Alumni Survey charts future course
Association seeks your input, ideas as next 100 years get under way

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ince 1911, MTSU has helped change the lives of more than 100,000 people through the conferring of undergraduate and graduate degrees. As we approach our 100th birthday, it is a time for reflection on our growth and progress, but, more importantly, it offers a chance to look at the lives we’ve touched along the way and explore ways that we can continue to serve you during the next 100 years.

To better understand your needs and opinions, the Alumni Office will be conducting a comprehensive survey of our alumni during January 2011. With nearly 100,000 living alumni, your voice can have an impact on the course and scope of future alumni programming. This is your time to have critical input on shaping the services and events offered by the MTSU Alumni Association.

As an alumnus, your participation in this survey is crucial. The survey will be used as the main tool to gauge the interests of our alumni in the activities and programs we offer as well as reflect on the university as a whole. You will be asked about a variety of topics, ranging from our alumni events and programming and preferred or desired services to your opinions and perception of the university as a whole. The survey typically takes around 15 minutes to complete, and while we apologize in advance for its length, we promise the results will serve as a catalyst for future programming and be the springboard for better utilization of our resources.

The Alumni Survey will be distributed via e-mail only. We encourage you to take a moment to ensure your records with us include an updated e-mail address, which will enable you to participate in the survey and secure your opportunity to share your thoughts with us. You may add, change or confirm your e-mail address by joining the Alumni Online Community at mtalumni.com.

We thank you in advance for your participation in this survey. The feedback from alumni like you will help direct our path into the future!

The perfect homecoming
Great weather, crowds, victory spell success for autumn activities

By Rhonda Wright King rwking@mtsu.edu

H
omecoming 2010 weekend’s beautiful weather brought huge crowds to campus to celebrate Oct. 22-23.

The Golden Raiders Society welcomed its newest members from the Class of 1960 on Friday.

Actor Lane Davies (’72) wrapped filming just in time to catch the red-eye from Los Angeles to lead the Homecoming Parade as grand marshal on Saturday morning. Hundreds of alumni and university friends watched the parade from The Alumni House at the fifth annual Mixer on Middle, where Chip Walters (’85), the “Voice of the Blue Raiders” (See ‘Homecoming,’ Page 4)

University set to unveil Centennial website

By Randy Weiler jweiler@mtsu.edu

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hings will be swirling as the new year begins when it comes to the university’s 2011 Centennial Celebration happenings. Around Jan. 1, MTSU alumni and friends will be able to go online and view the new Centennial website at www.mtsu.edu/centennial.

“We’re all working to get the website up and running Jan. 1,” said Doug Williams, executive director of marketing and communications. “We’re looking forward to it going live.”

Alumni, university friends and others interested in MTSU’s Centennial will be able to find special events – the Sept. 9 blue-tie gala kickoff dinner at the Embassy Suites Murfreesboro will be the first – along with history, photographs and other features on the site.

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Networking with MTSU alumni

MTSU alumni recently gathered for several networking events, making important business contacts and meeting other alumni from their area. Future networking events are being planned; be sure to check mtalumni.com for upcoming activities. From left, Blake Woodlee ('10), Jonathan Taylor ('07) and Jonathan Clayton ('99) meet at a Murfreesboro networking event at Bobby McKee’s restaurant.

Centennial

A historical timeline will allow viewers to chronicle the university through the years by decades (starting with 1911, 1921, 1931, etc.) in words and photographs. “It’s pretty detailed,” said Dr. Jim Williams, chairman of the History Subcommittee. “As time goes on, it gets even more detailed. There’s text for each decade.”

Jim Williams, who also serves as director of the Albert Gore Research Center in the Todd Building, said it’s important for people to note the Centennial Timeline rationale “of what we did and didn’t include.” He added that he and the committee “hope departments across campus have a historical sketch or timeline on their own (web) pages, and we’ll link it to ours.”

Another popular feature will be the scrapbook or memory section, where photographs through the years will be spotlighted.

www.mtsu.edu/centennial will be the website alumni and friends can visit starting on or soon after Jan. 1, 2011.

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“Even if alumni or friends of MTSU live far away, this will be a way to communicate with classmates from the university by posting your comments on that,” Doug Williams said. “It will be a place to put photos. You can e-mail them in and we’ll post them.”

