Thinking outside the box

Ex-adjunct honors wife with $27K bump to scholarship fund

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Career Development Center revamps services

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C areer diplomat Harry Horne decided not to give his wife flowers for her birthday. Flowers die, he said. Instead, he gave her a gift that would last forever: Horne contributed another $27,000 in her honor to the MTSU Foundation, rounding up the Harry J. and Betty Lewter Horne Endowed Scholarship to $50,000. The fund provides scholarships to students in the Department of Political Science.

Horne, a native of Canada, served four years in the U.S. Army, followed by a 35-year stint in the Foreign Service as a Canadian diplomat.

“And I made my fortune teaching as an adjunct professor at MTSU,” he quipped.

“I like to say Harry is a registered alien,” interjected Betty, his wife of 30 years. “And he’s an ‘adjunk.’”

“Always wanted to live in a place with four seasons, good medical facilities and good transportation,” he said, referring to middle Tennessee.

“Oh, yes, and Betty’s from here,” Harry noted.

“I have a couple of degrees, and no one gave them to me,” he noted. “I worked to get the money to get my bachelor’s degree. Nowadays it’s hard for people to find a job and save enough money,” which is one reason he created the scholarship.

Horne received his bachelor’s degree in commerce from the University of British Columbia and his MBA from the University of Toronto.

“Flowers die, he said. “Flowers for her birthday. “I have a couple of degrees, and no one gave them to me,” he said. “I kept reading in the paper about how tough it was to get money to go to school,” Harry said. “That’s how the idea came along … to heck with giving her more flowers,” he laughed, turning to his wife. “It’s not a lot of money, but it’s a legacy that lives on forever.”

The Retiring dean dispels library myths

Retiring Dean of Library Sciences Darrell N. Davis recently dispelled a number of library myths.

For more than 30 years, Davis has served as dean, librarian and professor of library sciences. He has taught students in the area of information science and has advised over 125 students, supervising them through the completion of their master’s degrees.

Davis came to MTSU in 1977 after teaching for 18 years at the University of Oklahoma. He is a member of the MTSU Honorary Society and is a co-founder of the Tennessee Library Association.

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Retiring dean notes changes, dispels library myths

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As I prepare to retire from the university after 38 years of service, I’m prompted to look back over these many years and the changes that have occurred. I’ve seen MTSU grow from 5,200 full-time enrolled students in 1972 to more than 25,000 this year. Print volumes have increased from 240,000 to 800,000 in 2010, plus 300,000 electronic books in many subject areas. Scholarly journals have grown from 2,400 print titles in 1972 to more than 26,000 print and electronic titles now. There are now 67 full-time faculty, administrators and classified staff in the library compared with 38 employees in 1972. I’ve seen the total library budget rise from $750,000 in 1972 to $7.2 million in the current year. The physical size of the library has more than doubled from the 100,000 square feet in the Todd building to the 250,000 square feet in the Walker Library.

Over the years, there have been some interesting myths about the library. Here are a few:

**MYTH: Walker Library is sinking because of the weight of all the books.**

**MYTH BUSTED:** A huge area the size of the library footprint was excavated and filled with a very deep layer of rock to provide a solid foundation. Floors where books are located were strengthened to support future use of compact, movable shelving that is much heavier than the existing book shelves.

**MYTH: Walker Library should be an absolutely quiet place.**

**MYTH BUSTED:** The new library was designed to provide both quiet and noisy spaces, with noise at the front on floors one and two and quiet spaces at the back on floors three and four. Many students find it necessary to collaborate with others for tutoring, group projects or out-of-class discussions. More than 40 small group-study rooms are available for these noisy activities, and the back of the building on floors three and four is designated a “Quiet Study Zone.” Walker Library is the largest nonclassroom “learning place” on the campus and strives to meet the many learning needs of students.

**MYTH: Printing in the library computer lab is expensive.**

**MYTH BUSTED:** Costs for printing in the computer lab are paid by student Technology Access Fee funds and by library funds. TAF funds are used to pay 65 percent of the Walker computer lab cost, and 35 percent of the cost is paid by the library for a total of $113,000 last year. Printing should be done with care, since wasteful printing misuses student TAF funds and has an impact on the library’s ability to provide information resources that students need.

**MYTH: I don’t need to use library resources; all I need can be found on the Internet.**

**MYTH BUSTED:** Sure, there are a lot of resources on the Internet, but are they accurate and up-to-date? The library spends a significant amount of funds to provide students with access to more than 200 scholarly databases with full-text articles that are of high quality and based on recent research. These can be found at the Research Gateway tab on the library website, where there are guides to databases on various subjects. Why just trust the Internet when the library provides access to so much more valuable information?

