By Rhonda Wright rwright@mtsu.edu

Dust off the air guitar and get ready for “A Rockin’ Raider Homecoming” to bring out the rock star in us all on Saturday, Oct. 24. Your Office of Alumni Relations has been rocking around the clock to crank up the volume on events planned throughout Homecoming Week that will build on traditions of the past and make memories for the future.

Alumni can visit the Alumni House between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 19, through Friday, Oct. 23, to trade a shirt from another school for the official 2009 Homecoming shirt during the annual T-Shirt Swap. Adult and children’s sizes will be available while supplies last. All shirts collected will be donated to charity.

Graduates from the class of 1959 and earlier are invited to join members of the Golden Raiders Society for the Golden Raiders Reunion on Friday, Oct. 23. Registration is at 2 p.m. at the Tom Jackson Building’s Cantrell Hall, followed by a campus tour and a social hour. The Golden Raiders Society Induction Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. The class of 1959 will be inducted into this esteemed society, honoring 50 years (See ‘Rockin’,’ Page 4)

Rockin’ Raiders
Events galore week of Oct. 19-24

By Rhonda Wright rwright@mtsu.edu

Sixty-three alumni and friends from nine states returned to campus for three days of edutainment during the second Alumni Summer College June 24-26. The Office of Alumni Relations was proud to host the event, which centered on the theme “How Things Work.”

Using the Alumni House as home base throughout the program, Alumni Summer College started on Wednesday afternoon with a campus tour. Although the interiors of Miss Mary, Lyon and McHenry Halls have been renovated since the participants’ student days, being in the buildings sent a flood of memories and stories through the class. A tour of the recently expanded Health, Wellness and Recreation Center showed alumni physical (See ‘Summer,’ Page 5)

Summer College
Second-time event strengthens alumni community

By Rhonda Wright rwright@mtsu.edu

As I approach the beginning of my ninth year as Middle Tennessee State University’s president, I am reminded that many of my most treasured moments have been experienced in the vast encounters that I have had with our outstanding alumni.

Because of our long history of serving the higher-education needs of students throughout Tennessee, I expect to find the loyal, Blue Raider faithful in almost every city I visit throughout the state. As we have expanded our reach to students from points all around the globe and provided more opportunities for American students to study in foreign locations, I have come to realize that MTSU’s impact around the world is rapidly increasing.

As part of our efforts to position MTSU for the future, we will work even harder preparing our graduates for a competitive world market and for global citizenship. The recruitment of international students, the internationalization of our curriculum and a greater push toward international partnerships have become a significant part of our strategic focus.

This summer, I had the opportunity to engage in an extensive itinerary of work-related travel to the countries of (See ‘Alumni,’ Page 7)

Alumni make impact in U.S. and abroad

By Dr. Sidney A. McPhee smcphee@mtsu.edu

A group of MTSU alumni, including Teresa Pickering ('05), second from right, gather in Tokyo with MTSU President Sidney A. McPhee earlier this summer. A profile of Pickering can be found on Page 7.

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4 new members receive MTSU National Alumni Association Board status

From MTSU Alumni Relations

Our MTSU alumni have been chosen to serve on the National Alumni Association Board of Directors. Each new member, selected from written nominations, is asked to serve a three-year term.

“Each new set of board members brings a new set of talents and personalities, I am anxious to see the productivity of the group. It is a privilege to work closely with this group of alumni,” said Ginger Freeman, director of the Office of Alumni Relations.

The new members are Mike Terry (’92), Murfreesboro; Fred Howell (’93), Murfreesboro; Kimberly Extine (’06) Winchester, Tenn.; and Zenobia Craig (’96, ’99), Murfreesboro.

The mission of the National Alumni Association Board of Directors is to develop and foster sound relationships between MTSU and its alumni and to be a strong force for the advancement and support of the university. Nominations for the 2010-11 Board of Directors will be accepted beginning in January 2010. Please support your Alumni Association by nominating someone to serve. Join the new alumni online community and update your contact information by visiting mtalumni.com.

Distinguished Alumni

MTSU’s Alumni Association has announced its Distinguished Alumni and Young Alumni Achievement Award recipients for 2009-10.

Distinguished Alumni recipients are:

• David Mitchell (’73) of Franklin, Tenn., who is being honored in the Professional Achievement category;

• Tom Vance (’76) of McMinnville, Tenn., who is being recognized in the Service to the Community category; and

• George Frost (’56) of Hendersonville, Tenn., who is being saluted in the Service to the University category.

The Young Alumni Achievement honoree is Lauren Agee (’08) Murfreesboro.

The MTSU Alumni Association annually seeks and accepts nominations for the Distinguished Alumni and Young Alumni Achievement Awards. The selection is made from candidates who have distinguished themselves by a high level of service to their profession, their community and/or MTSU.

