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HOMECOMING 2009



Rockin' Raiders

Events galore week of Oct. 19-24

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



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Class members were chauffeured by the Raider Xpress around campus during the second Alumni Summer College. More than 60 alumni and friends participated in the June 24-26 event.



Alumni Relations photo

Summer College

Second-time event strengthens alumni community

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

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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.

Alumni make impact in U.S. and abroad

By Dr. Sidney A. McPhee
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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

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4 new members receive MTSU National Alumni Association Board status

From MTSU Alumni Relations

Four 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.

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Distinguished Alumni

Mitchell, Vance, Frost, Agee receive Alumni Association 2009-10 accolades

By Randy Weiler jweiler@mtsu.edu

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 ('01) of 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



Vance



Frost



Mitchell



Agee

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.

Frost is president of Frost Insurance Agency, a company he has owned for 39 years. He trained two sons, two sons-in-law, two grandsons and one granddaughter in the business. His service to the university includes helping endow the Tommy Martin Chair of Insurance by arranging a \$30,000 gift from Cigna Insurance. He served as insurance Steering Committee chair for five years and as MTSU Foundation president in 1987.

He is also a supporter of MT Athletics and the Kennon Sports Hall of Fame.

Agee serves 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.

The 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 Gillespie ('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 jweiler@mtsu.edu

Alumni 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 there," 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 give them an opportunity to 'show off' their alma mater before coming for a traditional campus tour."

A 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



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Visit mtsu.edu and find the Virtual Tour link to explore the campus.

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, fac-

ulty and administrators have to say about their university; or use the campus map to find food, buildings, parking, event venues, 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.

It's great to be from Middle Tennessee

It'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 rededicate 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. Already the choice for more of the region's top scholars, MTSU is now attracting exceptional students from across the country and around the world. When they arrive, these students find an institution with talented faculty and staff, committed to the development and success of each person. Our faculty, many among the finest in



Bales

their field, balance classroom theories and lectures with practical, hands-on applications to assure that 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.

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 Loucky, 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 Sweeley, faculty voice recital**
- 4 Mozart's *Requiem***
- 6 Christine Isley-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., Kennon Sports Hall of Fame, \$30 per person***
- 17 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies, 12:30 p.m., Kennon 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**



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 fall scenery and light refreshments, while reconnecting and networking with other area young alumni.

Who: MTSU Young Alumni
When: Thursday, Oct. 8, 2009, 6 p.m.
Where: Monteagle Winery
 Interstate 24, exit 134.
 For more directions, go to www.monteaglewinery.com

RSVP by Oct. 2 to
1-800-533-6878 or alumni@mtsu.edu


Middle Tennessee State University

- 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 Josh Ginsburg and *Portrait of a Mother and Son* by David Bennett****
- 20 MTSU Wind Ensemble**
- 24-27 BFA Studio Art Exhibition #2*

* <http://frank.mtsu.edu/~art/>
 ** <http://frank.mtsu.edu/~music/calendar.html>
 *** Information: Jim Simpson, 615-898-5632
 **** <http://www.mtsu.edu/theatre>

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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 Walters ('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 on hand 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 goblueraiders.com.

There are many other activities offered during Homecoming Week. For a more detailed schedule, please refer to the 2009 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!

Homecoming 2009 schedule of events

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 free 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 pwydra@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 person or \$600 per foursome. Additional information can be found by clicking on the BRAA link at goblueraiders.com. Contact the BRAA at 615-898-2210 or e-mail rmewbour@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 other historical commemorations 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 Dinner. 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 sgahome@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 Walters ('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.



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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 Greenland 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 Rides. 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 Raiders and their guardians will enter the parade at the Alumni House to walk the duration of the route. Visit mtalumni.com or e-mail rwright@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 jodyhmoose@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.

Varsity Club Reception 12:30 p.m., Rose and Emmett Kennon Sports Hall of Fame
Visit with former teammates. Refreshments will be provided for members and their families. Also open during the game for the benefit of former athletes 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 jsimpson@mtsu.edu for details.

