You are invited to pack your bags for the “Bright Lights, Blue City” of Homecoming 2010, Oct. 22-23. Your alumni relations office wants to start spreading the news of a Homecoming Playbill full of great events that will honor the traditions of the past while making memories for the future.

Graduates from the Class of 1960 and earlier are invited to join members of the Golden Raiders Society for the Golden Raiders Reunion on Friday, Oct. 22. Registration is at 2 p.m. at the Tom H. Jackson Building, followed by a campus tour and a social hour. The Golden Raiders Society Induction Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. The Class of 1960 will be inducted into this esteemed society, honoring 50 years since graduation.

Watch the Homecoming Parade, led by actor Lane Davies (’72), 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 Chip Walters (’85), the Voice of the Blue Raiders, and WSMV

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Alumni Relations photo
Jim Sheppard (’83) presents the original Hatch Show Print he designed for Alumni Summer College. The poster was the favorite souvenir of the program.

By Rhonda Wright King rwking@mtsu.edu

Sixty-two alumni and friends from 10 different states returned to campus for three music-filled days during the third annual Alumni Summer College June 23-25.

The Office of Alumni Relations was proud to serve as host for the event, which featured the College of Mass Communication’s recording industry department. This year’s theme was “A Song’s Life,” and participants learned about songwriters, studio recording, performances, publishing and the business of a song.

Alumni Summer College began June 23 with a panel discussion of the Department of Recording Industry. Hal Newman, Cosette Collier, Beverly Keel (’88), Stephanie Taylor and Melissa Wald explained the department’s major concentrations of songwriting, audio production, music business, legal and copyright, and publishing. The history and the future of MTSU were presented by Suma Clark (’70, ’77) and Patti Miller, assistant vice president for campus planning.

The first evening was spent at the downtown Murfreesboro Center for the Arts, where dinner and class member introductions were shared. The evening’s entertainment was the Jack and Diane Show, where Jack and Diane Untz hosted fellow songwriters for a private in-the-round show. The show included the duo Watson and Nash, whose song “Bring It On” will air during Fox Sports’ NFL coverage this fall, and MTSU graduate Eric Paslay (’05). On track to be one of Nashville’s hottest songwriters, Paslay wowed everyone with his performance of “Less Than Whole,” co-written with Big Kenny of Big and Rich.

The next morning began with a show-and-tell session from MTSU assistant professor and songwriter Newman, BMI songwriter Wood Newton, ASCAP songwriters Casey Kelly and Ronnie Baker, and Dr. Loren Mulraine, Mulraine, recording industry department chair.

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Centennial plans will feature History Walk
Granite bands to show milestones; Countdown archive is on web
By Randy Weiler  jweiler@mtsu.edu

As MTSU takes preparations for its Centennial Celebration in 2011-12, many efforts are under way with various committees planning creative and festive ways to commemorate the university’s 100th anniversary.

One group, the History Walk Committee, formulated and implemented plans for a 100-year history-laden, new quad area between the new Student Union and College of Education buildings.

“Milestone dates in history will be inscribed in granite bands that will radiate around the new grass quadrangle,” said Patti Miller, assistant vice president for campus planning.

“The bands are organized by decades,” she said, adding that they will range from a 1911 marker on the south end of the quad to a 2011 marker at the north end of the quad.

“Granite bands that continue past 2011 will be reserved for milestones in future years,” she said.

Significant name changes (Middle Tennessee State Normal School in 1911, Middle Tennessee State Teachers College in 1925, Middle Tennessee State College in 1943 and MTSU in 1965), all 10 university presidents’ names, enrollments through the decades, student-body organizations, the first alma mater, fight song, dorm rules from 1932-33, logos, major anniversaries (50, 75, 85 and 100), and much more will be highlighted.

