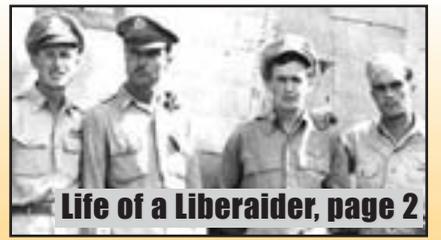




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A royal welcome



LISTENING AND LEARNING—His Majesty Emmanuel Adebayo, second from right, king of Emure, Ekiti Kingdom in Nigeria, listens to Liz Troup, milk-processing manager for the MTSU Dairy, explain equipment operation during an Oct. 13 visit to MTSU. Listening in are, from left, Tim Redd, director of the farm lab; Princess Fumi Ogunleye Hancock, president of the Spring Hill, Tenn.-based Adassa-Adumori Foundation and a cousin of the king; Chief Ogundeji, chief of the king's Steering Committee for the foundation; and Prince Theophilus Ogunleye, a foundation board member. The group spent the day touring MTSU and learning more about potential student and faculty exchanges with the university as the kingdom expands its education, agriculture, health and business ventures. The Department of Agriscience and Agribusiness and the College of Mass Communication were of special interest. For more information, visit www.adassafoundation.org or go to www.mtsunews.com and click on the "Online Extras" link.

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Salute vets at Nov. 14 festivities

by Randy Weiler
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MTSU's military science and athletic departments have special events planned around the 28th annual Salute to Armed Services/Veterans Day Saturday, Nov. 14.

There's something for everyone, including an Air Force fly-over, parachutists bringing the game ball, a picnic and a patriotic halftime salute, during the Blue Raiders' 3:15 p.m. Sun Belt Conference football game against Louisiana-Lafayette in Floyd Stadium.

Some noted MTSU military alumni, including U.S. Navy Rear Adm. Tony L. Cothron and Brig. Gen. Terry "Max" Haston, assistant adjutant general of the Tennessee National Guard, have been invited for a return visit to campus by university President Sidney A. McPhee. They will gather for brunch at the president's home at 10 a.m. and will be recognized between the first and second quarters of the game.

After ROTC alumni meet at 11 a.m. at Forrest Hall, the first Veterans Memorial Service with the new veterans memorial in place will be held just outside the Tom H. Jackson Building. (See story, page 5).

At noon, veterans can register for the 12:30 p.m. barbecue picnic they will share with many of the 153 current cadet corps members at a site adjacent to the Kennon Sports Hall of Fame.

Roy Edwin Barker of Brentwood will be the 20th recipient of the Dr. Joe Nunley Memorial



MTSU offering new grad cohort program

by Tom Tozer
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MTSU is offering a new cohort program in Bedford County leading to a Master of Education degree in curriculum and instruction with an endorsement in reading.

The program will provide licensed classroom teachers in kindergarten through eighth grades with additional specialized skills in literacy.

A cohort is a program of study in which the participants begin and remain together as a group throughout the duration of the program.

"This program provides teachers with additional competencies directly

related to the classroom and their students," said Dr. Kathleen Burriss, MTSU professor of elementary and special education. Teachers who complete this program also will be potentially eligible for increased compensation.

The program begins Jan. 14, 2010, and will be completed in fall 2011. It is designed to serve the professional educators of Marshall, White, Bedford, Lincoln, Moore, Franklin, Coffee and Rutherford counties. The cohort is scheduled to meet initially in Shelbyville at the Central High School building until the renovation is complete on the Middle Tennessee Education Center.

"This program is unique in that it meets on weekends, online and tradi-

tionally," said Dr. Connie Jones, chair of the Department of Elementary and Special Education at MTSU. "This training will enable teachers to be more effective in working with at-risk children and diverse populations with unique needs."

The registration meeting will be held Monday, Nov. 9, at Central High School in Shelbyville. Interested teachers should bring a copy of the participant's teaching license. Representatives will be available to assist with registration.

An official transcript of all prior education must be sent to the College of Graduate Studies at MTSU, 1301 East Main St., P.O. Box 42,

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IN BRIEF

ASCE WELCOMES FALL NOV. 10

The fall reception of the MTSU Association of Secretarial and Clerical Employees is set for Tuesday, Nov. 10, from 3:30 to 5

p.m. in Room 100, the Faculty Senate Room, of the James Union Building. The event is open to all MTSU secretarial and clerical employees. For more information, visit www.mtsu.edu/asce or call 2009-10 ASCE president Kym Stricklin at 615-898-2449.

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FOR THE RECORD

'Liberaider,' Blue Raider, teacher, coach: the tale of an MTSU veteran

by Gina K. Logue
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Scholars say the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, commonly called the G.I. Bill, was the catalyst for the growth of the great middle class in the United States. It provided a huge segment of the American populace with a real chance at upward mobility.

The last thing William Harry Logue had on his mind when he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps in World War II was upward mobility, unless it was the kind of upward mobility provided by a bomber. As an American, he believed he knew what he was signing up to defend. All too soon, he would understand what he was fighting to defeat.



W.H. Logue

On July 25, 1944, 1st Lt. Logue's 766th Bomb Squadron, a unit of the 461st Bomb Group known as the "Liberaiders," took off from Toretta, Italy, on a mission to attack the Herman-Goring-Werke, an ordnance depot in Linz, Austria, the childhood home of both Adolf Eichmann and Adolf Hitler.