Raider 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 1-800-YES-MTSU.

Alumni Reunion Tailgate Tent will be new at homecoming

Alumni Reunion Tailgate Tent 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Walnut Grove
Tailgate with former classmates and professors under the big tent in Walnut Grove. Lunch will be available for \$6 per adult and \$4 per child under 12. Representatives from the Jennings A. Jones College of Business, Basic and Applied Sciences, Continuing Education and Distance Learning, Education and Behavioral Science, Honors, Liberal Arts, Mass Communication and James E. Walker Library will be on hand to share the latest news.

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 8 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 person. Light hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will be provided. Call 1-800-533-MTSU or e-mail pwydra@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 in conjunction with homecoming. E-mail Tim Strobl at timothy.strobl@gmail.com for more information.



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Mixer on Middle attendees enjoy food, fun, beverages and fellowship before the 2008 parade.



Tommy Campbell ('74), left, and Lynn Greer ('63) are ready to take off during a tour of the university's aerospace facilities at Murfreesboro Municipal Airport.



Richard ('62) and Charlene ('62, '67, '92) Key show off their signed bottle from Jack Daniel's Master Distiller Jeff Arnett during the Alumni Summer College tour of Lynchburg, Tenn.

(Right) Larry ('71) and Mary Bilbrough and Joe ('84) and Lori ('03) Warise wind down the day with a cup of coffee during dinner at the City Café.



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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.

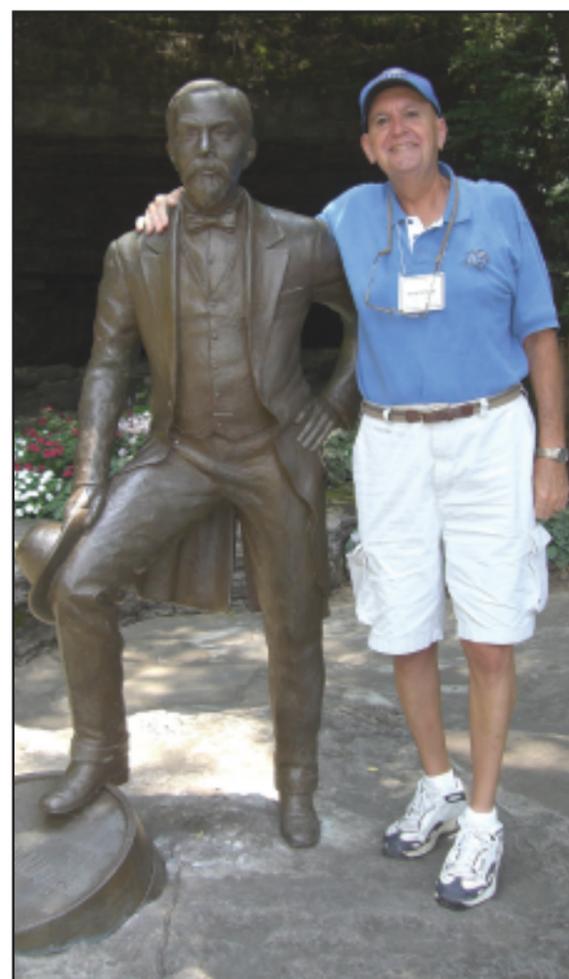
Alumni touched down for an afternoon of sessions at the School of Agribusiness and Agriscience. Dr. Cliff Ricketts discussed alternative fuels and vehicles. The group sampled the best chocolate milk around while touring the milk-processing plant. Alumni members of MTSU's national championship dairy judging 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 Christy 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 last 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.



Jack Daniel and Lloyd Williams ('72) pose during the ASC field trip to Lynchburg, Tenn.



(Left) Laura Cullum Hood ('84), left, David Cullum ('55) and Lisa Cullum Brace ('80) made Alumni Summer College a family affair.