I am thankful for students, faculty and university staff who have used the Walker Library regularly more than 800,000 times each year. I appreciate the effective work of library personnel who have enabled the library to be rated by nearly 99 percent of graduating seniors as “satisfactory” or “very satisfactory.” Each year—the highest rating of support units on campus. I commend faculty who have consistently made library research necessary for their students to satisfy course requirements. I acknowledge that the support units on campus over the past 38 years would not have been possible without the strong support of the university’s presidents and Academic Affairs officers, staff and faculty and the cooperation of so many people in university offices and colleges.

I came to MTSU 38 years ago with the intention of staying only two years and then moving on to a larger university. The experience of working on this campus and living in this community prompted me to stray from my original intention and to continue my professional career here on this campus. In looking back, I have concluded that spending the greater part of my career at MTSU was a good decision for me and my family. I wish all of you the best in the years to come, and I hope to see you at many campus events in the future.

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‘Saddle Up’ and join the fun at Project Help’s July 29 event

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Dollars raised at this year’s “Saddle Up for Project Help” event, set for July 29 on campus, is the Tower Club level of Floyd Stadium, will be the building blocks for something big, director Susan Waldrop says.

“Our goal is to have start-up funding to take purposeful steps to acquire a larger building,” says Waldrop, noting that the early-childhood intervention program is squeezing all the children and services it possibly can into its Baird Lane and Fairview Center sites.

Founded in 1983, the nonprofit Project Help provides early-intervention and family-support services to very young children with disabilities and developmental delays.

Project Help, which just began its 14th year in its North Baird Lane facility and its third in the Fairview Center’s Yellow Room, currently serves children with special needs and those who are developing typically, in a program that promotes diversity, creativity and cultural experiences. Practical outcomes are achieved for all children in a play-oriented, natural environment.

The center’s staff, which includes more than 150 volunteers each semester, works with parents through family-support programs that include workshops, one-to-one interactions and informal training sessions focusing on specific instructional techniques.

Grants from the Tennessee Department of Education through Early Intervention Services and the United Way of Rutherford and Cannon Counties partially fund Project Help’s work. The Murfreesboro Charity Circle, Middle Tennessee Electric Customers Care, St. Rose Knights of Columbus, Gwynn Walker Memorial Fund, Bands for Babies, the MTSU Martial Arts Club and Wild About Smiles Pediatric Dentistry also have made major contributions to Project Help, providing the center with much-needed equipment, toys and consumable items.

In addition to expanding the program with services for children with autism spectrum disorder, Waldrop said the funds raised by the annual “Saddle Up” event also supplement daily operations.

Nashville artist Arthur Kirkby, whose work has been featured at Nashville’s Art Crawl, will be on hand to create a painting during “Saddle Up,” and guests will have the opportunity to bid on his art, as well as a beautifully crafted playhouse, among many other items during a live auction.

Entertainment will feature the music of Daniel Rothwell, a young banjo player who has performed with such artists Jack and Diane, who have made their mark on Music Row and make frequent appearances at The Bluebird Café.

Individual tickets, which include a meal and two drinks, are $30 each. They’re available by calling the center at 615-898-2458. The evening’s dress code is casual and Western-themed, and the fun starts at 6:30 p.m.

Sponsorships for “Saddle Up for Project Help” also are available and are open to individuals as well as businesses; the deadline for sponsorship is Tuesday, June 15. For information on sponsoring the event, contact Sandy Mitchell, Project Help advisory board co-chair, at Sanders262@hotmail.com. For more information, visit www.mtsu.edu/projecthelp.
ew doctoral programs in computational science and molecular bio-
sciences, which begin in fall 2010, are enhancing educational opportu-
nities at MTSU. Interim director Dr. William Robertson, a professor of physics at the university, leads the computa-
tional science program. Robertson prepared the proposal for the program that was ultimate-
ly approved by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission and Tennessee Board of Regents.

The interdisciplinary-research degree will train graduates in finding computational angles for scientific analysis and numeric
methods. Robertson said it offers a new avenue for solving problems in science that bal-
ance and draw from the common paths of theory and research in biolo-
y, chemistry, computer science, mathematical science, and physics and astro-
omy.

“This degree is different because … you have to do differ-
ent things, such as crossing the lines of chemistry and biology, and very few students have the opportunity to do that,” Robertson said.