Mitchell was named commissioner of the Department of Safety by Gov. Phil Bredesen in January 2007 and has served as director of the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security since November 2005. He had a 26-year career with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which included serving in New Orleans, New York City, Atlanta and Milwaukee field offices and in the FBI’s Washington, D.C., headquarters as supervisor of domestic terrorism investigations in 1987 and as an inspector in 1998.

Vance, president and CEO of First National Bank of McMinnville and First McMinnville Corporation since 2006, has been in the banking business since 1977. He spent a number of years in banking in Murfreesboro and was president and executive director of the Middle Tennessee Medical Center Foundation from 2002 to 2006. He has held various board and officer positions and has served on the selection committee for MTSU’s Weatherford Chair of Finance and as tournament chair for the Weatherford Chair of Finance golf tourney.

Agee is serving as senior policy adviser for State Sen. Jim Kyle, overseeing all administrative duties. She meets regularly with constituents, advocacy groups and lobbyists regarding legislative and policy issues.

Political science major worked for California Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren, in Andy Womack’s campaign for governor and at the White House. Her father, the late Dr. Cliff Calispe (’71) was a 2001 Distinguished Alumnus. Her mother, Gayle (’72, ’74), teaches at Homer Pittard Campus School.

Take a virtual tour of campus

By Randy Weiler rweiler@mtsu.edu

A lumni and friends of MTSU will be among the many benefactors of the recently launched online virtual tour of campus.

“The new virtual tour of campus will provide alumni availability to see campus without actually being in Murfreesboro,” said Ginger Freeman, Office of Alumni Relations director. “Many of our alumni are not able to come back to campus as often as they like, and this will give them the opportunity to see the new buildings and areas of campus that may not have been here when they were in school.

“And for those alumni with college-bound students it will allow them an opportunity to ‘show off’ their alma mater before coming for a traditional campus tour. In the year in the making, the virtual tour was launched Aug. 17. It can be accessed at mtSU.edu through the Virtual Tour link.

“The virtual tour will ‘impact everybody, all of campus, prospective students and faculty, new hires, anyone seeking employment and the general public,’” said Sherian Huddleston (’72, ’80), associate vice provost for Enrollment Services and chairwoman of the committee that planned the project. “It’s very far-reaching and very much in-depth.”

“With the click of a mouse or movement of a finger, people taking the virtual tour can schedule a campus visit; apply for admission; request information; listen to what students, faculty, and administrators have to say about their university; or use the campus map to find food, buildings, parking, events, athletic facilities and much more.

“The tour will enhance our image, reach prospective students and help recruitment and build pride,” said Lucinda Lea (’74), vice president for Information Technology and chief information officer.

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It’s great to be from Middle Tennessee

I t’s hard to believe that another academic year is upon us. Yet, everywhere I look, I see the familiar sight of a dynamic, vibrant campus—students hurrying off to classes, freshly painted dorm rooms, and faculty eager to challenge another set of young men and women to think critically and to prepare them to assume their roles as the next generation of American leaders.

And then there’s the familiar staple of fall life on campus — football! Football and the start of a new academic year are practically inseparable for many and perhaps for good reason. It’s hard to imagine a college campus without thinking about sports. For me, it’s the tremendous enthusiasm and energy that college sports bring to a campus — an enthusiasm that’s often forgotten during the rest of the year. But should it be? I don’t think so.

One of the most exciting times for me each week is when our cheerleaders and students come together in one voice and remind us — It’s Great to Be from Middle Tennessee! While this refrain is most often heard following a long touchdown pass or a great punt return, I like to think it’s something we should celebrate every day — it IS great to be from Middle Tennessee!

As an alumnus or friend of MTSU, you should be very proud of your university. The campus today is a diverse, engaging educational institution, one that is becoming recognized around the country as a top comprehensive university, not just in Tennessee but in the United States.

Earlier this month, our conviction that MTSU is Tennessee’s Best university was supported by the news that MTSU was the highest-rated institution in Tennessee, public or private, in Forbes 2009 ranking of America’s Best College Buys and was ranked 57th overall among public colleges and universities.

For our students and prospective students, MTSU is a great place to be.

While we are certainly proud to be recognized for our success, we are not immune to the challenges facing our country. As we all know, the past 18 months have presented our nation with tremendous economic challenges. Like many of you, we have had to carefully review all our programs and activities. While we were required to make difficult choices, the Positioning the University for the Future process we went through gave us the opportunity to re dedicate ourselves to our core mission and focus on the strengths of the institution.

In the end, the repositioning process will help guide us, much like a road map, toward future success. MTSU’s outlook is extremely bright. While we are proud to be the state’s largest undergraduate campus, we’re more excited about the quality of students who continue to select MTSU for their education.

Despite the challenges facing MTSU, our graduates have the problem-solving and critical-thinking skills they will need in today’s economy.