MTSU Alumni Relations photos



Julie Hight ('82), left, teaches Mary Sue Paul Fisher ('53) how to ink the Franklin Press at James E. Walker Library.

CLASS NOTES

1950s

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

Ronald B. McRady ('59), Lewisburg, Tenn., is retired from Tennessee state government after 31 years of service. He recently has been elected city councilman.

1960s

William Cornes ('69), Augusta, Ga., is retired from Wachovia Securities.

Marjory Hardison ('69), Marietta, Ga., is retired from Cobb County Schools as a special education teacher.

Michael N. Murphy ('68), Chattanooga, Tenn., is a retired FBI agent/supervisory special agent and currently serves as an assistant 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 Allen Carmack ('87, '92), Murfreesboro, has launched a new Web site, www.yardsalefrog.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 Evetts ('81), Greenbrier, Tenn., is an operating unit manager for Barge Waggoner Sumner 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 Zeppos & 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 auditor and investigator for the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development in Nashville. In addition, he is the public address announcer for the MTSU baseball and soccer teams.

Phillip Mark Summers ('80), Corona, Calif., is vice president for Amerisource-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

Chuck Bibeau ('98), Franklin, Tenn., is vice president of Bank of America, N.A.

John Harrison ('99), Gray, Tenn., is corporate pilot for Eastman Chemical Co.

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

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

William F. Meehan III ('96), New York, N.Y., is the author of *Conversations with William F. Buckley Jr.: A Bibliography*.

Daniel Percey ('97, '05), Murfreesboro, is an inside sales manager for Service-Source.

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

Rob Wilson ('98), Madison, Tenn., vice president of Stones River Companies, 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), Vilseck, AE, is a medical platoon leader for the U.S. Army and recently earned the Expert Medical Badge at Grafenwohr, Germany.

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

Zachary B. Ferrell ('09), Murfreesboro, is an officer trainee for the Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority.

Janelle Fey ('02), Anchorage, Alaska, is a multimedia teacher at Clark Middle School.

Jamie Fuller ('07), Nashville, Tenn., is a 7th grade math teacher at West Wilson Middle School in Mt. Juliet, Tenn.

Careasa Greer ('05), Murfreesboro, is a licensed insurance agent and registered securities representative for Farmers Insurance - Careasa Greer Agency.

Michael Haley ('00), Franklin, Tenn., is CIO of Interconit Inc.

Russell Henderson ('01), German-Tenn., is a client strategy director for CIGNA Healthcare.

Kari Janetvilay ('06), Murfreesboro, has achieved the Certified Professional Secretary rating by passing all parts of the CPS exam.

U Kyum "Dylon" Lee ('06), South Korea, is a marketer for Universal Music Korea.

Lt. J.G. David S. Mason ('06), 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 ('07, '08), Collierville, Tenn., is a chapter services manager for Kappa Delta Sorority national headquarters.

Randal Miller ('01), 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 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 Carr, Riggs & Ingram LLC. He is pursuing his M.S. degree in accounting at MTSU.

Meagan Webb ('06), Nashville, Tenn., recently won the Mannington's inaugural Tx:style competition at the NeoCon World's Trade Fair. Her "Squareberry" design will be produced in six different colorways by the carpet manufacturer launching in early 2010.

Baby Raiders

Tanner Noah Brackin, born May 4, 2009, to **Amy** ('04, '05) and **Curt Brackin** of Knoxville, Tenn.

Elizabeth "Ellie" Callaway Donald, born Jan. 6, 2009, to **Jamie** ('01) and **Ryan Donald** ('09) of Murfreesboro.

Ethan Jensen Evans, born May 21, 2009, to **Mandy** and **Zach Evans** ('04) 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. Brian 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 **Patience Long** ('01) and **Brian Russell** ('00) of Bloomington, Ill.

Cruz Christian Wilkins, born July 8, 2009, to **Casie** ('01) and **Christopher Wilkins** ('98) of Nashville, Tenn.