“The scrapbook will have a feature where people can share their memories or photographs,” Jim Williams added. “Hopefully, we’ll archive those photos so it’s something that’s more permanent.”

There will be an audio/visual section where memories will be posted on the Centennial website, Doug Williams added.

A countdown clock also will be a part of the site. The clock will count down the days, hours and minutes until the blue-tie gala.
Alexander provides gifts for students

By Tom Tozer

The ball started rolling when an MTSU Phonathon student called Mary Neal Alexander ('11) for a pledge.

She committed $100 and mailed in $1,000. Later, she raised her contribution to $10,000, then established an endowed scholarship of $30,000. Now Alexander is taking it to a higher level.

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

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

Alexander lived in what's now the Percy Priest Lake area and was home-schooled as a child. After high school, her mother sent her to what was then David Lipscomb College, at that time a two-year school.

"My mother was determined that I get an education," Alexander said. "I had an eye problem, and the doctor told me not to go back to school for a year. After that time, I came to Murfreesboro. All the dorm rooms were taken.

"Someone told me about a new teacher coming in and said that I could stay in her house. ... It turned out she was the head of the home-economics department. I said no way was I going to stay with her, because that's what I was majoring in!"

"My mother asked me if I wanted to live at home or stay with the new teacher," Alexander continued. "That settled that. Ms. (Carrie) Hodges and I became the best of friends, until her death many years later."

"The Teachers College didn't offer courses in home management, Alexander's primary area of interest. "But I really got that training living with her," Alexander recalled of her mentor.

Emerson provides gifts for students

By Tom Tozer

A $3.6 million bequest left by Emmett Kennon ('38), who passed away in October 2009 at the age of 94, will benefit the university in the form of student scholarships and enhancements to MTSU athletics.

"Of the total $3.6 million, about $3 million was earmarked for scholarships, and $600,000 was given to the athletic department to use at their discretion to meet program needs," said Joe Bales, vice president for development and university relations. "Since we have actually received part of this settlement of the Kennon estate, we have already made plans on how we would utilize the funds. We're looking forward to fulfilling the vision that Mr. Kennon had for the university."

Of the $3 million for student scholarships, $1 million will be put in the new Centennial Scholars program, which will ultimately fund 10 students through out their college career. The program is designed to attract some of the best students in the region, Bales said.

"The remaining $2 million will go into a general scholarship endowment that will be unrestricted and allow the financial-aid office to support the needs of many students each year. Unrestricted money can be awarded to help students across campus regardless of their field of study."

"We're looking forward to fulfilling the vision that Mr. Kennon had for the university."
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in football-game radio broadcasts, and WSMV meteorologist Nancy Van Camp ('95) announced this year’s parade. Kroger sponsored breakfast, and the National Alumni Association provided homecoming souvenir photos.

Blue Raider Bookstore sponsored the second Baby Raider Ride Contest, where “Thomas’ Blue City Express,” with Thomas Henry Sesler, son of Mark ('92) and Beth Sesler, aboard, earned first place. Jackson and Haiden Faulk, children of Erik and Becca ('02) Faulk, along with Kaitlyn and Weston Hardy, children of Edd ('03) and Lisa ('02) Hardy, rode a big MT football helmet to second place. Macey Hannah, daughter of Matt ('01) and Mandy Hannah, and James Adcock, son of Jayme and Amy ('03) Adcock, guided the “True Blue Taxi” to a third-place showing.

Alumni Homecoming Queens and Kings joined the newly crowned 2010 Homecoming Queen Ashley Brooks and King Brandon T. Batts on the field during halftime of the game, where the Blue Raiders earned a 38-10 victory against the Warhawks of University of Louisiana-Monroe.
MTSU serves as host for TBR’s fall meeting

MTSU rolled out the “blue” carpet Sept. 23-24 for the Tennessee Board of Regents’ fall meeting. TBR business was held in Hinton Hall of the Wright Music Building. Lunch was served Sept. 23 in the Tom H. Jackson Building’s Cantrell Hall, and attendees enjoyed dinner in the James Union Building’s Tennessee Room. President Sidney A. McPhee and First Lady Elizabeth “Liz” McPhee also entertained the visitors from across the state at their home. TBR retiring Chancellor Charles Manning and his wife, Dr. Sherry Manning, above, react after he was given a patchwork quilt with symbols of the TBR universities and community colleges across the state. Unveiling the quilt are Student Regents Sean Ochsenbein, left, of Tennessee Tech University and Casey Lyn McCullum of MTSU. At top right, McPhee, left, alumna and MTSU College of Education Dean Lana Seivers (’72) and Tennessee Gov. Phil Bredesen discuss higher education at the President’s home. And at right, the president jokes with Maxine Smith, a former TBR board member, and Regent Jonas Kisber. One of the MTSU-related highlights came Sept. 24 when the Master of Science in Professional Science program received the TBR Academic Excellence Award for 2010.