In future years, the Student Government Associations may be able to designate “class quotes” that mark their year, said Miller and campus planning colleagues Jamie Brewer (’01) and Brian Dell, who serve on the committee with Faye Johnson (’65, ’69) in Academic Affairs, Tom Tozer in News and Public Affairs, Dr. Jim Williams of the Albert Gore Research Center and Suma Clark (’70, ’77), formerly of Publications and Graphics, also serve on the committee.

Contractors Messer Construction and Pinnacle Construction are performing the work as part of the contract, the campus planning trio said.

Find Centennial Countdowns on the web

Former News and Public Affairs staff member John Lynch isn’t just a history buff; he’s a history hound. For nearly five years before retiring in June 2010, Lynch chronicled a number of the university’s chapters of history through Centennial Countdown, part of the monthly “Middle Tennessee Record” television programs.

Lynch, who now is enrolled in the Ph.D. in public history program, says that “Three figures broke racial barriers at MTSU,” a segment saluting Olivia Woods (’65, ’74), the first African-American student in 1962; Mary Scales (’67), the first black faculty member; and the late Dr. James E. Walker, the first African-American president.

• “MTSU Salutes Heroes” (veterans); and

• “King and Hampton, female pioneers,” recognizing Jeanette Moore King, the first female student, and Martha G. Hampton, the first female administrator.

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Major changes
President names Bartel provost, Petryshak VP for ITD and CIO

From staff reports
In late spring, MTSU President Sidney A. McPhee announced two major administrative appointments. These include:
• Bruce M. Petryshak, who was named vice president for information technology and chief information officer, replacing Lucinda Lea (’74), who retired. He has served as CIO for Bowling Green State University in Ohio since 2001; and

• Dr. Brad Bartel, who was named provost in academic affairs, assuming the position held for six years by Dr. Kaylene Gebert. He previously was president at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colo.

“MTSU is extremely fortunate to attract someone with Dr. Bartel’s extensive administrative and academic experience,” McPhee said. “As a sitting president and former provost, he brings the kind of comprehensive view of institutional operations and the academic enterprise that is needed to help us in our efforts to position MTSU for the future.”

“Over the course of his professional career, Mr. Petryshak has worked his way through the ranks of information technology,” McPhee added. “He comes to us very highly recommended and has the kind of professional background and experience that will allow us to continue the outstanding work started by Lucinda Lea in providing world-class IT services for our campus.”

McPhee said Petryshak has more than 30 years of experience in a variety of areas of IT. In his former position at BGSU, he provided leadership for more than 140 professionals and 160 student employees. MTSU’s IT department includes 75 staff members and 22 students.

Bartel has more than 35 years of experience in higher education, including more than 25 years of senior-level administrative leadership at four major public universities.

MTSU held a national search to fill both jobs.
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Alumni Association’s complete schedule of Homecoming 2010 events

Oct. 18-30

Historic Homecomings

James E. Walker Library

A collection of photographs from the past decades of homecomings, drawn from the pages of MTSU yearbooks, will be on display. Contact Suzanne Mangrum at 615-893-6441 for more information.

Wednesday, Oct. 20

Fight Song/7 p.m., Murphy Center

Student organizations compete to sing their way to victory.

Friday, Oct. 22

Third Annual Concrete Industry Management Alumni Skeet Shoot

1 p.m., Big Springs Clay Targets

Teams of four or singles are welcome. Registration is required with registration fees. Please contact Sally Bradford at bskeet@mtsu.edu or 615-494-7638 for more information.

Golden Raiders Reunion and Induction Ceremony/2 p.m., Tom H. Jackson Building

Honorng the Class of 1960, Golden Raiders registration begins at 2 p.m., followed by a campus tour, a solar hour and the 2010 Golden Raiders Induction Ceremony Dinner. Contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 800-533-6878 for more information.

Chili Cook-Off

5 p.m., Murphy Center Forest

Blue Raider fans may participate in the challenge by entering or judging this classic foot- ball-season competition, which includes three different divisions: alumni and friends, restaura- nts and student groups. For more information and to register, e-mail jmgavino@mtsu.edu.