The program focuses on hands-on investigation approach and 39 hours of core courses, 15 elective hours, six hours of direct-
ed research and 12 hours of disser-
tation and are required for the degree. On the program’s website at www.mtsu.edu/~cpsphd, Robertson writes that the “aim of the Computational Science Ph.D. at MTSU is to produce graduates with competency in three key areas of:

1. Mastery of the mathematical methods of computation as applied to scientific research investigations, coupled with a firm understanding of the under-
lying fundamental science in at least one disciplinary specialization;
2. Deep knowledge of pro-
gramming languages and comput-
ing technology so that graduates can adapt and grow as computing systems evolve; and
3. Skills in effective written and oral communication so that graduates are prepared to assume leadership positions in academia, national labs and industry.”

Six students currently are enrolled in the computational science doctoral program for the fall 2010 semester.

The new molecular bio-
sciences doctoral program is being overseen by interim director Dr. Jeff Leblond, an associate profes-
sor of biology at MTSU. This new doctoral degree aims to help students distinguish biological sequence and will prepare them in the areas of genomics, molecular population genetics and cellular biology.

“Each student will begin to become an expert in his or her chosen area of research. Hopefully, by the time a student graduates, he or she will have a handful of publications list-
ed on a resume,” Leblond said.

“They could grow up to 20 students in the next few years.”

Most stu-
dents enrolling in the molecular biosciences doc-
toral program, which has a web-
site at www.mtsu.edu/graduate/mbsphd, intend to become teachers in the related fields of biology and chemistry.

“Students will take the next step in scientific training, which is obtaining a position as a postdoc-
toral research associate in a well-
known productive lab at another university,” Leblond said. “Once this postdoctoral position, which typically last a few years, is completed, then the student will be in a good position to obtain a job in academia, industry or the govern-
m.”

Program requirements include 27 hours of core courses, 15 elec-
tive hours, 16 hours of special top-
ics and seminars and six hours of directed research, along with a 12-
hour dissertation, that will advance students to candidacy. For more information about the doctorate in computational sci-
cence, contact Robertson at wrob@mtsu.edu or 615-898-5837. For more on the molecular bio-
sciences doctoral program, contact Leblond at jleblond@mtsu.edu or 615-898-5205.

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E ducation is always a hot topic of discussion for politicians, and Tennessee’s low national rankings on student test scores and college graduates have kept the sub-
ject on the front burner this year.

Gov. Phil Bredesen, in his push to earn federal “Race to the Top” funds for Tennessee’s K-12 and higher-edu-
cation classrooms, pointed out the critical need for a statewide emphasis on science and math education—and professional development for the people who teach those subjects.

“I believe with all my heart that public education must refocus on the individual—making a com-
mmitment to getting the best possible people to teach and providing the support and skills that maximize their value,” the governor told the state Legislature in January.

For a new MTSU program, the Interdisciplinary Ph.D. in Mathematics and Science Education, is another step toward meeting the commitment that Bredesen envi-
sioned.

The new program, which will be available this fall, has been set up to aid students who want to be teachers, aiming to produce highly qualified “college-level professors and researchers.”

The program also will better pre-
pare students who are working to become educators in kindergarten through 12th grades by teaching them more efficient ways to educate their students in areas such as science, technology, engineering and mathe-
matics.

According to Dr. Ginger Rowell, MTSU mathematics professor and interi
director of the new doctoral program, research also is a big part of the program for those who are interested
in studying how people learn math or science.

“It really is a great opportunity for students who are interested in teaching future teachers to learn how to be better teachers,” Rowell said.

The program is good for leaders in the field of math and science edu-
cation, she said, because it will allow them to develop the way those fields are taught. It also allows for a deeper study and understanding of these two fields in the area of education. Graduate students will be required to complete and maintain three important components as they work toward a doctorate in math and science education. They must:

• substantially increase their mas-
tery of mathematics and science sub-
ject matter;
• display their comprehension of theories, methods and practices taught to them; and
• perform discipline-based edu-
cational research in either area of math or science education.

Enrollment in the 73-hour pro-
gram will require students to choose a concentration in biological, chemi-
cal, mathematical or interdisciplinary science education.

The program’s core credits are 30 hours. Concentration credits are 18 to 19 hours, electives are 14 to 15 hours and the student’s dissertation is 12 hours of credit. Each student admit-
ted into the program must take core courses in education, but the stu-
dent’s area of degree concentration will determine which education classes can be chosen.