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.

1950s

James Render Carden ('56), Mulberry, Tenn., passed away April 7, 2009.

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

Anne Tompkins ('52), Suwanee, Ga., passed away Jan. 26, 2009.

1960s

Frank Philip Dawson ('62, '65), Pulaski, Tenn., passed away Feb. 28, 2009.

Mary Ann Jenkins ('63), Nashville, Tenn., passed away July 20, 2006.

1970s

James Michael Miner ('77), Sevierville, Tenn., passed away July 24, 2008.

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

All MTSU aerospace alumni and friends are invited to the

Excellence in Aviation Scholarship Fundraiser Party

September 19 - 6 p.m.



at the Old Hickory Lake home of Bruce and Rachel Thomas
421 Beacon Hill Drive in Mt. Juliet, Tennessee.

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

Need more information? Join the Facebook group
"Excellence in Aviation Scholarship" or visit the events page of www.mtalumni.com.

Questions? Contact Jennifer Allen, at jallen@mtsu.edu or 615-898-5003.



This esteemed society is for alumni who graduated 50 years ago and earlier. Members receive a special lapel pin and the distinction of being Golden Raiders.

Who: Members of the Class of 1959 and earlier

When: October 23 and 24

Where: MTSU Tom Jackson Building

RSVP by calling the Office of Alumni Relations at 1-800-533-6878.
The deadline for reservations is Oct. 12.

'Excitement Lives' all across campus

“Excitement Lives Here.” That’s this year’s theme for our Blue Raider football team. As president of the MTSU National Alumni Association, I look forward to working with you to make this slogan the banner of our university.

There’s excitement on campus with the construction of the new education building and the new student union. There’s excitement about both our educational and athletics programs, which participate at the highest level. Our alumni are excited about our new alumni online community, which allows them to interact with old friends from their college days, and meet those from the university community with similar interests.

Many of MTSU’s nearly 100,000 alums have made outstanding contributions to society. James Buchanan won the Nobel Prize for economics. Brian Oldfield set the world record in the shot put



Stubblefield

Francisco 49ers.

MTSU has educated many of the best and brightest this state and nation have to offer. The MTSU faculty and staff deserve all the support we possibly can give them as they continue their tasks to educate and mold our future generations.

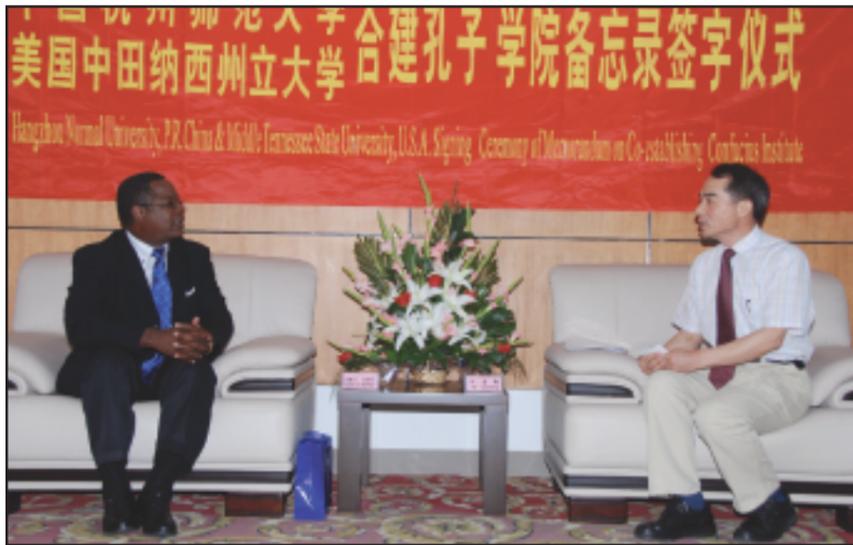
I encourage you to get involved with your university. The Alumni Association is here to represent

and was on the cover of *Sports Illustrated*. Albert Gore Sr. was a prominent U.S. senator from Tennessee who helped create the interstate highway system. Terry Weeks was selected as the National Teacher of the Year. Don Griffin, who played football here, went on to win two Super Bowl rings with the San

you, and we welcome your advice and suggestions. Your involvement is essential to continuing the excitement that lives at MTSU!