Our success would not be possible without the incredible support we receive from our alumni and friends. Last year, while national trends showed a significant decline in alumni support, the number of MTSU graduates who financially supported the institution increased by nearly 15 percent. Now that’s Blue Raider pride! In addition to monetary support, many of our alumni and friends give generously of their time and talents — bringing their experiences to the classroom as guest lecturers, offering internships and experiential learning to students through their businesses, and serving as informed advocates for the university with legislators and community leaders. Each unique contribution makes MTSU a better institution.

Regardless of what or how or why, our graduates and friends have much to be proud of. MTSU is the university of choice in Tennessee — and arguably the institution poised to be the most important in Tennessee’s future. You should take great pride in all that MTSU has accomplished, but more importantly, you can be proud of all that it is yet to achieve.

So the next time you’re at the game or listening on the radio, when the students start to yell — just remember there are lots of reasons — It’s Great to Be from Middle Tennessee!

Joe Bales is MTSU’s vice president for development and university relations.

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**CALENDAR**

Campus-related events

September

1-17 Faculty Art Exhibition**
9 Laura Ann Ross, faculty oboe recital**
10 Angela DeBoer, faculty horn recital**
14 Todd Waldecker, faculty clarinet recital**
17 Deanna Little, faculty flute recital**
18 Broadway Hits Review***
21 David Louacky, low brass; Angela Tipps, organ faculty recital**
22-Oct. 1 Department of Art/Student Art Alliance Student-Juried Show**
24 Don Aliquo, faculty saxophone recital**
25 MTSU Chamber Winds/MTSU Wind Ensemble**

October

1 MTSU Women’s Chorale**
2 Tiffany Sweely, faculty voice recital**
4 Mozart’s Requiem**
6 Christine Ivey-Farmer, soprano; Todd Waldecker, clarinet; Jackson Henry, piano, faculty recital**
6-22 Steve Prince and Boris Zakic, Art Show*
12 Keith Benjamin, trumpet; Melody Turnquist, organ, guest duo recital**
15 MTSU Symphonic Band/MTSU Wind Ensemble***
16 Hall of Fame Celebration, 6:30 p.m., Kenyon Sports Hall of Fame, $30 per person***
17 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies, 12:30 p.m., Kenyon Sports Hall of Fame, free***
22-24 Dear Finder by Tom Isbell, Tucker Theatre****
25 MTSU Symphony Orchestra**
26 Stones River Chamber Players**
27-Nov. 5 Graphic Design Student-Juried Art Exhibition*
30 Evening of Swing**
31 Contest of Champions**

November

5-7 MTSU Opera Workshop Ragtime**
9 Faculty Quintet**
10-12 Scholarship Seasonal Art Sale and Exhibition*
12 MTSU Jazz Artist Series**
17-20 BFA Studio Art Exhibition #1*
19 MTSU Jazz Ensemble**
19-21 An Evening of Short Plays, Shards of Glass by Yosh Ginzburg and Portrait of a Mother and Son by David Bennett****
20 MTSU Wind Ensemble*
24-27 BFA Studio Art Exhibition #2*

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** Young Alumni Wine Tasting**

The MTSU Alumni Relations office invites you to an evening of camaraderie, friendship and tasting at one of the area’s finest vineyards, Monteagle Winery. Please bring friends to enjoy the full scenery and light refreshments, while reconnecting with older area young alumni.

**Who:** MTSU Young Alumni

**When:** Thursday, Oct. 8, 2009, 6 p.m.

**Where:** Monteagle Winery

**Information:** Jim Simpson, 615-898-5632

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**http://frank.mtsu.edu/~music/calendar.html
***Information: Jim Simpson, 615-898-5632
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Since graduation. Watch the Homecoming Parade Saturday from the best view on campus during Mixer on Middle at the Alumni House. This party is open to all alumni, friends and fans. Announcing the parade at Mixer this year will be the Voice of the Blue Raiders, Chip Vin Wallers (’85), and Aaron Solomon (’94), co-host of WSMV’s Channel 4 News Today. A complimentary breakfast will be served at 9 a.m.

The Office of Alumni Relations is proud to announce the first Baby Raider Ride Contest. Decorate your strollers, wagons and trikes with Blue Raider spirit. You don’t have to enter the contest to be a part of the parade. Meet at Mixer on Middle and the alumni staff will line you up. After the parade, head to Walnut Grove to tailgate. The Alumni Reunion Tailgate Tent is a centralized location where you can see old friends and professors. Lunch will be available for $6 per adult and $4 per child under 12. Representatives from the Colleges of Basic and Applied Sciences, Continuing Education and Distance Learning, Education and Behavioral Science, Honors, Liberal Arts, Mass Communication, the Jennings A. Jones College of Business and James E. Walker Library will be available to share the latest news. Be sure to stop by the Alumni tent in Walnut Grove, where you can get MT tattoos, beads and buttons to show your Blue Raider pride. Cheer your Blue Raiders as they take on Western Kentucky in the Homecoming matchup at Floyd Stadium. Discounted general admission tickets can be purchased for $7 each by calling the Alumni Office at 1-800-533-MTSU (6878). Reserved tickets can be purchased by calling 1-888-YES-MTSU (937-6878) or visiting goblue Raiders.com. There are many other events scheduled during Homecoming Week. For a more detailed schedule, please refer to the Homecoming Schedule of Events (see this page), visit mtalumni.com or call 800-533-MTSU (6878). We can’t wait to rock homecoming with you!