Each elective credit must be obtained from a 6000- to 7000-level course in departments in the College of Basic and Applied Sciences and the
College of Education.

Rowell and other directors, department chairs and deans have been meeting week-
ly to prepare for the new program. They created a budget and a strategy to reassign teaching staff and worked on new office space for graduate teaching assistants.

They also have established a web-
site for the program, www.mtsu.edu/msephd, which is aiding in the nation-
al search for a permanent director and in recruiting graduate students.

Students must apply for the pro-
gram at the admissions office of the College of Graduate Studies. Scores from the Graduate Record Examination, undergraduate and graduate grade-point averages and letters of recommendation will aid in selecting degree candidates, Rowell said.

Applicants must have a mathe-
matics or science undergraduate degree. Those who are a master’s degree
must have completed 24 semester
hours of course work correlating to their area of concentration. If students do not have master’s degrees, they are expected to earn them as they also complete their doctorates.

For more information about the interdisciplinary doctorate in mathe-
matics and science education, visit the website or contact Rowell at rowell@mtsu.edu or 615-898-5540.

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BRAA reaches for record fundraising year as 2010 membership drive draws to close

from MT Athletic Communications

The formal 2010 membership campaign for the Blue Raider Athletic Association has come to a close, and BRAA Executive Director Alan Farley is very pleased with the way things have gone.

“Alan has led this effort, mobilized our volunteers and communicated with them, and once we set the plan in place, he took off with it,” Farley noted. “He’s done a super job, as has our entire staff.

“Our membership chair, Richard Lewis, has helped our campaign in the real-estate sector, and we thank him for his leadership.

Even while recognizing the success of the current membership drive, Farley was quick to point out that membership is a year-round project for the BRAA.

Membership in the BRAA is as simple as calling 615-898-2210 or coming through the BRAA office in Murphy Center’s lower level. You also can join by going online to www.goblueraiders.com, clicking on the BRAA logo and filling out the membership form.

Get your 2010 season tickets!

An impressive 10-3 record and a New Orleans Bowl championship is still creating excitement in the air, which means it’s time to get season tickets for the Blue Raiders’ 2010 football season! The Blue Raiders have the third-longest winning streak in the country and hope to claim the Sun Belt Conference championship in 2010.

Faculty and staff season tickets are discounted to $70 for sideline reserved seats and $60 for general admission.

MTSU employees also may take advantage of the payroll deduction—one deduction in either July or August or two equal deductions in July and August—by calling the MT ticket office.

Call 615-898-5261, 615-898-5260 or 888-YES-MTSU (888-937-6878) to order 2010 football season tickets today!

Eateries’ hours change for summer

Summertime means changes in dining operation hours across campus, and food venues are adjusting their schedules accordingly.

The Keathley University Center Grill will be open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Friday, Aug. 13, and will be closed on weekends all summer.

Only Einstein’s in the KUC will be open weekends 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Aug. 13 and 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Memorial Day (Monday, May 31) and the Independence Day holiday weekend observance (Friday through Monday, July 2-5).

All other campus eateries will be closed weekends and holidays through the summer.

The Business and Aerospace Building South’s Fly N’ Buy will be open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. through Aug. 13. The Starbucks in Walker Library will be open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday for the summer, but renovations may lead to temporary closures.

Einstein’s will be the only campus eatery open Aug. 14-26 with Monday—Friday hours of 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday hours of 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information, call 615-898-2500 or visit http://career.mtsu.edu. The center is located in Room 328 of the Keathley University Center and is open 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Insurance fraternity initiates 14 students

The spring 2010 Initiation Banquet of the Omega Chapter of Gamma Iota Sigma Insurance Fraternity featured 14 students being inducted to the organization’s membership April 13 at the Stones River Country Club.

Initiated into the organization were Joseph Allman, Marietta Bigus, Billy Champa, Charles Cox, Lori Jackson, James Kirkland, Julius Kratt, Ater Manyiel, Casey Miller, Parker Molitor, David Omal, Natalie Ruffino, Jonathan Swofford and Beverly Wallace. Alumna June Taylor (B.B.A. ’76), owner of Wilkinson Insurance Agency of White House, Tenn., served as guest speaker. She shared a story of how she planned to have a career in retail sales, only to become involved in the family’s agency not long after graduation.

The chapter recognized Rebecca Foote, an instructor in the Department of Accounting, as the Jennings A. Jones Professor of the Year for 2010. Omega Chapter President Megan Richardson served as emcee for the event. She shared the chapter’s highlights for 2009-10.