As a four-flight formation of 27 American planes flew over the Adriatic Sea and across the Alps, the Germans attacked 13 miles east of Linz with 25 twin-engine Messerschmitt 110s and more than 100 single-engine Messerschmitt 109s and Focke Wulf 190s.

The forward part of the bomb bay of the lead aircraft burst into flames. Bombardier Logue jettisoned much of his load, but the release mechanism malfunctioned on one of the 1,000-pound bombs. As a second shell blast struck the plane, upper turret gunner Coy Westfall's upper body was ripped in two.

Most of the surviving men, including Logue, bailed out through the nose-wheel door. Pilot Joseph Hesser stayed in the plane a while longer to give all crew members a chance to jump and was still on what remained of the aircraft when it

burst into flames. Decades later, Logue and the other crew members would speak of how they owed their lives to Hesser, and they wrote letters to the Army attempting to have Hesser's act of heroism acknowledged.

After landing in a tree, Logue climbed down and walked for three days without incident, wearing out his boots and walking in his liners with his boots over his shoulder. While he slept about five miles south of Perg, the Nazis captured Logue and, after processing him through channels, escorted him to Stalag Luft I in Barth, Germany. He would be subject to the Third Reich's version of hospitality—which Logue said included starvation—for the remaining 10 months of the war.

Life during wartime was more whimsical prior to this pivotal incident in Logue's life. In a letter to a 1994 unit newsletter, he wrote of Gen. "Hap" Arnold's promise of 40 cases of rum to Logue's group commander, Col. "Fritz" Glantzberg, in exchange for taking another bombardier into the European Theater.

"As far as I know, we were the only group to take our own liquor overseas with us," Logue recalled. "The 40 cases were awaiting us at our revetment in Trinidad. When we crossed the south Atlantic and landed in Marrakesh, we broke out the rum and blankets. Damn! Was it ever cold! After the last gulp (I was drinking it straight), I turned into a 'dead engine' and went back to my tent."

The happier memories, such as that one, would ease Logue's transition from "Liberaider" to "Blue Raider." He earned his bachelor's degree on June 2, 1950, and received his master's degree in education with a minor in health and physical education on Aug. 24, 1956. The G.I. Bill made it possible for the only child of a small-town hairdresser to earn two simple, humble titles that meant so much when said with the affection and



BROTHERS IN ARMS—1st Lt. Harry Logue, standing center right, poses with comrades in the 766th Bomb Squadron, an Army Air Corps unit known as the "Liberaiders." Logue returned home to earn two MTSU degrees, raise a family and become a teacher and coach.

photo courtesy of the Logue family

respect they deserved—"teacher" and "coach."

Logue said several times that he took all of his classes at Middle Tennessee State College (except for physical education) in Kirksey Old Main and ate all of his meals in the James Union Building, which was his generation's Keathley University Center. That's why it would have made him so happy to learn in 2001 that I would become



G.K. Logue

employed at his alma mater and would roam the halls that he once walked.

His academic accomplishments are a permanent part of the MTSU record, and his military accomplishments are a permanent part of the MTSU landscape. The brick paver laid into the new Veterans Memorial plaza in his name is a testament to the transcendent nature of

commitment to service, sacrifice, and, ultimately, the future—a future represented, hopefully with honor, by my brother Bill and me.

Gina K. Logue works in MTSU's Office of News and Public Affairs. William Harry Logue, who died in 1996, is her father.

FOR THE RECORD

Nontraditional student finds atmosphere ripe for re-learning

by David S. Robertson
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It was mid-summer of '09 when I wandered into the MTSU Admissions Office and announced: "Well, I graduated from MTSU 25 years ago and I'm here to re-enroll. Has anything changed since I left?" The helpful lady behind the desk laughed politely, and I laughed nervously. And so began my odyssey into graduate school at MTSU.

I discovered by reading through the course catalog that I am a "nontraditional" student (I'll be 50 my next birthday). When I enrolled in 1979 as an undergraduate, I had no cell phone, no computer and no Internet!

From the time I logged into PipelineMT to select my classes to getting my hand scanned while obtaining my BlueID card, I thought to myself, "David, you're not in Kansas anymore."

I discovered that I had to learn (or re-learn) how to learn. I had to re-learn campus navigation with all the new construction, how to find my FOED and SPSE textbooks at the Phillips Bookstore, and how to plan for study time at home.

I have never in my life spent an entire day at a library, but I now have had that unique experience. Ramping up for my first research paper, I had to learn how to locate a book electronically, find it, use a coin-operated copier to photocopy references, check out books and use the Library Research Gateways to locate peer-reviewed scholarly articles for my paper. Did I mention that my paper had to be in American Psychological Association Sixth Edition formatting and styling? How did I ever write a letter to my grandma without the



Robertson

help of the Margaret H. Ordoubadian University Writing Center (which I've been to three times for my paper)? And finding a parking place ... well, anyone reading this knows what I'm talking about!

As a visually impaired person working with Disabled Student Services, I had still another set of challenges to overcome.