Week of Oct. 19-24
T-shirt Swap at Alumni House Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Visit the Alumni House all week to exchange a T-shirt from another college for a Homecoming 2009 T-shirt, available in adult and children’s sizes, while supplies last. All collected T-shirts will be donated to charity.

Thursday, Oct. 22
Fight Song Competition 7 p.m., Murphy Center Join in the fun as student organizations compete against one another to sing their way to homecoming victory.

A Comedy Show 7 p.m., State Farm Room, Business and Aerospace Building Sponsored by the African American Alumni Society. Tickets are $20 per person. Call 800-533-MTSU or e-mail priyaj@mtsu.edu for more information.

Friday, Oct. 23
Chuck Taylor Blue Raider Golf Scramble Hosted by the Blue Raider Athletic Association at Indian Hills Golf Club. Lunch will be served before a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. $150 per team or $60 per four-person team. Additional information can be found by clicking on the BAA link at goblue raiders.com. Contact the BAA at 615-903-2010 or e-mail mrvفر@mtsu.edu to enter.

MTSU Centennial History Museum Preview 1 - 4 p.m., and Saturday, Oct. 24, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Todd Hall 129 The Albert Gore Research Center invites you to view the plans for the Centennial Museum of MTSU History and a history of memorabilia of MTSU’s 100th birthday coming in 2011. Discuss contributing your MTSU-related memorabilia to the MTSU archive.

Golden Raiders Reunion and Induction Ceremony 2 p.m., Tom H. Jackson Building The class of 1959 will be honored this year. Golden Raiders registration begins at 2 p.m. followed by a campus tour, a social hour, and the 2009 Golden Raiders Induction Ceremony. Contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 800-533-6878 for more information.

Great Bowls of Fire Chili Cook-Off 5:30 p.m., Murphy Center Forrest Blue Raider fans are encouraged to participate by entering or judging this classic football season competition. To register or for more information, e-mail sigmahmoose@mtsu.edu.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon 40th Anniversary Welcome Back Time TBA, SAE House E-mail Tim Strobl at timothy.strobl@gmail.com for more information.

NPHC Step Show 7:30 p.m., Murphy Center Tickets available by calling the Greek Life Office at 615-898-5812.

Saturday, Oct. 24
Mixer on Middle Parade-Watching Party 9 a.m., MTSU Alumni House Join us as we watch the 2009 Homecoming Parade from the best location on campus. The lawn of the Alumni House will be filled with MTSU alumni and friends for an event that is uniquely MT. This year’s party will feature the Voice of the Blue Raiders, Chip Wallers (’85), and Aaron Solomon (’94), co-host of WSMV’s Channel 4 News Today, as parade announcers. A complimentary breakfast with coffee and juice will be served beginning at 9 a.m. while food lasts.

Cheerleaders lead the Blue Raiders onto the field before the start of the 2008 Homecoming Game. MTSU defeated Louisiana-Monroe 24-21. The Blue Raiders will entertain longtime rival Western Kentucky Oct. 24 in this year’s homecoming game.

Annual Homecoming Parade 10 a.m., Grammy-nominated composer George S. Clinton (’69) will serve as grand marshal of this year’s Homecoming Parade, which begins on Maney Avenue, following East Main Street and Middle Tennessee Boulevard to Greenline Drive.

Baby Raider Ride Contest Children and grandchildren of MTSU alumni are invited to walk, if accompanied by an adult. This year will be the first contest for Baby Raider Riders. Decorate your stroller, wagon or trike with Blue Raider spirit. You don’t have to compete in the contest to be part of the parade. Baby Raider and their guardians will enter the parade at the Alumni House to walk the duration of the route. Visit mtalumni.com or e-mail rarryght@mtsu.edu to enter.

MTSU Rugby Old Boys Game 11 a.m., MTSU Sport Club Complex, 2111 E. Main St. Alumni return to play the students: women’s game at 11 a.m., men’s game at 1 p.m. For more information, e-mail Jody Hensley at jdhmoose@aol.com.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon 40th Anniversary Tailgate Party 11 a.m., Walnut Grove E-mail Tim Strobl at timothy.strobl@gmail.com for more information.

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Alumni Homecoming Queens and Kings Former queens, kings and cheerleaders will join in the festivities of the 2009 Homecoming Ceremony. Participation is complimentary with the purchase of a game ticket.