MT Speed School returns for young athletes

MTSU strength and conditioning coaches are once again offering Speed School top award—Daniel M. Campbell, who graduated May 8 from MTSU with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history, poses with his 2009-10 Award for Outstanding Accomplishment in Classical Studies from the Classical Association of the Middle West & South, Campbell, who was on the Dean’s List in both fall 2009 and spring 2010, minored in political science and was enrolled in Professor Rosemary Kew’s Latin 2020 course during the spring 2010 semester. MTSU is one of fewer than 75 institutional members of the CAMWS authorized to bestow the award, and only one student at each institution is honored for his or her achievement in the classics. The award was presented by Jason Nabors, an adjunct Latin instructor at MTSU and a CAMWS member. CAMWS is an organization of university, college, secondary and elementary teachers of Latin, Greek and all other studies that focus on the world of classical antiquity.

Photo submitted

Cost is $30 per individual session, $75 per three-session set or $130 for all six sessions. Students will receive instruction from the Middle Tennessee speed and strength staff and learn the same drills the Blue Raiders utilize to optimize their speed on the field. For more information, visit www.gobucketstixers.com and click on “camps,” or call Matt Riley at 615-904-8186 or Russell Patterson at 615-896-2428.
Aerospace seeks input from new advisory council

by Randy Weiler
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Members of a new Department of Aerospace Advisory Council viewed MTSU’s campus and airport facilities, heard fundraising reports and learned about the status of major new and forthcoming acquisitions at their first meeting May 18 at Stones River Country Club in Murfreesboro.

“The goal of the advisory council is to help us lay out a path for the aerospace department for the next decade,” said Dr. Wayne Dornan, aerospace chair. “We’ve got some heavy hitters.”

Advisory council members include David Augustin, John Black, Mark Blair, James Bolstron, Penny Crotty, John Ellington, Chad Gehrke, Robert “Hoot” Gibson, Corey Gillard, Allen Howell, Shannon Kelly, Donald McDonald, David Moser, Raul Regalado, Larry Schalle, Roy Stephens, June Viviano and Ross Womack.

Stated council goals include:

• assisting the aerospace department in developing and implementing long-term goals;
• offering advice on major issues;
• helping the aerospace department provide the best quality education for its students and support for faculty and staff development;
• being advocates for the department; and
• financially supporting the department.

Black, executive director of the Smyrna/Rutherford County Airport Authority, was elected chairman of the group.

“It is my honor and pleasure to serve as chair of the Aerospace Advisory Council at MTSU.”

Black said. “The advisory council will be working to promote and implement the long-term goals of the aerospace department through coordinated efforts between the aviation business base across the country and MTSU. Continuing efforts of the advisory council will assist in the dynamic, progressive and top-ranked aerospace program at MTSU.”

Ellington and McDonald are alumni. Now a consultant, Gibson is a retired NASA astronaut who speaks periodically at MTSU. Regalado is president and CEO of the Metro Nashville Airport Authority, and Gehrke is manager of Murfreesboro Airport. Howell and Augustin are executives with Corporate Flight Management at Smyrna Airport.

The other council members are experts in their fields, primarily in aviation.

Howell mentioned the new council and MTSU’s aerospace department in a May 25 post at “Plane Conversations,” an industry blog about private jet travel. Visit www.planeconversations.com/2010/05/25/mtsu-aerospace-set-to-soar to read the blog post.

Dornan said the council would have two meetings a year. The group’s second meeting will be held this fall.

A welcomed gift

CRICHTON CONTRIBUTION—Jennings A. Jones College of Business Dean Jim Burton, left, and Martin Chair of Insurance Dr. Ken Hollman accept a $10,000 donation from Phil Barnes, right, vice president of The Crichton Group in Nashville. Barnes’ donation for his company will establish the Crichton Group Excellence in Insurance Endowed Scholarship, which will benefit the Martin Chair of Insurance program. The interest generated by the endowment will be used for an annual scholarship for a student with a major or minor in the insurance program. The recipient must have a grade-point average of 3.0 or higher and must be a declared major in finance/insurance or have a minor in insurance. The scholarship recipient also must be a junior and enrolled full-time and should have an interest in insurance or risk management as a career. The chair of insurance will select the recipient annually. For information about the new scholarship, contact Hollman at khollman@mtsu.edu or 615-898-2673.

photo courtesy Ken Robinson Photography

Multiple projects in progress across campus

Construction still hot during summer sessions

by Tom Tozer
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It no longer requires an aerial shot to know that something big is coming to MTSU. The structural framing is looming high, and education at the university founded on teaching and the love of learning will have a new home in early 2012.