NPTC Step Show

7 p.m., Murphy Center

Tickets are available by calling the Greek Life Office at 615-898-8912.

Saturday, Oct. 23

Mixer on Middle Parade Watching Party 10 a.m., The MTSU Alumni House

Join us to watch the 2010 Homecoming Parade. The lawn of the Alumni House will be filled with MTSU alumni and friends as we get together for an event that is uniquely MT. This year’s party will feature parade announc- ers Chip Walters (’95), the “voice of the Blue Raiders,” and WSVM Channel 4 meteorolo- gist Nancy Van Camp (’95). A complimentary breakfast will be served while it lasts. A photo booth for souvenir pic- tures of you and your gang is sponsored by the MTSU National Alumni Association Board.

Annual Homecoming Parade/11 a.m.

Led by actor Lane Davies (’72) as grand mar- ahal, the parade begins on Maney Avenue, and follows East Main Street and Middle Tennessee Boulevard past the Alumni House to Greenhorse Drive.

Baby Raider Ride Contest

Alumni children and grandchildren are invited to walk, be strolled or pulled in a wagon in the parade as Baby Raiders, accompanied by an adult, in the alumni relations office’s second Baby Raider Ride Contest. Decorate strollers, wagons or trikes with Blue Raider spirit. You don’t have to compete in the contest to be part of the parade. Baby Raiders and their guard- ians will enter the parade at the Alumni House to walk a portion of the route. Visit mtalumni.com or e-mail raiders@mtsu.edu to enter; entries are due Oct. 20.

25th Anniversary for the Center for Popular Music /12:30 – 2 p.m., John Bragg Mass Communication Building

The College of Mass Communication invites all to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Center for Popular Music. Established in 1985 as one of 16 Centers of Excellence at universi- ties in the Tennessee Board of Regents system, the Center for Popular Music is an archive and research center devoted to the study of American popular music from the prerevolu- tionary era to the present. For more informa- tion, e-mail Kippy Todd at ltdt@mtsu.edu.

Sidelines Reunion/12:30-2 p.m., remarks from 1:15-3 p.m., John Bragg Mass Communication Building

All former Sidelines staff are invited to a reunion. For more information, e-mail Kippy Todd at ltdt@mtsu.edu.

Undergraduate Admissions Office

Employee Tailgate/7 p.m., Walnut Grove

All current and past undergraduate admissions office employees, including former student workers, are invited to attend a juice, food and fun fest. Contact Linda Packett and Lynn Palmer. For more informa- tion and to make your reservation, contact Packett at linda.packett@mtcom.net, 615-542-2703, or Palmer at ljpalmer@mt.edu, 615-390-8236.

MTSU Rugby Old Boys (and Girls) Game/11 a.m., MTSU Sport Club Complex

2111 E. Main St.

Alumni return to the field to challenge the students. Women’s game is at 11 a.m.; men’s game starts at 1 p.m. Contact Jody Hmoose at jodyhmoose@aol.com for more information. Visit mtsurugby.com for rugby news.

Alumni Reunion Tailgate Tent/12 p.m. to 2 p.m., Walnut Grove

Tailgate with former classmates and professors under the big tent in Walnut Grove. Lunch is free per adult and $4 per child under 12. Representatives will be on hand to share the latest news from your college.

Concrete Industry Management Homecoming Tailgate/Voorhies Engineering Technology Building

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MTSU Varsity Club Tent/12:30-2 p.m., MTSU Varsity Club Tent

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Raider Walk/1:15 p.m., Walnut Grove

Join the Band of Blue, MTSU cheerleaders and Lightning to rally the Blue Raiders before the homecoming game.

MT vs. Louisiana-Monroe

3:30 p.m., Floyd Stadium

General admission tickets are available for $8 by calling the Office of Alumni Relations 800-533-MTSU. Sideline reserved tickets are available for $18 per person by calling 615-898-5623 for details, or visit the MT Varsity Club page on Facebook.