Al Wilkerson Scholarship Dance 6 p.m., The Walnut House, 116 N. Walnut St. Hosted by the African American Alumni Society, this event is open to the public. Reservations are requested. Tickets are available for $20 per couple. Light hors d’oeuvres and a cash bar will be provided. Call 1-800-533-MTSU or e-mail priyaj@mtsu.edu for more information.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon 40th Anniversary Banquet Time TBA, Embassy Suites, Murfreesboro The Tennessee Beta Chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity will celebrate its 40th anniversary with a special banquet in conjunction with the Homecoming event. E-mail Tim Strobl at timothy.strobl@gmail.com for more information.

Varsity Club Reception 12:30 p.m., Rose and Emmett Kenyon Sports Hall of Fame Visit with former teammates. Refreshments will be provided for members and their families. Alumni during the 2009 Homecoming will receive a complimentary ticket to this event in appreciation of former athletics is the Varsity Club open-air box overlooking Floyd Stadium’s north end zone. Events are open to Varsity Club members and families. Free admission. Contact Jim Simpson at jimspoon@mtsu.edu for details.

Raiders Walk 12:30 p.m., Walnut Grove Join the Band of Blue, MTSU cheerleaders and Lightning to rally for the Blue Raiders as they prepare to bring home a homecoming victory.

MT vs. Western Kentucky 2:30 p.m., Floyd Stadium General admission tickets are available for $7 by calling the Office of Alumni Relations, 1-800-533-MTSU. Reserved tickets are available for $20 (sideline) and $17 (end zone) per person by calling 1-888-YES-MTSU.

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proof of the university’s commitment to the well-being of its students. The tour ended in Phillips Bookstore, where class members shopped for spirit items as if they were freshman at orientation. When they returned to the Alumni House, ASC students enjoyed a backyard picnic including official introductions. Then they boarded Raider Xpress and set off for a tour of James E. Walker Library, where they experienced a special printing demonstration on the library’s replica of the Franklin Press.

Thursday’s classes started with an introduction to online communities such as Facebook and Twitter. The class logged on to the new alumni online community at mtalumni.com. The remainder of the morning session was held at the MTSU Aerospace facility at Murfreesboro Municipal Airport. Participants learned about all facets of the aerospace program through demonstrations, tours and flying the simulators. The class ate lunch in the Donald McDonald Hangar, surrounded by some of the university’s Diamond aircraft.

Alumni touched down for an afternoon of sessions at the School of Agribusiness and Agriscience. Dr. Cliff Ricketts discussed alternative fuels and vehicles. The group was treated to the best chocolate milk in the world while touring the chocolate processing plant. Alumni members of MTSU’s national championship dairy judging team returned to campus to help teach how to judge ice cream. Finally, class members got up close and personal with the source of all that dairy goodness when they had the chance to hand milk a cow from the university’s herd.

The class returned to a favorite college dining spot, the City Cafe, on Thursday night for dinner. There they elected Joe Nunley (’69) class president.

Many of the university’s vice presidents started Friday morning with a look at how MTSU works. Then was time for a field trip to Lynchburg, Tenn. Lunch was served family style at historic Miss Mary Bobo’s Boarding House, where four out of the six table hostesses were MT alumni. Fellow Blue Raider Christie Mitchell (’98), event coordinator for the Jack Daniel’s Visitors Center, planned a wonderful visit. The class toured the world-famous distillery and was treated to an educational Family of Brands Tasting hosted by Master Distiller Jeff Arnett. The Jack Daniel’s Band welcomed the group to BBQ Hill, where they learned how to judge barbeque before filling up on it at dinner. Music, singing and dancing took the night right up to graduation, when Class President Nunley used one word to sum up the experience of the previous three days — enthusiasm. Before the group left BBQ Hill, twin sisters Louise Monefeldt Bastedo (’65) and Karen Monefeldt Caton (’65) led an impromptu rendition of MTSU’s Alma Mater. The class boarded the bus and followed a beautiful sunset back to the Alumni House.

Alumni Summer College fulfilled its purpose of reconnecting MTSU alumni to each other, the university and the community. First-year participant Lori Warise (’03) said that becoming a member of the alumni community was one of her favorite things about the event. “ASC has opened a door for me,” she said. “I want to be involved.”

The third annual Alumni Summer College will be held June 23-25, 2010.
CLASS NOTES

1950s

Joe D. McLeroy (’53), Murfreesboro, recently retired as an elder of the Lascassas Church of Christ.

Ronald B. McRady (’59), Lewistown, Tenn., is retired from Tennessee state government after 33 years of service. He recently has been elected city councilman.

1960s

William Cones (’69), Augusta, Ga., is retired from Vichuca Securities.

Mohamed Ali (’69), Chattanooga, Tenn., is retired from Cobb County Schools as a special education teacher.

Michael N. Dew (’68), Smyrna, Tenn., is vice president of Unum Insurance Company.

1970s

Dr. Linda Gilbert (’72, ’79, ’91), Murfreesboro, was named the Tennessee Education Association’s distinguished higher education professional in 2008 and also received the MTSU Foundation’s 2008 Public Service Award for her community work.