Pigskin’ party raises nearly $10K

(Clockwise from top left) Lindsey Stewart, Kelly Hopkins (’98), Ashlie McLaury (’96) and Wendy Duncan (’97, ’01) enjoy a beautiful evening at the annual Pigskin Pre-Game party. The event was attended by more than 400 people and raised almost $10,000 to benefit the Rutherford County Alumni Scholarship Fund, which annually provides scholarships to incoming freshman students from Rutherford County.

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Middle Tennessee State University

We are now accepting nominations for the 2011 - 2012 Distinguished Alumni and Young Alumni Achievement Awards

The Middle Tennessee State University 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 attaining a high level of service to their profession, their community and/or Middle Tennessee State University.

Nominations are sought in the following categories:

Distinguished Alumni - Professional Achievement
Distinguished Alumni - Service to the Community
Distinguished Alumni - Service to the University
Young Alumni Achievement Award

To view nomination and selection criteria as well as obtain a nomination form, visit www.mtalumni.com for a downloadable version, or call the Alumni Relations Office at 1-800-533-6878.

Nominations must be postmarked by April 1, 2011. Nominations are valid for three years.
Dr. Arlene F. Shirley-Wade (’94), Lawrenceville, Ga., earned a doctorate degree in computer science from Colorado Technical University.

John Elder (’90), Maryville, Tenn., is an attorney with Paine, Tarwater and Bickers LLP and received the Pro Bono Publico Award from Legal Aid of East Tennessee.

Wendy Johnson Fawcett (’04), Chicago, Ill., received her Juris Doctor degree from the John Marshall Law School.

John Festervand (’04), Oxford, Miss., is a major gifts officer for the University of Mississippi Mosh School of Journalism and News Media.

Scott Griswold (’03, ’06), Knoxville, Tenn., is an attorney with Paine, Tarwater and Bickers LLP and received the Pro Bono Advocate Award from Legal Aid of East Tennessee.

Meagan Frazier Grovesnor (’01), Burnsville, Tenn., is president of the 2010-11 Board of Directors for the Tennessee Court Public Relations Association.

Sandle Johnson (’97), Murfreesboro, has been promoted to senior staff at Deloitte & Touche LLP.

Moulton P. LeBlanc (’96), Franklin, Tenn., recently graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, N.J.

Eric Little (’08), Murfreesboro, has been chosen by the Fullbright Scholarship Committee to represent the United States as a scholar in Portugal.

Joshua McKenzie (’08), Chicago, Ill., is the assistant director of orientation and parent programs at Northwestern University.

Megan Parker Peters (’05), Murfreesboro, is an educational consultant and psychologist for Vanderbilt University’s Programs for Talented Youth.

Joe Pawlow (’99, ’02), Murfreesboro, is an electrical project manager for Harlan Electric.

Amanda McRitch Relyea (’88), Nolensville, Tenn., is the credentialing program manager for the International City/County Management Association in Washington, D.C.

Jeremy Rush (’10), Hendersonville, Tenn., is media-relations manager for Vanderbilt Children’s Hospital.

Ryan Sanders (’03), Reston, Va., is director of pastoral ministries at Columbia Baptist Church in Falls Church, Va.

Amy Schieler (’99), Lawrenceburg, Tenn., is a legal assistant to the general counsel of the Tennessee Military Department.

Ryan Spahn (’09), Joppa, Md., has joined the Baltimore, Md., based creative agency Mission Media.

Emily Shrum (’04), Antioch, Tenn., has been promoted to manager at Deloitte & Touche LLP.

Mandie Thatcher (’06), Knoxville, Tenn., is the director of the Center for Servant Leadership at Tennessee Wesleyan College in Athens, Tenn.

Bruce Christian Batson, born May 17, 2010, to Brian and Christina Sears Batson (’01) of Ball Ground, Ga.