Homecoming Schedule of Events. The Alumni Reunion Tailgate Tent provides a centralized loca- tion 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, the University College, Education, Honors, Liberal Arts, Graduate Studies, the Jennings A. Jones College of Business and the James E. Walker Library will be on hand to answer the latest news from your college. Be sure to stop by the alumni office’s tent in Walnut Grove where you can get MT tattoos and shakers to show your Blue Raider pride.

Cheer on the Blue Raiders as they take on Louisiana-Monroe in the 3:30 p.m. Homecoming Game in Floyd Stadium. Diamond general admission tickets can be purchased for $8 each by calling the alumni office at 800-533-6678. Reserved tickets can be purchased by calling 888-937-6678 or visiting goblue raiders.com. Many other activities are available during the Homecoming Week. For a more detailed schedule, please see the 2010 Homecoming Alumni Association schedule. Visit this issue of The Alumni Record, visit mtalumni.com or call 800-533-6678.
Summer College

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CLASS NOTES

1950s

Dena Croft Sullivan (’53, ’61), Dickson, Tenn., is a retired school administrator and librarian who has received the Jefferson Davis Gold Medal for preservation of historical records by the national United Daughters of the Confederacy in Richmond, Va.

Billy Joe Evans (’63), Fayetteville, Tenn., has retired after serving 48 years in the Mebane County, Lincoln County and Fayetteville City School Systems.

Dr. DeWayne B. McCamish (’67), Chattanooga, Tenn., is an orthodontist and has been elected to represent the Southern Association of Orthodontists on the board of trustees of the American Association of Orthodontists.

Roger C. Cathey (’71), Franklin, Tenn., has joined Tennessee Commerce Bank as vice president of special assets.

Terry Coats (’73), Goodlettsville, Tenn., has written his new book, “Next Stop on Grandpa’s Road – History and Architecture of N&ML Railway Depots and Terminals.”

Dan Eledin (’70), Nashville, Tenn., has been highlighted in the 2010 edition of “In Charge Healthcare,” published by Nashville Medical News, for his work with Miller and Martin PLLC.

Wynona Y. James (’79), Colorado Springs, Colo., is one of two U.S. Air Force-Special Emphasis Program Maanggers. Because of her work with people with disabilities, she was named a 2009 Air Force Community Award-recipient for affirmative employment and special emphasis programs.

Dr. Tony Kessinger (’71), Melrose, Fla., has released his newest book, “The Devil is in the Details.”

Dianne Page (’71), McMinnville, Tenn., has retired after 27 years of elementary and high-school teaching and UT Extension work. She teaches quilting classes in McMinnville and Sparta, Tenn.

Brig. Gen. David Ogg (’78, 87), Athens, Ala., is retiring from the U.S. Army after 32 years of service.

1960s

Donald Cole (’69), Aeworth, Ga., is the new superintendent of Paulding County School District.

Mark Garey (’64, ’61, Franklin, Tenn., and Philip Gregory (’88, ’99), Murfreesboro, were inducted into the Band of Blue Alumni Club Hall of Fame at the MTSU Brass Ensemble, Chamber Winds and Symphonic Band concert.

Bryan Knox (’67), Sussex, Wis., is vice president of Zepos & Associates in Milwaukee, Wis., and has received the Paragon Award for outstanding work for the Public Relations Society of America.

Sarah Larkin (’92, ’94), Old Hickory, Tenn., is 14 in Mt. Juliet, Tenn., and works at Hermitage Hills Baptist Church.

Terry R. McCabe (’80), Tullahoma, Tenn., is a captain with Southwest Airlines and has been named Pilot of the Quarter in Phoenix, Ariz.


Rev. Hoy Canady (’80), New Bern, N.C., has been ordained as a priest in the Episcopal Church.