The rough-in mechanical, plumbing and electrical work is in progress on the first floor of the new Education Building by Brasfield & Corrigan contractors. The exterior brick and stone also are going up, and workers are completing the roof.

Work on the new Student Union Building by Duster Construction began in mid-April with a completion date projected for mid-2012. This will be a three-story building with a mechanical penthouse and a food court with patio seating, game area, bookstore, a ballroom/conference facility (with an 840-person dinner-seating capacity and 1,200-person convention seating), a video theater and much more, including an entire floor dedicated to student activities.

Work on Corlew Hall by Denark Construction should be completed in late June as crews finish up the interior renovations. The refurbished and expanded McCallef Cafeteria was completed in March by Fixture World Construction and is now in full swing, boasting a new patio and entrance on the south side.

Residence-hall work includes the renovation of Deere and Nicks Halls, also by Denark, with a total interior do-over now under way. A new porch also will be built this summer for Rutledge Hall.

Occupants of Jones Hall will be moved to another location while HVAC work by Four Seasons/Knoxville gets under way. It’s slated to be completed in August.

Duster Construction has removed the seats in Tucker Theatre for refurbishing, and work is finished on the outside infrastructure. Electrical work is in progress, and some demo work is still going on inside. The entire theater-renovation project at Tucker should be completed in July.

New projects at MTSU include underground electrical installation along MTSU Boulevard west of Normal Way and the Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building to MT Boulevard. The project is still in design.

Another new project is the sewer line at Wiser-Patten Science Hall, which will begin this summer. Williamson Construction is the contractor.

Phase III of the parking and transportation plan will focus on a new roundabout exiting traffic onto Greenland Drive at the corner of Scarlett Commons. The project will include lighting, utilities and landscaping.

The widening plan for MT Boulevard is in the final design stage. The project involves local, state and federal support, and no start date has been announced.

Other projects in design include improvements to the MTSU Dairy Farm and renovating of several buildings.

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Once upon a time, in an era long, long ago, before cell phones, PDAs and iPods occupied children’s time, there were books of all kinds—schoolbooks, pop-up books and elegant storybooks with pretty pictures.

Some of these books are on display through the summer in “Books and Children in the 19th Century: A Small Portrait,” a free public exhibit in the James E. Walker Library’s Special Collections area.

The exhibit, which shows the variety of ways children and the adults around them engaged with books in the 1800s and early 1900s, are indicative of the children’s book as an object of moral and educational value. The idea behind the books is to teach values and build character. Entertainment techniques are employed strictly to attract the children and hold their interests.

Highlights include several movable books, which are books that contain text or illustrations that the child can manipulate. Pop-up books are one type of movable book. Many items in the display have never been exhibited previously.

Something New for Little Folk by Clifton Bingham, with illustrations by A.E. Jackson (1900), features kaleidoscopic volvelles, which are wheels that change the images as the reader pulls ribbons on the book.

Lothar Meggendorfer’s Affentheater (1890) is a different kind of movable book. It folds out into a 12-section panorama that forms a continuous pictorial scene when opened, revealing colorful illustrations of circus animals.

Another Meggendorfer work, All Alive: A Movable Toybook (1897), features eight hand-colored lithographed plates, each with moving parts operated with levers. The reader can use these to move a watchdog, ducks on a pond, a flock of sheep, a goat with a cat and rabbits, a stag, an owl, a wagoner’s horse and a cow shed.

Dean’s New Book of Dissolving Views (1860) by Thomas Dean was inspired by classical paintings. Pulling tabs that stick out of the top and bottom of each page can change the picture on the page—for example, from day to night or from summer to winter.

Using toys to market other products to children is nothing new, as Kellogg’s Junglebook (1909) proves. Once again, beautiful colors and friendly-looking animals are the attractions. The reader can change the characters’ clothes by manipulating tabs; the front and back covers promote Kellogg’s Toasted Corn Flakes. At top, Dan’s New Book of Dissolving Views (1860) enables the reader to change day into night or summer into winter with tabs at the top and bottom of the illustrations. Below, schoolbooks, including Elementary Geology of Tennessee (1896), Uncle Sam’s School Songs (1897) and The Franklin Primary Arithmetic (1879), are in the new exhibit on display this summer in the Special Collections area of MTSU’s Walker Library.