Joining more than 40 other accomplished graduates on the colleges Wall of Fame for 2008 are:

• James Stevens (’03), founder and CEO of James Stevens Design in Nashville.

• Mark Blakeman (’93), vice president of orchestra and building operations and general manager of the Nashville Symphony; and

• Maj. Phillip R. Prater (’83), Army Public Affairs.

The event honored those mass communication alumni who have distinguished themselves in the professional world through their accomplishments as well as juniors, seniors and graduate students who have demonstrated academic excellence in their respective areas of study.

During the event, the Office of the Dean also honored a new “Friend of the College” — Debbie Turrer, president and general manager of the News Channel 5 Network.

MTSU mourns passing of two faculty members

From staff reports

MTSU witnessed the late winter passings of two longtime faculty members. They were:

• Dr. Leon R. “Lon” Nuell, 68, of Murfreesboro, professor in the Department of Art (faculty member since 1971) and director of Todd Gallery, who died March 12 and

• Dr. David Walker, 69, of Franklin, professor in Speech and Theatre (faculty member since ’65), who died March 13.

Nuell’s name has been established in the art department.

Walker is survived by his wife, Sandra Barnes Walker, son and daughter-in-law David Ellis and Lavinia Walker of Geneva, Switzerland; daughters and sons-in-law Suzie and Derk Frizzell of Houston, Texas; Cindy and Jeff Key of Murfreesboro; and Michelle and Mike Clark of Murfreesboro.

In Memoriam

MTSU and the Office of Alumni Relations extend deepest sympathy to the families and friends of alumni who have passed away.

1930s

Ida Payne (’39), Shelbyville, Tenn., died March 6, 2007.

1940s


1950s

Myles Griffin Weaver, born Dec. 6, 2007, to Amanda (’99, ’11) and Yok Weaver of Murfreesboro.

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New literacy Ph.D. to help rethink, reteach reading

Committed and successful educators with graduate degrees and a minimum of three years of field experience will be returning to MTSU in the fall because they realize that what they already know about teaching reading isn’t enough to transform every child into a skilled reader.

School psychologists, speech-language pathologists, reading teachers, classroom teachers and school administrators at all levels will be among those seeking MTSU’s new doctoral degree in literacy studies. This program will address why the National Assessment of Education Progress consistently shows that an average of four out of 10 children fail to read at grade level by fourth grade.

Interdisciplinary doctorate is based on the idea that narrow expertise in one area does not equip graduates to understand the many factors that support successful literacy.

The new program is a first-of-its-kind partnership that has emerged from the Center for the Study and Treatment of Dyslexia at MTSU, a hands-on learning lab that may be the only one of its kind in the nation.

The Dyslexia Center is a unit in the College of Education and Behavioral Science where professionals with different backgrounds work together to improve educational outcomes for children with dyslexia.

To learn more about the new degree and course requirements, visit mtsu.edu/~literacy/info.html or call 615-898-5642.

— Tom Tozer, tozer@mtsu.edu


1960s


Edith Moulton (’63), Rockledge, Fla., died Dec. 11, 2007.


1970s


2000s

Jeffrey Davis Limbaugh (’05), Murfreesboro, died Dec. 29, 2007.
From staff reports

Pigskin Pre-Game football kickoff and Rutherford County Scholarship fundraiser has become a summer staple. Last year, more than 500 guests enjoyed the food, friends and memories! This year, we want more people involved to raise more money for a great cause.

The football season kicks off on Tuesday, Aug. 26, at home against Sun Belt conference rival Troy University.

“Pigskin Pre-Game kicks off the year when everyone is excited to get the season started and Blue Raider pride is in full gear,” said Paul Wydra, MTSU Office of Alumni Relations assistant director.

This year’s event will be held at the beautiful new home of MTSU alumni Tim (’72) and Pam (’91) Keach, located in Mirabella subdivision. This event is a fundraiser for the Rutherford County Chapter Scholarship Fund.

“For the 2008-2009 school year, the fund was able to award $20,000 in scholarships to incoming freshman from Rutherford County. It is a great cause and the Rutherford County Chapter needs the support of the community to keep this great scholarship growing,” Wydra said.

For more details, please visit the Alumni Relations Web site, mtalumni.com. We look forward to seeing you at Pigskin Pre-Game.

Pigskin Pre-Game fundraiser set Aug. 23

These seven Pigskin Pre-Game attendees were among more than 500 people who helped raise money for the Rutherford County Scholarship fund.

Black alumni awards honorees

(Right) Vincent Window ('90, '91, '94), left, scholarship recipient Shenika Lawrence and Dr. Bob Glenn, vice president for student affairs, attend the African American Awards Ceremony at the Tom H. Jackson Building.

(Far right) Rickey Field ('80), left, and Pippa Meriwether ('74) received African American Alumni Awards from the Black Alumni Society April 26.

Alumna Bonner will guide new Office of Community Engagement and Support

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Alumna Dr. Gloria Bonner (’72, ’74, ’77), former dean of the College of Education and Behavioral Science, has been chosen to lead the Office of Community Engagement and Support, a newly created administrative office that was initiated to support MTSU’s overall mission as it relates to addressing the ever-growing needs of both MTSU and the surrounding community at large.

Bonner’s new OCES appointment as an assistant to MTSU President Sidney A. McPhee and member of his presidential cabinet, became effective May 1. MTSU will begin a national search later this year to fill the deanship role that Bonner has held for a decade. McPhee appointed Dr. Harold D. “Terry” Whiteside interim dean for one year.

In announcing the creation of the OCES, McPhee said its impetus sprang from “a compelling need for a new office whose mission and focus centered on engaging the community with the overall goals and objectives of the university as it pursues mutually beneficial opportunities and undertakes new challenges.” To learn more, call 615-494-7900.

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