Erin Colvin (’99), Bowie, Md., is an adjunct computer science instructor at Anne Arundel Community College in Arnold, Md.

Dr. Mark Roberts (’92, ’95), Bristol, Va., is the vice president of academic affairs and dean of faculty at the Virginia Intermont College.

David Lee Rogers (’94), Vero Beach, Fla., received the Becker Award for Teaching Excellence for the 2009-10 school year.

Mary Augusta (’88), Ringgold, Ga., is the wellness coordinator for U.S. Xpress Enterprises in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dr. Terry Banaszak (’95), Murfreesboro, graduated from the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine with a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine.

Kaleigh Cantrell Black (’06), Nolensville, Tenn., is the development associate for the greater Nashville affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

Ryan Chitlaphong (’10), New York, N.Y., is the marketing associate for the prestigious Stella Adler Studio of Acting in New York City. He also recently appeared in a stage production of “Crimes of the Heart.”

Marcia Dickerson (’01, ’04), Washington, D.C., is an associate at St. Mary’s, Md., as a consultant for the U.S. government.

James Gilliam (’01), Long Beach, Calif., has been selected as one of the Best LGBT Attorneys Under 40 by the National LGBT Bar Association.

Jasmine Gray (’10), Memphis, Tenn., is one of 20 students named to the USA Today All-USA College Academic first team.

Jessica Hartle (’09), Franklin, Tenn., is the agriculture teacher and Future Farmers of America chapter advisor at Page High School.

Kevin Pascoe (’01, ’03), Clarksville, Md., is vice president of asset management for National Health Investors Inc.

Amada Thacker (’06), Athens, Tenn., is the director of the Center for Servant Leadership at Tennessee Wesleyan.

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MTSU notes passing of retirees LeDoux, Jones, Hawk

Professor emeritus David G. LeDoux and associate professor and MTSU alumnus Herbert C. Jones (’63), both have passed away.

LeDoux, 83, a member of the Department of Art faculty from 1956 until 1994, passed away May 25 at Middle Tennessee Medical Center in Murfreesboro. He was a painter who came to Murfreesboro in 1956 to teach drawing and painting at MTSU.

Jones, employed in the MTSU Department of Accounting from 1967 until retiring in 2005, died July 30 in Murfreesboro.

Other longtime personnel who have passed away include alumnus Floyd Richard “Dick” Hawk (’54, ’58), 78, who was employed in MTSU’s counseling services department from 1972 until retiring in 1997. He passed away July 16.
‘Exciting, inspiring’ feelings remain
New alumni president seeks your ideas as MTSU heads into Centennial

Twenty years ago, almost to the day, I was one of four young women from McNairy County who set out on an adventure that we had planned for months and our parents had dreaded for years.

We were teenagers on our summer trek to tour our proposed university of choice, Middle Tennessee State University. Upon arrival, we discussed other universities and opportunities they had offered us, but I knew in my heart MTSU was for me, thanks to Ron Malone. Twenty years later, it is as exciting and inspiring as I remember as a 17-year-old walking in The Grove for the first time.

I am honored to be serving as president of the National Alumni Association to nearly 100,000 alumni across the world. Your National Alumni Association offers a variety of activities for all generations, from Alumni Summer College to young alumni nights at area vineyards to local sports events, just to name a few.

The association also is the base financial support for our Student Ambassadors. This elite group of students serves as hosts/hostesses for the university in various capacities. Their passion for MTSU is very addictive, and we appreciate their hard work in communicating the attributes of our fine university.

As the year progresses, I will be calling on alumni far and wide for advice, suggestions and direction on how to help us grow and prepare for the upcoming Centennial celebration in 2011. This is a major landmark in our university’s history that will reaffirm our identities and provide new directions and execution. Feel free to contact me at any time with thoughts and comments on any subject you feel compelled to discuss.