Here's my conclusion of what it means to me to be a nontraditional student at MTSU: I am an older, wiser learner and more prepared than ever in my life to learn. I have finally made it past several pesky character flaws that inhibited me as an undergraduate from doing my best. I am ENJOYING the challenges of learning at MTSU, even though they require me to adopt a new framework of thinking.

I have been favorably impressed with EVERYONE in any service capacity at MTSU, without exception. I have yet to encounter one adviser, faculty member or administrative staff member who has been anything to me but professional and courteous.

I love my Tuesday-night classes in Issues in Higher Education with Drs. Sidney McPhee, Terry Goodin and James Huffman as my instructors. I am enjoying my weekend schedule of classes with Dr. Watson Harris and a room filled with motivated teachers from our community. I have rediscovered the joy of reading, learning and growing.

I am now going somewhere on purpose, and I feel very good about that.

David S. Robertson, winner of the university's 2009 Nontraditional Student Week Essay Contest, is a resident of Murfreesboro and is pursuing graduate studies at MTSU. Nontraditional Student Week at MTSU is Nov. 2-6.

Online bio textbooks saving students \$\$\$

by Randy Weiler
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Katie Nunez has mixed thoughts about an online textbook being used in the Biology 1030 general education classes for nonscience majors.

There's the perk of it being a free textbook, and it does have special features. On the flip side, the computer screen is not something you can hold onto like, say, a book.

"I like not having to pay for a textbook," said Nunez, a junior music business major from Henleyfield, Miss., "but I would rather hold something in my hand than to always read online."

Nunez, who said she has had other online textbooks, said that the biology online version is "helpful in some ways, like with specific words, and I find the illustrations and animation helpful."

A textbook committee's decision is helping more than 900 students save more than \$138,600 in total, or \$154 per student, this semester, faculty members said recently.

"As a committee, it was (decided that it was) time to adopt a new textbook," said Dr. Ryan Otter, an assistant professor who has been at MTSU since fall 2007. "It's what we needed. It's what the students needed."

Otter added that the online textbook, which has 59 chapters, "is not designed for upper-division or graduate students."

Online Biology Book, written by Michael J. Farabee and first published in 1992, has been used as a supplement by department chair Dr. George Murphy for 10 years. However, this is the first semester that the textbook is being used by this many faculty members for this many students. Ten faculty members are teaching the course with the online book.

"Every one who teaches this was asked (about using the online book)," Murphy said. "It's a pretty traditional treatment. The delivery is what's different."

"It was checked for content, accuracy and errors," added Dr. Kim Cleary-



SUPERSAVER?—Biology professor Dr. Ryan Otter, left, shows students the *Online Biology Book*, a Web-based textbook for Biology 1030 general-education courses. Looking on are, from left, freshmen Justin Threlkeld and Melody Keasling, sophomore Stephen Parvin, freshman Liza Tullos and sophomore Maggie Flanagan.

photo by News and Public Affairs

Sadler, an associate professor, alumna with three MTSU degrees and faculty member since 1996.

"New textbooks have a lot of bells and whistles, but they don't serve students very well," said Dr. Michael Rutledge, a professor and faculty member since 1996. "It's pretty basic. For nonmajors, it's going to serve students' needs."

"These are nonscience students," Otter added. "What's online is sufficient ... more than sufficient. For me, a textbook is not bad vs. good. With students in mind, it's what services them best."

Otter said it was "not just about the cost, but delivery. For this age (mostly 18 to 22), technology is every part of it. ... You can't forget your textbook."

"MTSU has invested a lot of money in computers," Rutledge said, "and it (online textbook) ties into that."

Added Murphy, "Sometimes you get more online, and it's so easy to use." Sadler said the online version "is a perfect partner to the lab courses."

Social science, military education symposiums slated

Undergraduate event encourages research in human interaction

by Lisa L. Rollins
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MTSU's College of Liberal Arts will sponsor its 2009 Tennessee Undergraduate Social Science Symposium, an event that is free and open to the public, Nov. 10-11 in the university's James Union Building.

Since 1993, the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at MTSU has continued the tradition begun 30 years ago by Dr. Rodger Bates at Lambuth College in Jackson. The symposium seeks to encourage student interest in the scientific study of human interaction and to foster professional growth while providing opportunities for the intellectual and social exchange of ideas.

Attended by several thousand MTSU educators and students from across the state, this year's symposium, in addition to opening with student-paper sessions and presentations, will feature a keynote address by Mark Bittman, *New York Times* food columnist and author of *How to Cook Everything and Food*



Bittman

Matters, on Tuesday, Nov. 10, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the JUB's Tennessee Room.

According to organizers' reports, another highlight of this year's symposium will be a talk on "Gender Equality: What's Changing? What's Not?" by Paula England on Wednesday, Nov. 11, at 11:30 a.m. in the Tennessee Room.

A recipient of the American Sociological Association's Jessie Bernard Award for career contributions to the study of gender, England is a professor of sociology at Stanford University. Her research and teaching focus on how gender and class shape people's work, family and sexual lives. She also is the author of *Comparable Worth* (1992) and *Households, Employment and Gender* (1986, with George Farkas) as well as editor of the *American Sociological Review* from 1994 to '96.

For a complete schedule of the two-day event's sessions and activities, please visit www.mtsu.edu/soc/socsymp/index.shtml. For more information about the 2009 symposium that is not included on the Web site, please call Dr. Ida Fadizallah, conference chairwoman, in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at 615-904-8275.