John Heatherly (’71), Knoxville, Tenn., has been inducted into the Greater Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame.

1980s

Lee Anne Carmack (’87, ’92), Murfreesboro, has launched a new Web site, smartgardenfung.com.

Kelly Lockhart Dodson (’88, ’95), Ashland City, Tenn., has been named a Tennessee Education Association Distinguished Classroom Teacher. She teaches English and journalism in Cheatham County and teaches journalism at Austin Peay State University.

Kent Evett (’81), Greenbrier, Tenn., is an operating unit manager for Barge Waggoner Summar and Cannon Inc. and has graduated from the Leadership Robertson County program.

Laurette Hughes (’86, ’99, ’01), Murfreesboro, is a school counselor in Rutherford County.

Daniel Jackson (’86), Nashville, Tenn., was elected 2008-09 president of Civitan International.

Brian Knox (’87), Sussex, Wis., is vice president of the Milwaukee-based firm of Zepos & Associates and has earned a Paragon Award from the Southeastern Wisconsin chapter of the Public Relations Society of America.

Jeffery Milstead (’82), Murfreesboro, is an operating unit manager for Barge Waggoner Summar and Cannon Inc. and has graduated from the Leadership Robertson County program.

Phillip Mark Summers (’80), Corona, Calif., is the vice president for Amersham-Bergen Pharmaceutical Corporation. He is also a retired U.S. Army, Army National Guard and U.S. Army Reserves lieutenant colonel.

John “Chip” Walters (’85), Murfreesboro, is director of broadcasting for Nelligan Sports Marketing at MTSU and will serve as play-by-play announcer for Blue Raider football and men’s basketball.

1990s

Angela Layton (’99), Joelton, Tenn., is president of Meeting Professionals International’s Tennessee chapter.

Joseph Lisie (’90), Irmo, S.C., has been named employee of the year at the University of South Carolina.


Daniel Percy (’97, ’03), Murfreesboro, is an inside sales manager for ServiceSource.

Preston Steinie (’98, ’00), Hendersonville, Tenn., is a project manager for National Resources Company.

Rob Wilson (’98), Madison, Tenn., vice president of Stones River Companions has been selected by the Nashville Business Journal as a “Forty Under 40” honoree.

Chris Yates (’98), Murfreesboro, is an area manager for SunDance.

2000s

Ryan Blazer (’04), Los Angeles, Calif., is an assistant for William Morris Endeavor Entertainment.

Joshua T. Causey (’08), Vilesec, AE, is a medical platoon leader for the U.S. Army and recently earned the Expert Medical Badge at Grafenwörth, Germany.

Silviu Ciulei (’08), Murfreesboro, won the $1,000 Fifth Prize in the Parketik International Guitar Competition at Pepperdine University in May.

Zachary R. Monro (’09), Murfreesboro, is an officer trainee for the Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority.

Janelle Fey (’10), Anchorage, Alaska, is a multimedia teacher at Clark Middle School.

Jamie Fuller (’17), Nashville, Tenn., is a 7th grade math teacher at West Wilson Middle School in Mt. Juliet, Tenn.

Carceau Green (’10), Murfreesboro, is a licensed insurance agent and registered securities representative for Farmers Insurance – Carceau Career Agency.

Michael Haley (’10), Franklin, Tenn., is CJR of Intercontinental Inc.

Russell Henderson (’10), Germantown, Tenn., is a client strategy director for CIGNA Healthcare.

Kari Janetvilay (’10), Murfreesboro, has achieved the Certified Professional Secretary rating by passing all parts of the CPS exam.

U Kyum “Dylon” Lee (’10), Seoul, South Korea, is a marketer for Universal Music Korea.

Lt. J.G. David S. Mason (’10), Kingsville, Texas, recently was designated a Naval Flight Officer and received his “Wings of Gold” after completing the Advanced Jet Navigation Course with Training Squadron 22, Naval Air Station in Kingsville.

Leslie Merritt (’17, ’18), Colliserville, Tenn., is a chapter services manager for Kappa Delta Sorority national headquarters.

Randal Miller (’11), Murfreesboro, is a project manager for Perot Systems and a disabled Purple Heart veteran of Iraq and Afghanistan.

Jason Nelson (’04), Round Rock Texas, has been named legislative director for the Texas State Representative Jim Pitts, chair of the House Committee on Appropriations.

Tien Nguyen (’07), Nashville, Tenn., has been awarded the CRI Accounting Scholarship from Gare, Rigg & Ingram LLC. He is pursuing his M.S. degree in accounting at MTSU.

Moagan Webb (’06), Nashville, Tenn., recently won the Mannington’s inaugural Tackleafly competition at the NoseCon World’s Trade Fair. Her “Squamation” design will be produced in six different colors by the Crochet manufacturer launching in early 2010.