Please take a moment and recall your fondest memories of our great university. I promise if you take some time to come back to campus, walk through The Grove and attend an event that is of interest to you, your heart will be filled once again with the Blue Raider spirit.

Go Big Blue! MTSU National Alumni Association President Beth Barber Jones received her B.S. in 1989. She has been a sales rep for Internet Screening Pough Animal Health since 2004. She and her husband, Andy (’96), live in Columbia, Tenn.

Distinguished Alumni 2010-11

Gwyn, Taylor, Witherspoons, young alum Latterell earn top honors from nominations

MTSU’s National Alumni Association has announced its Distinguished Alumni and Young Alumni Achievement Award recipients for 2010-11.

The Distinguished Alumni recipients include: Mark Gwyn (’85), Professional Achievement; H.G. “Pete” Taylor (’56), Service to the Community; Don (’64) and Hanna (’64) Witherspoon, Service to the University.

The Young Alumni Achievement honoree is Michael Latterell (’83).

Gwyn, a McMinnville native now living in Nashville, is serving as Tennessee Bureau of Investigation director for a second term. He has spent his entire career in public safety, including 22 years with the TBI. As the director, he has focused efforts on technology and drug-related crimes to increase the safety of Tennessee residents.

Taylor, who lives in Belton, Texas, has more than 33 years in the service to the U.S. Army. He has been tireless in his devotion to community service. His dedication to nonprofit organizations and higher education includes many organizations, including The Texas Boy Scout Council, chamber of commerce, Coalition for Family Involvement, American Cancer Society, Food Care Center and many others.

Latterell, a Nashville resident, has had a fast rise to success in the recording industry. He has had five Grammy nominations as an engineer, earning a Grammy for Best Bluegrass Album with singer/songwriter Jim Lauderdale’s “The Bluegrass Diaries.” A recent project with Dailey & Vincent reached No. 1.

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.

Gwyn, Taylor, the Witherspoons and Latterell will be recognized during this year’s Homecoming Game Oct. 23. Plans to honor them and their accomplishments are set for the May 2011 Commencement.

EIGHT MTSU ALUMNI have been chosen to serve on the National Alumni Association Board of Directors.

From staff reports

All will serve 3-year terms

MTSU alumni who have been chosen to serve on the National Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Eight 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.

“We are excited to have eight new board members for 2010-11,” said Ginger Freeman, director of Office of Alumni Relations.

Novel personalities and backgrounds blended with experienced members, should create great ideas and energy. I look forward to an exciting year ahead.”

The new members include Muffin Dixon (’95), Memphis, Tenn.; Jim Dunlap (’57), Dumwood, Ga.; Paul Fulcher (’07), Manhattan, N.Y.; Barton Harrison (’80), Franklin, Tenn.; Denise Rucker (’78), Murfreesboro; Latreace Sankey (’94), Antioch, Tenn.; Chip Walters (’85), Murfreesboro; and Mike Williams (’82), Franklin, Tenn.

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 2011-12 Board of Directors will be accepted beginning in January 2011.

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.

8 chosen for board of alumni association

MTSU Student Ambassadors lack a strong force for the advancement and support of the university.

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Sticking with it after 45 years

William “Bill” Boyd, left, of Tullahoma, Tenn., shown with his wife Effie, graduated Aug. 14 with his Bachelor of Science degree in liberal arts — at age 81, 45 years after first enrolling at MTSU. He is a veteran who retired after working at Arnold Engineering Development Center. Nearly 900 degree candidates received diplomas.

New ideas can be submitted online at mtalumni.com or by mailing them to the National Alumni Association, MTSU, Box 18684, Murfreesboro, TN 37132.
Honoring ‘Wink’

Midgett family provides financing to upgrade Kennon Hall of Fame room

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Former professor, author, historian and head coach E.W. “Wink” Midgett has been recognized by MTSU for his role in Blue Raider athletics in the years surrounding World War II by naming the conference room in the Rose and Emmett Kennon Hall of Fame in his honor.