ROTC, recruiters bringing together MTSU, secondary-school leaders

by Randy Weiler
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The Nashville Recruiting Battalion Trailblazers and MTSU Army ROTC are inviting a select group of MTSU personnel and Rutherford County secondary-school staff and officials to an Education Symposium.

The complimentary dinner, which will provide an open forum to discuss education opportunities for today's youth, will be held starting at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10, in the Tom H. Jackson Building's Cantrell Hall.

The event will bring MTSU admissions and student affairs-related personnel, college deans and department heads together with high-school principals, vice principals, guidance counselors and junior and senior ROTC commanders, said Sgt. Alex Lopez, an on-campus recruiter at MTSU and human resources manager for the Nashville Recruiting Battalion.

"It's going to be about getting relationships closer between the Rutherford County Board of Education and the MTSU recruiters

in order to generate leads and refer students to the college," Lopez said.

Lopez added that statistics will be shared in the team-building program between MTSU, the U.S. Army Recruiting Command and the county board of education.

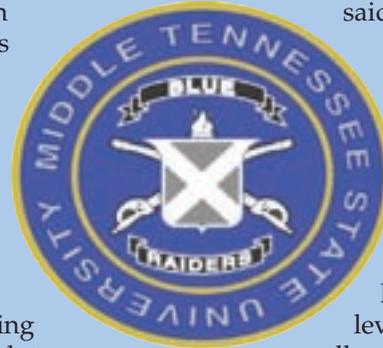
"The increase of recruiting will be emphasized on the officer program for people who complete a four-year degree from MTSU," he said.

Lopez said the education ideas shared at the event "will help younger students understand how to take advantage of Junior ROTC and how their maturity level will affect taking college courses."

He added that there will be an explanation of the new Montgomery G.I. Bill and its impact on MTSU.

Lopez said the Nashville recruiting station is ranked in the top 10 in the country.

For more information, call Lopez at 877-298-6468 or e-mail him at alexcesar.lopez@us.army.mil.



Campus Calendar

Nov. 2-15

Please note:

Event dates, times and locations may change after press time. Please verify specifics when making plans.

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for other cable-outlet airtimes
or www.youtube.com/mtsunews
for a complete show archive.

Nov. 2

Monday, Nov. 2

Fall Honors Lecture Series: Dr. Phil Mathis, "History of the Honors College"

3-3:55 p.m., Room 106, Honors
Amphitheatre
For information, visit
www.mtsu.edu/honors
or contact: 615-898-2152.

MT Women's Basketball vs. Carson-Newman

7 p.m., Murphy Center
For information, visit
www.goblueraiders.com.

Nov. 3

Tuesday, Nov. 3

JAWC Career/Professional Brown Bag Development Series: Dr. Tonjanita Johnson, "Motivation by Effective Communication"

Noon-1 p.m., Dining Room C,
James Union Building
For information, contact:
615-898-2193.

Murfreesboro Youth Orchestra

7 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, visit
www.mtsumusic.com
or contact: 615-898-2469.

Nov. 5

Nov. 5-7

MTSU Opera: "Ragtime"

7:30 p.m., Tucker Theatre
For information, visit
www.mtsumusic.com
or contact: 615-898-2469.

Nov. 6

Nov. 6-7

MTSU Family Weekend

For information, visit
www.mtsu.edu/parents
or contact: 615-898-2454.

Friday, Nov. 6

Homer Pittard Campus School 80th Anniversary Celebration

8 a.m. light breakfast;
9 a.m. student- and alumni-led
program and building tours
Box lunches \$10 each;
e-mail peaybrain@juno.com
for reservations
For information, contact:
615-895-1030.

New Student Union Groundbreaking Ceremony

10 a.m., lawn east of the
Paul W. Martin Sr. Honors
College Building
Rain location: second-floor
lobby, Honors College

First Friday Star Party: Dr. Eric Klumpe, "400 Years After Galileo: How Our View of the Universe Changed"

6:30-8:30 p.m., Wiser-Patten
Science Hall 102
For information, contact:
615-898-2483.

MT Volleyball vs. Florida International

7 p.m., Alumni Memorial Gym
For information, visit
www.goblueraiders.com.

Nov. 7

Saturday, Nov. 7

Yard Sale for CAIRS, Community Assistance for International and Refugee Students

8 a.m.-2 p.m., Blackman
Community Center on Manson
Pike (large item drop-off, 5-8
p.m. Nov. 6 at the center)
For information, e-mail
kcase@mtsu.edu.

MT Football vs. Florida International

3:30 p.m., Floyd Stadium
For information, visit
www.goblueraiders.com
or contact: 615-898-2450.

MT Volleyball vs. Florida Atlantic

7 p.m., Alumni Memorial Gym
For information, visit
www.goblueraiders.com.

Nov. 8

Sunday, Nov. 8

"MTSU On the Record— In Remembrance"

History professor Dr. Derek
Frisby and MTSU alumnus
Don Witherspoon
will discuss their
efforts to build an
on-campus
veterans memorial.
7 a.m., WMOT 89.5-FM
Podcast available anytime at
www.mtsunews.com.



Nov. 9

Monday, Nov. 9

Fall Honors Lecture Series: Dr. Derek Frisby, "ROTC/ Forrest Hall Issue"

3-3:55 p.m., Honors 106
For information, visit
www.mtsu.edu/honors
or contact: 615-898-2152.