MTSU National Alumni Association President Jim Stubblefield received his B.S. in 1983. He has served as an aide to Congressman Bart Gordon for 25 years. He and his wife, Nancy ('88), live in Murfreesboro along with their two daughters, Katherine and Margaret.



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

(Right) front row, from left, Dunhuang, China, Mayor Ma Shilin, Northwest Normal University President Wang Limin and MTSU President Sidney A. McPhee spend time with other Dunhuang city officials (back row). An agreement was signed that will bring the city officials to MTSU for training in various degree programs.



Submitted photos

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 state or our university.

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 agen-

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International alumni profile

(First in a series)

Name: Teresa Pickering

Hometown: Woodbury, Tenn.

International location: Tokyo, Japan

Additional information:

Graduated from MTSU in December 2005 with a degree in English and a minor in leadership studies; recommended by Dr. Kiyoshi Kawahito, professor emeritus of economics in the Jennings A. Jones College of Business, to the Tono City Board of Education, where she began working in Tono City, Iwate Prefecture, Japan, in April 2006; and teaches English as a second language to elementary and middle school students.

About her experience: “If someone had told me when I was a high-school student that I’d be where I am now, [I wouldn’t believe them]. I can’t imagine my life without this experience. Thanks to Dr. Kawahito and others who believed in me at MTSU, I am where I am today.”



Pickering

da 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.



Campus School turns 80 this fall

Homer Pittard Campus School alumnus Henry Huddleston and his granddaughter, Mary Martha Wilson, admire the school’s new elevator. The school will have an 80th anniversary celebration starting at 8:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 6. The public is invited. For more information, call 615-896-0737.

Charlotte Peay / Submitted photo

CAMPUS BRIEF

Fall Phonathon 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/~devofc or call 615-898-2728.

Having a ball

Memphis, Chattanooga alums enjoy outings



Alumnus Summer Hardy ('06), second from left, gets ready to see the Memphis Redbirds game with Rochelle Miller, Maia Miller and Terri Miller.



Russell Henderson ('01) and wife Maggie ('02) prepare for the Memphis Redbirds game with Muffin Dixon ('95), Katie Keane and Josh Pounders ('02).

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



Chattanooga-area MTSU alumni gathered to watch the Class AA Chattanooga Lookouts and enjoy a great alumni picnic. Alums Joe ('96) and Amanda ('97) Legge, with daughter Justice and son Cameron, before the baseball game.

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 on top of the latest happenings in your area at mtalumni.com.

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 golf 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 mbstepp@mtsu.edu.



MTSU Alumni Relations photo

Ben Leyhew ('02, '08), left, and Brent Campbell ('02) enjoy a round of golf during the 2008 Legacy tournament.

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. 6 at *Troy, 7p.m., ESPN2
 Oct. 17 Mississippi State, 3 p.m.-Z
 Oct. 24 *West. Ky. (HC), 2:30 p.m.-Z
 Oct. 31 at *Florida Atlantic, 3 p.m.

Nov. 7 *Fla. International, TBA (FW)
 Nov. 14 *La.-Lafayette, 3:15 p. m.-Z
 Nov. 21 *Arkansas State, TBA (HH)
 Nov. 28 at *La.-Monroe, 3:15 p.m.-Z

HOME games are in bold
 * — Sun Belt Conference games
 (HC) — Homecoming
 (FW) — Family Weekend
 (HH) — Hometown Heroes
 X — ESPN360.com
 Z — CSS TV
 All dates, times subject to change

For ticket information, visit goblueraiders.com.

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