In Memoriam

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

1930s

Sarah Smith (’33), College Park, Ga., passed away June 18, 2009.

1940s

James Render Carden (’46), Mulberry, Tenn., passed away April 7, 2009.

Ed Murray (’52), The Villages, Fla., passed away May 29, 2009.


1950s

James Michael Minier (’57), Sevierville, Tenn., passed away July 24, 2008.

Dr. Anne Sloan (’71), Murfreesboro, passed away April 4, 2009.

1960s

Tanner Noah Brackin, born May 4, 2009, to Amy (’04, ’10) and Curt Brackin of Knoxville, Tenn.

Elizabeth “Ellie” Callaway Donald, born Jan. 6, 2009, to Jamie (’01) and Ryan Donald (’99) of Murfreesboro.

Ethan Jensen Evans, born May 21, 2009, to Mandy and Zach Evans (’14) of Franklin, Tenn.

Ella Ruth Farmer, born May 2, 2009, to Jackie (’98, ’04) and Eric Farmer of Murfreesboro.

Isabella Amanda Hansen, born March 25, 2009, to Tina and Dr. Hansen (’04) of Seaside, Calif.

Melanie Autumn Milliken, born May 5, 2009, to Pamela (’93) and Scott Milliken of Smyrna, Tenn.

Chase Long Russell, born June 5, 2009, to Patricia Long (’01) and Brian Russell (’00) of Bloomington, Ill.

Cruz Christian Wilkins, born July 8, 2009, to Cassie (’01) and Christopher Wilkins (’98) of Nashville, Tenn.

2009s

Baby Raiders

1960s

Tianh Nguyen

1970s

Tien Nguyen

1980s

Tien Nguyen

1990s

Tien Nguyen

2000s

Tien Nguyen

MTSU alumni and friends are invited to the Excellence in Aviation Scholarship Fundraiser Party at the Old Hickory Lake home of Bruce and Rachel Thomas 4:11 Benton Hill Drive in Mt. Juliet, Tennessee.

Tickets are $50 per couple, $30 for individuals. The benefits the MTSU Excellence in Aviation Scholarship.

No need more information? Join the Facebook group “Excellence in Aviation Scholarship” or visit the event page of www.mtsualumni.com.

Questions? Contact Jennifer Allen, at jallen@mtsu.edu or 615-898-2343.

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‘Excitement Lives’ all across campus

MTSU President Sidney A. McPhee, left, visits with Hangzhou Normal University President Ye Gaosiang earlier this summer. They were participating in a signing ceremony for a Memorandum of Coestablishing Confucious Institute.

Alumni

Japan and China. Thanks to the support of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and several international institutions with which MTSU is in partnership, I was able to engage in discussions with other university leaders about international issues in higher education, present lectures to foreign students and faculty at our partner institutions, engage in conversations with prospective donors and participate in a number of very important and productive meetings designed to enhance MTSU’s international exposure — all at no expense to the students and faculty at our partner institutions, in higher education, present lectures to foreign students and faculty at our partner institutions, engage in conversations with prospective donors and participate in a number of very important and productive meetings designed to enhance MTSU’s international exposure — all at no expense to the students and faculty at our partner institutions.

Throughout my travels in Asia, I was pleasantly surprised to regularly encounter and interact with MTSU students and alumni who are working, living or studying abroad. I met with alumni from the MTSU Class of 1967 in Hiroshima City, Japan; had dinner with two alumni in the Osaka (Japan) Train Station; participated in a reception and dinner with some 15 alumni in Tokyo; and met with former MTSU exchange students and their parents in both China and Japan. In addition, I had the opportunity to make contact with several students who will be new to MTSU this fall, including a large contingency from Hangzhou, China.

Early in my trip, I began thinking of how wonderful it would be if our alumni here in the United States were more aware of what their counterparts were doing in foreign lands. With this in mind, I began to ask the alumni whom I encountered to e-mail me their photos and profiles so we might feature some of them in upcoming issues of The Alumni Record.

The first individual we will present is alumna Teresa Pickering, whom I met while in Tokyo, a 2005 graduate of MTSU, who grew up in nearby Woodbury, Tenn. I am proud to report she is enjoying her career abroad and is teaching English as a second language to elementary and middle school students in the countryside of Japan.

In my conversation with Ms. Pickering, I was impressed by the incredible testimony she gave of how MTSU changed her personal and professional life for the better and of how fondly she spoke of MTSU personnel such as Dr. Kiyoshi Kawahito, professor emeritus of economics in the Jennings A. Jones College of Business; Dr. Ron Kates, associate professor in the Department of English; and Dr. Deana Raffo, assistant professor in the Department of Speech and Theatre.

I am extremely pleased to have had the opportunity to interact with so many of our alumni, former exchange students and incoming students during my recent travels while also having the chance to build relationships with other individuals who will assist in moving the university’s international agenda forward. We are already seeing benefits from these interactions in terms of being considered for major institutes, training programs and funding opportunities.