Faculty Senate Meeting

4:30 p.m., JUB 100
For information, visit
www.mtsu.edu/facultysenate
or contact: 615-898-2582.

MT Women's Basketball vs. Lincoln Memorial

6 p.m., Murphy Center
For information, visit
www.goblueraiders.com.

Nov. 10

Tuesday, Nov. 10

Red Cross Blood Drive

10 a.m.-3 p.m., Room 322,
Keathley University Center
For information, visit
www.givelifelife.org.

Association of Secretarial and Clerical Employees' Reception

open to all MTSU secretarial
and clerical employees
3:30-5 p.m., JUB 100
For information, visit
www.mtsu.edu/asce or contact:
615-898-2449.

Nov. 11

Wednesday, Nov. 11
Veterans' Day

Tornado Siren Test Date
(no action needed by building
runners or campus community)
11:15 a.m., campuswide
For information, contact:
615-898-2424.

Wednesday, Nov. 11

MTSU Flute Choir and MTSU Clarinet Choir

8 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, visit
www.mtsumusic.com
or contact: 615-898-2469.

Nov. 12

Thursday, Nov. 12

Retired Faculty/Staff Coffee

9:30 a.m., Foundation House
For information, contact:
615-898-5756.

MTSU Jazz Artist Series: Saxophonist Bob Mintzer

7:30 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
Tickets: \$15 each; admission
is free for MTSU faculty, staff
and students with ID
For information, visit
www.mtsumusic.com
or contact: 615-898-2469.

Nov. 14

Saturday, Nov. 14

MT Football vs. Louisiana- Lafayette (Salute to Armed Services/Veterans)

3:15 p.m., Floyd Stadium
For information, visit
www.goblueraiders.com
or contact: 615-898-2450.

Nov. 15

Sunday, Nov. 15

"MTSU On the Record— 'Just Enough to Put Him Away Decent'"

History professor
Dr. Kris McCusker
will discuss her
research on the impact of pre-
World War II public-health
policies on attitudes toward
death and dying in the South.
7 a.m., WMOT 89.5-FM
Podcast available anytime at
www.mtsunews.com.



MT Women's Basketball vs. University of Central Florida

2 p.m., Murphy Center
For information, visit
www.goblueraiders.com.

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17, for the Nov. 30 *Record*. Don't for-
get to include the who, what, where,
when and why!

Award in a presentation that will begin at 1:30 p.m. MTSU alumnus Joe Nunley Jr. and John Furguss, past national commander in chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and commander of American Legion Post 05 in Nashville, will preside.

State Farm Insurance is providing complimentary tickets to the game for active military, veterans and their families on a first-come, first-served basis.

"This year, a combined service color guard will present the colors before the game," said Maj. Chuck Giles, assistant professor of military science.

Following the Air Force flyover, weather permitting, the 101st Airborne Division Parachute Demonstration Team will bring the game ball. During halftime ceremonies, all veterans from World War

II to the current war on terrorism will be recognized on the field as the MTSU Band of Blue plays each military branch's song.

The Marine Corps also will be collecting new toys at the gate for their Toys for Tots program. The Tennessee National Guard will set up military vehicles and equipment around the stadium, Giles said.

On Friday, Nov. 13, on the Keathley University Center knoll, the military science department will have a weapons simulation.

In addition to State Farm, other game presenters include Barrett Firearms, the National Guard and MT Athletics.

For more information, contact Brad Smith at 615-898-5322 or call Giles at 615-898-2470.

Vets memorial begins new tradition

MTSU will begin a new tradition to honor America's veterans during the university's annual Salute to Armed Services/Veterans Day ceremonies at the newly constructed MTSU Veterans Memorial in front of the Tom H. Jackson Building.

The ceremonies will begin at 11:30 a.m. before the Nov. 14 football game.

This inaugural memorial service will feature a multibranch color guard, remarks by special guests (such as MTSU alumni Rear Adm. Tony Cothron and Brig. Gen. Terry "Max" Haston, assistant adjutant general of the Tennessee National Guard) and a reading of the list of

MTSU's fallen heroes, followed by the playing of "Taps."

The Veterans Memorial Committee, which spearheaded the monument's construction, also will place a time capsule at the memorial site during the service. The time capsule will include military-themed items donated by MTSU veterans.

Anyone wishing to donate items for the time capsule should contact Dr. Derek Frisby at dfrisby@mtsu.edu or Maj. Chuck Giles at cgiles@mtsu.edu.

Everyone is invited to join the MTSU community in recognizing our veterans and in celebrating the "Blue Raider Spirit of Service."

Athletic Training Education Program earns acclaim

by Sydney Hester
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MTSU'S Athletic Training Education Program has received the prestigious 2009 Bill Cramer Professional Development Award.

The award will provide financial assistance to students in the MTSU ATEP who attend professional meetings and seminars. Applicants are evaluated based on the number of students in the program who become certified, employed and seek postgraduate work. The award also places emphasis on the program's involvement in school and community activities.

The award was established in 2007 in memory of National Athletic Trainers Hall of Fame member Bill Cramer, who was a trainer in college and pursued a career in his family's business, Cramer Products Inc. Inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1985, he holds the U.S. patent for the design of an ankle brace used in sports medicine.