Zadie Rose Bridges, born Feb. 18, 2010, to Ben and Cassandra Parker Bridges (’01) of Belleplage, Tenn.


Paisley Violet Darrell, born March 15, 2010, to Michael (’92, ’93) and Jenny Johnson Darrell (’91) of Nashville, Tenn.

Kensington Frazier Grovesnor, born June 22, 2010, to Jerry and Meagan Frazier Grovesnor (’01) of Burns, Tenn.

Benjamin Matthew King, born June 18, 2010, to Christopher (’03) and Rebecca King of Murfreesboro.


Kristen Lynn Bailey (’06), Memphis, Tenn., passed away June 17, 2010.

Nozzi Anniece Better (’90), Moss Point, Miss., passed away April 24, 2009.


Mary Elizabeth White Davenport (’31), Murfreesboro, passed away Aug. 7, 2010.
MTSU alumni and friends go ‘9 to 5’ at TPAC

Ricketts makes historic drive

Dr. Cliff Ricketts, 34-year veteran professor in the School of Agribusiness and Agriscience, drove a special- ly adapted 1994 Toyota Tercel more than 500 miles from water. Ricketts’ next goal: drive coast to coast using only 10 gallons of gas.

MTSU breaks ground on dairy

University officials held a groundbreaking ceremony for a new dairy facility at the MTSU Farm, located at 3001 Guy James Road, on Nov. 15. The $2.7 million facility will replace the Stark Dairy on Manson Pike.

MTSUNational Alumni Association President Beth Barlow Jones received G.I. Jobs magazine. Tennessee’s largest under-

Phil Kappa Phi earns acclaim

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi recently recognized the campus chapter at MTSU as a Chapter of Excellence. MTSU received the award at the organization’s national biennial convention last month in Kansas City. Mo., for its efforts in recognizing and promoting academic excellence in all fields of higher education and engaging the community of scholars in service to others.

This is already an prestigious honor for MTSU and for its Phi Kappa Phi chapter,” said MTSU Honors Dean Dr. John Vile, FPK board member and past president.

Abundance of achievements

Alumni president touts MTSU’s successes, activities for all graduates

As 2010 quickly comes to a close, I want to take the opportunity to share with you some of the events your alumni association and staff have been privileged to join.

Activities this semester enjoyed by various affinity groups, both young and old and from near and far, included the MT Alumni Legacy Golf Tournament; the Rutherford County Pigskin Pre-Game; MT Nights at the Nashville Sounds, Memphis Redbirds and Chattanooga Lookouts; several Young Alumni Networking events; football pregame events in Memphis and Atlanta; our annual Mixer on Middle; Golden Raiders induction ceremony; Homecoming 2010; and Cooking for Habitat.

These activities continue to grow each year, leading to more excitement and pride around our university. But activities for our alumni are not the only thing to be excited about. Here are few highlights of happenings with your alma mater:

• MTSU is the No. 1 choice of undergraduates in the state of Tennessee, and we continue to attract more of the state’s top student scholars;

• on the national level, two MTSU Honors College students received Fulbright Awards, and Jasmine Gray, an MTSU Honors College and McNair Scholars Program student, was named to the 2010 USA Today All-Academic First Team;

• for the fourth year in a row, the Princeton Review included MTSU in its rankings of the best colleges and universities in the South. This follows the 2009 Forbes listing of MTSU as the best public university in Tennessee and among the top 100 nationally.

• MTSU was selected to serve as home for the internationally recognized Confucius Institute, one of only two in Tennessee;

• MTSU’s Department of Aerospace is home to the largest University Air Traffic Collegiate Training Initiative (AT-CTI) in the country;

• Since joining the Sun Belt Conference in 2001-02, the MTSU Athletic Department has earned more Vic Babas Cup All-Sports trophies than any other school in the league;

• the MTSU Recording Industry Program has the largest audio production and music business program of any school in the nation;

• MTSU has been recognized in the top 15 percent of military-friendly universities in the United States, according to GI Jobs magazine;

• MTSU enrolled a record number of students, 26,400, in the fall semester; and

• MTSU prepares to kick off its Centennial Celebration year on Sept. 9, 2011, with a Centennial Gala.