A generous donation from Midgett’s son, Don Midgett, has provided financing for a major upgrade in the conference room. It includes state-of-the-art chairs and a conference table with hidden computer outlets and controls for videos and televisions in the room.

“On behalf of the Midgett family, I am happy to honor my father and his many coaching accomplishments at Middle Tennessee State University,” Don Midgett said.

Wink Midgett, who coached football and basketball at Middle Tennessee before and after World War II, began his coaching career in 1939 when he took the reins of the men’s basketball program. In 1940, he began coaching the Blue Raider football team, bringing them up to a 4-4 record (which included a 6-0 win against rival Tennessee Tech) after two previous seasons that had netted a total of just three wins.

Midgett’s teams posted winning records of 4-3-1 in 1941 and 4-2-1 in 1942, despite losing many players to World War II, and he concluded his football coaching career in 1946 with a 5-3-1 mark. Football was suspended during 1943 through 1945 because of the war. Perhaps his greatest accomplishment, at least in terms of long-range success, came in 1939, when he formed and coached the very first Middle Tennessee golf team. Members of that team included Blue Raider Hall of Famers John Bragg, Jimmy Jackson, E.K. Patty and Gene McIntire.

Success in the Blue Raider golf program included a national championship in 1965 and multiple conference titles and NCAA tournament appearances.

MTSU alumni gather at Nashville Sounds

President Sidney A. McPhee, left, is shown with MTSU supporters Kathy and David Hoover before going into Greer Stadium for the MTSU Alumni & Friends Day at the Nashville Sounds on July 17. Alumni and guests enjoyed a great picnic meal and a Sounds victory! We look forward to seeing you at our next event.

MT football 2010

Sept. 2 Minnesota 6:30 p.m.
(True Blue)
Sept. 11 Austin Peay 6 p.m.
(Hall of Fame)
Sept. 18 at Memphis 6 p.m.
(Black Out)
Sept. 25 at La.-Lafayette* 2:30 p.m.
(Homecoming)
Oct. 5 Troy (ESPN2)* 7 p.m.
(Black Out)
Oct. 16 at Georgia Tech TBA
Oct. 23 Louisiana-Monroe* 3:30 p.m.
(Homencoming)
Nov. 2 at Ark. St.* (ESPN2) 6 p.m.
Nov. 13 North Texas* 2:30 p.m.
(Salute to Armed Services/Veterans)
Nov. 20 at W. Kentucky* 3:30 p.m.
Nov. 27 Florida Atlantic* 2:30 p.m.
(Learning Circle Honor Roll Day)
Dec. 4 at Fla. International* TBA
* — Sun Belt Conference game
# — Sun Belt Network
All times Central, tentative and subject to change.

GOLDEN RAIDERS SOCIETY

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 1960 and earlier
When: October 22 and 23
Where: MTSU Tom Jackson Building

RSVP by calling the Office of Alumni Relations at 1-800-533-6878. The deadline for reservations is Oct. 15.

Jennifer Midgett Gregory, left, Director of Athletics Chris Massaro, Carolyn Gwaltney Midgett (’64), Don Midgett, MTSU President Sidney A. McPhee and Jennette Midgett Sockwell attend the unveiling of the E.W. “Wink” Midgett Conference Room in the Rose and Emmett Kennon Hall of Fame.

Midgett’s son Dan, who has since passed away, was a member of that winning 1965 team.

“We want to thank Don and Carolyn Midgett for their generous donation to the Middle Tennessee athletic program on behalf of Don’s father, Coach E.W. ‘Wink’ Midgett,” said Director of Athletics Chris Massaro. “Coach Midgett was a very successful coach in a very trying time for our university.

“This donation will allow us to upgrade what is already one of the finest facilities on our campus, the Rose and Emmett Kennon Blue Raider Hall of Fame.”