MTSU's ATEP meets and exceeds the award requirements, noted MTSU's Dr. Helen Binkley, ATEP director and an associate professor in the Department of Health and Human Performance.

"We have established between 20 and 30 clinical affiliations for student interaction with the community," she pointed out, adding that the strength of the MTSU program is its pervasive involvement throughout the community.

"Our students assist the professionals in each of these settings while acquiring an education that directly affects and interacts with the community."



Binkley

advantage of professional development opportunities," Binkley said, adding that this program recognition should help students take advantage of the opportunities that arise during their academic careers.

On the academic front, seven of MTSU's eight 2008 ATEP graduates passed the Board of Certification Inc. exam on their first attempt. Four of those students are now attending graduate school.

"It was exciting to find out our program had been selected for the Bill Cramer Award. ... I always encourage our students to take

Honors, financial aid unveil IB scholarship

by Randy Weiler
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As many as 20 high-school seniors who have earned an International Baccalaureate diploma and maintained a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher will have an opportunity to earn an extra \$1,000 in scholarship awards for MTSU's 2010-11 academic year.

Working with the Office of Financial Aid, the University Honors College has developed a marketing plan targeting nine Tennessee high schools that offer IB programs.

As with most of the major scholarships offered through financial aid, the deadline for students to apply and meet eligibility requirements is Tuesday, Dec. 1.

"It's another attempt to get 'Tennessee's Best' students here," Honors Dean John Vile said, referring to the university's marketing campaign to recruit the best high-school students to MTSU. "And one of the neat things about it is that you can stack it. If you have a

(Hope) Lottery or one of the other scholarships, you can combine it with other scholarships."

The lone exception would be the Honors College's Buchanan Fellowship, which is a four-year, all-inclusive scholarship.

Prospective IB scholarship students could earn up to 31 hours of college credit and up to nine hours of Honors credit, Vile said.

In a June 4 proposal to Financial Aid Director David Hutton and Dr. Bill Badley, associate vice president and provost for academic affairs, Vile said the program creates the advantage of enhancing diversity, quality and graduation rates.

"Because this is an international program, we think it would particularly appeal to foreign students," Vile wrote. "IB students have taken a challenging curriculum, have been trained in critical thinking and have been engaged in school and university service. Under current MTSU policies, students can earn almost 30 college credits through this program, depending on their test scores. Such students are more like-

ly to graduate in three to four years."

IB programs are offered at Cookeville, Franklin and Germantown high schools; Oakland High in Murfreesboro; Science Hill in Johnson City; Ridgeway in Memphis; and Nashville's Hillsboro, Hillwood and Hunters Lane high schools.

The honors dean added that he believes MTSU is the lone college or university in the state to recognize IB achievement with a scholarship award.

"It's our attempt to encourage them (high schools that offer IB programs) to challenge their students," he said.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents who have a valid alien registration number and will graduate from a U.S. high school.

For more information, visit www.mtsu.edu/admissn/scholar_admissn.shtml or www.mtsu.edu/honors.

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Those who seek financial aid should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid form at www.fafsa.ed.gov before the registration meeting.

For additional information regarding the cohort program, please contact Burriss at 615-898-2323 or kburriss@mtsu.edu.

Nominate students for Who's Who by Nov. 11 deadline

Nominations are being accepted from the MTSU community through Wednesday, Nov. 11, for the Who's Who Among Students in Universities and Colleges.

"Each year, MTSU selects up to 150 students to join the prestigious Who's Who community," said Jacqueline Victory, director of the Office of Leadership & Service at MTSU.

"The award honors the nation's leading college students and exists as one of the most highly regarded and long-standing honors programs in the nation. For more than 70 years, the Who's Who program has honored outstanding campus leaders for their scholastic and community achievements."

A committee of faculty and students evaluate the applications, and the top candidates are selected as MTSU's Who's Who contingent.

Minimum qualifications are:

- classification as a junior, senior or graduate student;
- a minimum 3.0 GPA; and
- contributing significantly to MTSU and/or the community.

To nominate a student for this award, complete an application at www.mtsu.edu/leadandserve and mail it to the Office of Leadership & Service, MTSU Box 39, or bring it to the office in Room 326-S of the Keathley University Center.

For more information, contact 615-898-5812 or visit <http://frank.mtsu.edu/~mtleader/awards.htm>.

Event celebrates GIS technology

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“Celebrate Your World with GIS” is the theme of this year’s annual GIS Day, an open-house event that will get under way Wednesday, Nov. 18, from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Tom H. Jackson Building’s Cantrell Hall at MTSU.

Held each year on the Wednesday of the National Geographic Society’s Geography Awareness Week (Nov. 16–20 in 2009), GIS Day is a global event initiated to help raise awareness about geographic information system technology and its many contributions to the fields of science, technology, information and the humanities.

Dr. Tom Nolan, geosciences professor and director of MTSU’s Laboratory for Spatial Technology, said the university-sponsored event provides an opportunity for faculty, students and community members to discover how GIS contributes to solving problems at local and state levels and to talk with former students who have gained employment because of their GIS-related education at MTSU.

Although many are unfamiliar with GIS, Nolan said, it touches lives daily and is used throughout the world to solve problems related to the environment, healthcare, land use, business efficiency, education and public safety.