I encourage you to look for more information in future issues of The Alumni Record on our foreign-based alumni and our efforts as a university to enhance international education at MTSU.

Fall Phonestar starts Sept. 8

The MTSU Office of Development’s fall annual giving Phonathon will begin Tuesday, Sept. 8, said Meredith Kerr (‘04), associate director of annual giving.

MTSU students will be calling alumni to inform them of the latest developments at MTSU and their respective colleges, and ask them to make a gift to the university’s Annual Fund, Kerr said.

The phonathon schedule includes previous donors of the James E. Walker Library and Honors College, Sept. 8-9; Jennings A. Jones College of Business, Sept. 10-22; College of Liberal Arts, Sept. 23-Oct. 4; College of Mass Communication, Oct. 5-21; College of Basic and Applied Sciences, Oct. 22-Nov. 4; Continuing Education and Distance Learning, Nov. 5-8; College of Education and Behavioral Science, Nov. 9-18; James E. Walker Library, Nov. 19-23; and Honors College, Dec. 1-3.

For information, visit mtsu.edu/development or call 615-898-2278.
Alumni, friends will gather Sept. 25 for 2nd Alumni Legacy Golf Classic

From MTSU Alumni Relations

A fun afternoon of good times and golf is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 25.
Alumni and friends will gather at Indian Hills Golf Course in Murfreesboro for the second Alumni Legacy Golf Classic.

The Classic provides an enjoyable day for alumni and friends to properly celebrate their relationship to MTSU and educate themselves about the university’s newest scholarship.

Formerly the Homecoming Golf Tournament, this four-person scramble now serves as an official fundraising event for the newly established Alumni Legacy Scholarship.

The scholarship is awarded to children of alumni only and is a continuing scholarship given only to those returning to MTSU for their sophomore, junior or senior years.

Because of the generosity of players and sponsors of last year’s classic, the MTSU Alumni Association awarded two scholarships for the 2009-10 academic year. Applications are currently being accepted through Feb. 1, 2010. The criteria and application may be downloaded at mtalumni.com.

This year’s tournament features a catered lunch, team picture, golf cart and green fees, and complimentary beverages throughout play. Each player will receive an oversized custom towel, Nike umbrella and deluxe divot tool. The winning team will receive beautiful crystal trophies provided by the past presidents of the Alumni Association. The player entry fee is $125 per person. Reservations can be made online at mtalumni.com or by calling the Office of Alumni Relations at 1-800-533-6878.

The Alumni Association welcomes volunteers and sponsors. For more information on how you or your business can get involved in this worthwhile event, please contact Michelle Stepp at 1-800-533-6878 or msteppl@mtsu.edu.

MT football 2009 schedule

Sept. 5 at Clemson, 5 p.m.-X
Sept. 12 Memphis, 6 p.m.-Z
Sept. 19 at Maryland, 2:30 p.m.-X
Sept. 26 at North Texas, 6 p.m.
Oct. 3 vs. Troy, 7 p.m., ESPN2
Oct. 10 at Mississippi State, 3 p.m.-Z
Oct. 24 at West Ky. (HC), 3:30 p.m.-Z
Oct. 31 at Florida Atlantic, 3:30 p.m.-Z
Nov. 7 vs. La.-Lafayette, TBA (FW)
Nov. 21 vs. Arkansas State, TBA (HH)
Nov. 28 at La.-Monroe, TBA (HC)

HOME games are in bold
* — Sun Belt Conference games (HC) — Homecoming
** — Family Weekend
** — Hometown Heroes
X — ESPN360.com
Z — CSS TV

All dates, times subject to change
For ticket information, visit goblueraiders.com.

Having a ball

Memphis, Chattanooga alums enjoy outings

From MTSU Alumni Relations

MTSU’s Office of Alumni Relations recently hosted Alumni Nights with the Chattanooga Lookouts and Memphis Redbirds. Alumni and friends enjoyed great food, fellowship and exciting baseball games.

Each game was a good opportunity for alumni to network and meet fellow MTSU grads in their area.

“I was excited when I first heard about the alumni gathering and absolutely thrilled to see the turnout was so strong at 40-plus Blue Raiders,” said Russell Henderson (’01) of Memphis. “A solid alumni event like this is encouraging to many of us in the area as we work to develop an active and thoughtful base of MT alumni.”

“We appreciate all of the area alumni and friends making it out to the game. It was great meeting so many alumni who are proud of MTSU and excited about the future of the university,” said Paul Wydra, Office of Alumni Relations assistant director.

Muffin Dixon (’95) of Memphis said, “We had a great time meeting and catching up with other MTSU alumni from the Memphis area. We talked about all the wonderful changes and enhancements to the campus that have happened over the years. I can’t wait to get a group together again.”

Upcoming alumni events are being planned. Be sure to stay top of the latest happenings in your area at mtalumni.com.