Doesn’t this list just give credence to our branding claims of “Tennessee’s Best” and “Excitement Lives Here.” Every year brings more and more value to our degrees and the experience the current students are receiving. I hope to see you on campus soon to experience the excitement.

On behalf of the National Alumni Association Board, we wish each of you a prosperous and healthy 2011 and invite you to join us as we celebrate our Centennial.

MTSU National Alumni Association President Beth Barlow Jones received G.I. Jobs magazine. Tennessee’s largest undergraduate university currently enrolls nearly 1,000 veterans. The university’s Military Center, established in 2009, is a major reason for MTSU’s high ranking in the publication’s Military-Friendly Schools 2011 List.

Rogers, McNally to speak Dec. 18 at graduation

By Paula Morton pmorton@mtsu.edu

A projected 1,750 degree candidates will graduate during the 2010 Fall Commencement ceremonies Saturday, Dec. 18, at MTSU, officials announced.

Of this total, 1,466 candidates will receive undergraduate degrees, said Ann S. Reaves, assistant director for graduation in the Records Office, and 284 students will receive graduate degrees. On the graduate level, 213 master’s degrees, 12 education-specialist degrees and five Doctor of Philosophy degrees will be awarded. Two of the Ph.D. degrees will be posthumous awards.

The morning ceremony will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 18, in Murphy Center on the MTSU campus, with J. Stanley Rogers (’61), senior partner with the Rogers & Duncan law firm in Manchester, Tenn., delivering the commencement address.

The morning ceremony will honor graduates in the College of Graduate Studies, Jennings A. Jones College of Business, College of Education and College of Mass Communication.

The afternoon ceremony will begin at 2 p.m. in Murphy Center with State Sen. Randy McNally, R-5th District, addressing the graduates.

The afternoon ceremony celebrates graduates from the Colleges of Basic and Applied Sciences, Behavioral and Health Sciences and Liberal Arts, and the University College.

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ASCAP, MTSU partner

MTSU’s Department of Recording Industry and the Nashville office of ASCAP are turning education into careers with a successful songwriting partnership, “Partners in Craft.” The program began in 2006 at MTSU and matches students with veteran songwriters and publishing mentors. MTSU and ASCAP celebrated on Sept. 24 as fall-semester mentors met with students in Commercial Songwriting and Advanced Songwriting classes at the ASCAP building in Nashville.

Rogers, McNally

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Alumni follow Blue Raiders to Atlanta

(Above) Blue Raider fans fill Engine 11 for a pregame gathering before the MTSU vs. Georgia Tech college football game Oct. 16. (At right), former MTSU volleyball player LaToya Cunningham (’02), left, reunites with MTSU Alumni Association Secretary Mary “Beanie” Secrest (’74) at the alumni networking event held Oct. 15 in Atlanta.

Alumna golfer’s ‘Big Break’

By Randy Weiler jweiler@mtsu.edu

While waiting to someday reach the LPGA Tour, former MTSU Lady Raider Taryn Durham cherished a once-in-a-lifetime experience this summer.

Durham (’08) was an invited participant in The Golf Channel’s 13th season of “The Big Break” series. “It was awesome. I had a really great time,” Durham said, speaking by phone from her home in Glasgow, Ky. “I met a lot of nice girls who are now my friends.”

Durham made the final four, which meant she appeared on eight episodes.

For Durham, the former Lady Raiders’ standout of the 2009 Sun Belt Conference champion, “Big Break” was a grueling experience. On most days, the players awakened by 4:30 or 5 a.m. after going to bed as late as midnight.

Being on “Big Break” and making the top four was the highlight to her 2010 season. Durham, 24, made only four of 14 cuts and finished 157th in the LPGA Futures Tour, which is considered “the road to the LPGA.”

“I just didn’t have a good year,” said Durham, who was headed to a practice round of golf – a daily ritual – at her home course, Glasgow Country Club, soon after the interview. “I just didn’t putt well.”

In November, Durham participated in The Futures Qualifying School near Winter Haven, Fla. Durham studied communication disorders at MTSU. Her golf resume also includes winning the 2005 Kentucky State Amateur Championship. Another career highlight: earning a berth in the 2007 U.S. Women’s Open at Pine Needles Lodge & Golf Club in Southern Pines, N.C. She missed the cut.