“The power supply directed to homes, the patrol cars and fire trucks that keep neighborhoods safe, and the delivery trucks on the road all function more efficiently because of GIS,” he explained. “This technology can also help businesses place ATMs and restaurants at more convenient locations, allow people to pull maps off the Internet and help farmers grow more crops with fewer chemicals.”

Nolan said GIS is a computer-based mapping tool that takes information from a database about a location, such as streets, buildings, water features and terrain, and turns it into visual layers.

“The ability to see geographic features on a map gives users a better understanding of a particular location, enabling planners, analysts and others to make informed decisions about their communities.”

Accounting, auditing and tax are seminar topics for CPE Day

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The inaugural Department of Accounting Continuing Professional Education Day at MTSU will be held Thursday, Dec. 10, from 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. in the Business and Aerospace Building’s State Farm Lecture Hall.

Seminars during the conference include presentations on accounting and financial reporting, auditing, taxation and ethics presented by several nationally known speakers. Participants can earn up to eight hours of CPE credit. The cost is \$150, which includes all seminars, materials and lunch.

The sessions include:

- Ponzi Schemes and Fraud—Dr. Sandy Benson, MTSU assistant professor of business law, who recently published an article in *The CPA Journal* on the topic;
- Tennessee Ethics—Mark

Crocker, executive director of the Tennessee Board of Accountancy;

- Financial Accounting Standards Board Update—Dr. Paula Thomas, MTSU accounting professor;

- Audit Update—Bill Mooningham, retired partner from Ernst & Young and MTSU accounting instructor;

- Tax Update—Dr. Tim Koski, MTSU professor of accounting;

- General Accounting Ethics—Dr. Kevin James, MTSU associate professor of accounting;

- International Financial Reporting Standards—Dr. Jeannie Harrington, MTSU associate professor of accounting; and

- Governmental Accounting Standards Board Update—Dr. G. Robert “Smitty” Smith Jr., MTSU associate professor of accounting.

Due to limited seating, participants should register early; visit www.mtsu.edu/accounting for details.

IBM tech guru Lyndgaard to share wisdom with WISE

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IBM technology whiz Kelly Lyndgaard will bring her expertise to MTSU Friday, Nov. 6, when she talks to the Women in Science and Engineering group.

Lyndgaard, who, according to her bio, is on rotation with IBM corporate headquarters as manager of the technology transformation organization

focused on aligning IBM’s technical communities, resources and strategy, will speak at to WISE at 3 p.m. in the Monohan Hall classroom.

In addition, Lyndgaard is program manager for the Corporate Technology



Lyndgaard

Evaluation team delivering technical analysis used to advise IBM’s chairman and top executives on market opportunities and emerging disruptive technologies, her bio states.

Before accepting her current role, she was the program manager for IBM’s Blue Gene/P supercomputer, which recently received the National Medal of Technology and Innovation, the country’s most prestigious award given to leading innovators for tech-

nological achievement.

Lyndgaard earned her degree from Taylor University and is pursuing her certification in project management from Stanford University. She said she is “passionate about leadership development and the advancement of technology in its role to improve our planet and our quality of life.”

MTSU wins award for ‘A-B-C-1-2-3’ health program

MTSU’s Center for Health and Human Services and Middle Tennessee Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition are winners in the 16th annual National Health Information Awards, which recognizes the nation’s best consumer-health information programs and materials.

“A-B-C-1-2-3 Healthy Kids in Tennessee” received a Merit Award for Total Health Information Program. Those involved in the production and design were Cindy Chafin, project director and consultant to the CHHS, and a team of volunteer cancer advocates.

The CHHS has collaborated with several academic disciplines on the MTSU campus to provide expertise and guidance in the development of this curriculum, and with implementation in two preschools in Rutherford County. Nine MTSU dietetics students assisted with on-site nutrition education programming with the two day care centers as part of a special initiative during National Nutrition Month.

Insurance Hall of Fame



DESERVING HONOREES—The Robert E. Musto Insurance Hall of Fame at MTSU recently held its annual induction ceremony at the Embassy Suites Hotel and Convention Center in Murfreesboro to honor three professionals who have made outstanding contributions to Tennessee’s insurance industry. They are, from left, E. Denby Brandon Jr. of Brandon Financial Planning Inc. in Memphis; Joseph M. “Joe” Clinard Jr., retired from Metropolitan Government of Nashville; and Robert E. Rose of Murfreesboro, retired agency manager of the Rutherford County Farm Bureau. (Mr. Clinard passed away after this photograph was made.) Leslie Newman, second from right, commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance, spoke at the event. In 1997, Robert L. Musto, son of Robert E. Musto, presented a \$10,000 gift to MTSU’s Martin Chair of Insurance in honor of his father, which provided the foundation for the hall of fame. To date, there are 41 members of the Musto Insurance Hall of Fame, which is under the auspices of the Tommy T. Martin Chair of Insurance in MTSU’s Jennings A. Jones College of Business.