MT Raiders 2010-11

Dec. 4 at SIU-Edwardsville 7 p.m.
Dec. 7 at Belmont 7:35 p.m.
Dec. 12 Furman (DH) (ESPNU.com) 3 p.m.
Dec. 18 vs. Evansville 2:05 p.m.
Dec. 21 Vanderbilt (CSS) 8 p.m.
Dec. 29 Tennessee State 7 p.m.
Jan. 2 at South Alabama (DH) 6:05 p.m.
Jan. 4 at North Texas 7:05 p.m.
Jan. 9 at Louisiana-Lafayette* (DH) 7:05 p.m.
Jan. 13 Florida Atlantic* 7 p.m.
Jan. 15 at Arkansas State* 7:05 p.m.
Jan. 20 Troy* (ESPNU.com) 7 p.m.
Jan. 22 Denver* (Legends Night) 7 p.m.
Jan. 27 at Florida Atlantic* 6 p.m.
Jan. 29 at Florida International (DH) 6 p.m.
Feb. 3 Louisiana-Monroe* 6 p.m.
Feb. 5 South Alabama (DH) 7 p.m.
Feb. 10 at Western Kentucky* 7 p.m.
Feb. 12 First International (DH)(CSS) 1 p.m.
Feb. 17 at Troy* 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 19 at Ark.-Little Rock* (CSS) 3 p.m.
Feb. 22 at Houston Baptist 7:35 p.m.
Feb. 26 at Western Kentucky* 7 p.m.
March 5-8 Sun Belt Conference Tournament at Hot Springs, Ark.
Home games in bold
— Sun Belt Conference game
All times Central, times and dates subject to change.

Lady Raiders 2010-11

Dec. 1 at Tennessee Tech 8 p.m.
Dec. 3 at Georgia Tech 6 p.m.
Dec. 7 at U. of Central Florida 11 a.m.
Dec. 9 Xavier 7 p.m.
Dec. 12 James Madison 12:30 p.m.
Dec. 20 vs. St. Bonaventure* 4 p.m.
Dec. 21 vs. Kansas State* 5 p.m.
Dec. 29 at Kentucky (FSN South) 5 p.m.
Jan. 2 at South Alabama (DH)* 2 p.m.
Jan. 5 North Texas* 7 p.m.
Jan. 8 at Louisiana-Lafayette* 7 p.m.
Jan. 12 Florida Atlantic* 7 p.m.
Jan. 16 at Arkansas State (CSS) Noon
Jan. 19 Troy* 7 p.m.
Jan. 23 Denver* (CSS) Noon
Jan. 26 vs. Furman* 6 p.m.
Jan. 29 at Fla. International (DH) 3:30 p.m.
Feb. 2 Louisiana-Monroe 6 p.m.
Feb. 5 South Alabama (DH) 5:30 p.m.
Feb. 9 at Western Kentucky* 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 10 at Arkansas State (CSS) Noon
Feb. 12 Florida International (DH) TBA
Feb. 17 at Troy* (DH) 7:35 p.m.
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MTSU Alumni and Friends Night with the Nashville Predators

Enjoy a great evening of fun and excitement as we cheer on the Predators and reconnect with area alumni

When: Saturday, Feb. 19, 2011
Reception at 5:30 p.m.; game at 7 p.m.
Where: Sommet Center
Lower concourse, D-G Room
Cost: $30. Includes reception and game ticket (loan reception only)
Limited seats are available. CALL TODAY!
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D r. Steven M. Corey (’93) recently was named the 27th president of Olivet College in Michigan. Corey was elected by a vote of Olivet’s board of trustees.

Corey has served as executive vice president of Prescott (Ariz.) College since 2001. “Olivet’s passion and excitement for the future of the college is strong and clear, and we have a bright future ahead of us,” Corey said. “I look forward to joining the community to set a course for 2020 and beyond, where we optimize our ability to help students achieve their personal aspirations and go out into their communities to make a positive difference in the world.

Corey, whose appointment is effective Dec. 13, earned a Master of Arts degree from MTSU. He earned his doctorate from the University of Arizona in 2007 and his Master of Business Administration from Cumberland University in Lebanon, Tenn., in ’98. His family includes his wife, Traci, and a daughter, Karli.

“Olivet’s” Corey

Corey Cunningham (’02), left, reunites with MTSU Alumni Association Secretary Mary “Beanie” Secrest (’74) at the alumni networking event held Oct. 15 in Atlanta.