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AFTER THE SHOW—Guitar virtuoso Tyler Bryant, above center, joins MTSU staffers and his band after a Sept. 30 concert and screening of the “Rock Prophecies” documentary in Hinton Music Hall. From left are Tim Kaiser, Bryant’s manager and Emmy-winning producer of “Will & Grace” and “Seinfeld”; Dick Williams, recording industry professor, whose RIM 4810 class worked with Bryant’s band; Dr. Mary Nichols, electronic media communication professor, and Professor Dan Pfeifer, recording industry, whose classes filmed and produced the concert; and Bryant Band bassist Calvin Webster and drummer Caleb Crosby.

photo courtesy of Dick Williams



OFFERING IDEAS—Songwriter and new ASCAP president Paul Williams, seated above center, and recording industry professor Hal Newman, seated left, listen to a question from senior RIM major Stephen West during a taping of “Songspeak” for Channel 9 and ASCAP’s Web site. The hourlong program grew from a collaboration between MTSU and the performing rights organization that supports a full-time commercial songwriting concentration at MTSU. Williams, known for songs like “We’ve Only Just Begun” and performances in films like “Phantom of the Paradise,” encouraged writers to “sit down with another human being and share what’s in your chest.”

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MTSU’s College of Mass Communication has been an unusually busy destination for artists, performers, dignitaries and industry leaders this fall.

First was Tyler Bryant, the guitar wizard who brought his band to MTSU’s Studio A in late August to cut demos and then back to Hinton Music Hall for a Sept. 30 concert and screening of “Rock Prophecies,” a documentary on photographer Robert M. Knight that features Bryant. Dick Williams’ RIM 4810 class worked to promote the events, which were produced and filmed by students in Dr. Mary Nichols’ electronic media communication and Professor Dan Pfeifer’s recording industry classes.

Then, on Oct. 5, producer Luis Resto visited Williams’ MTSU Records class to discuss the artistry and craft behind Eminem’s “Lose Yourself.” On Oct. 13, King Emmanuel Adebayo of the Nigerian kingdom of Emure toured the college to learn more about communications, and on Oct. 16, renowned songwriter and new ASCAP chief Paul Williams taped an episode of “Songspeak.”

For stories on the October mass comm visits, go to www.mtsunews.com and click on the “Online Extras” links.



MAKING CONNECTIONS—Oscar and Grammy winner Luis Resto, second from right, visits at the College of Mass Communication Oct. 5 before talking with recording industry classes. Pausing with the producer of Eminem’s “Lose Yourself” are, from left, Kippy Todd, mass comm development director; Dr. Loren Mulraine, RIM professor and interim associate dean; Dr. Roy Moore, mass comm dean; Dick Williams, RIM 4810 professor and Resto’s longtime pal; Resto; and Chris Haseleu, chair of the Department of Recording Industry.

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Mock trial teams starting season off right

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Two MTSU mock trial teams distinguished themselves in the year’s first competition at St. Louis University Oct. 9-11 among a field of 34 teams from eight states.

One MTSU team, which was led by Austin Purvis, a senior political science major, shared the winning record of seven wins and a tie with a team from Washington University in St. Louis, while a second MTSU team led by Daniel Vaughan, a senior pre-law major, came in third with a record of six wins, one loss and a tie.

“This is MTSU’s strongest start in recent years,” said Dr. John R. Vile, dean of the University Honors

College at MTSU and the team’s co-coach. “We have a great mix of new and returning students in our mock trial program this year and hope this is only the first of many future wins.”

The mock team led by Purvis included attorneys David Haggard, a junior English major, and Kaitlin Beck, a sophomore political science major; witnesses Deborah Anderson, a sophomore mass communication major, freshman physics major Nathan Brown and freshman political science major Andrew Dellinger; and Kamal Saba, a sophomore international relations/accounting major, who served as a timekeeper.

The MTSU team led by Vaughan included Nicole Vandewalker, a senior criminal justice major, along with

Jacob Strait, a senior political science major, and Lee Whitwell, a junior political science major, in attorney roles. Nathaniel Greene, a senior political science/economics major; Jillian Watkins, a junior international relations major; and Micah McClure, a junior political science major, were witnesses.

Vile said such early wins are particularly significant, because they are from the first tournament of the year. “This will give us great momentum in preparing for our own tournament in mid-November,” he noted.

In addition to team awards, MTSU students won the highest number of individual awards at the tournament.

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Deb Sullivan and Dr. Lynn Parsons (nursing) presented “NCLEX-RN Strategies: New Tactics for Success” at the Southern Regional Education Board Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education 2009 annual meeting Oct. 11-13 in Atlanta.

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Documentary honors 36 years of South Dakota Old Time fiddlers

Professor's love for music and players prompts work with Faculty Research and Creative Activity grant

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When the South Dakota Old Time Fiddlers started playing together in 1973, they intended to have a little fun while sharing the music that helped their pioneer forebears survive and thrive on the prairie.

"Wilbur Foss and his wife, Elizabeth, were inspired to start the group after Wilbur's dad, Jarle, got his fiddle back out after he retired from a life of farming," says Dr. Stephanie Lynch Taylor, now an assistant professor in MTSU's Department of Recording Industry.

Those simple roots led to the South Dakota Old-Time Fiddle Contest in Yankton, a hometown competition that soon garnered international attention.

"I grew up with all these people as 'grandparents,'" the Vermillion, S.D., native recalls. "I took lessons from one of the fiddlers, Chester Olsen. I remember Jarle Foss telling me about World War I. Who in my generation has had that opportunity?"

She competed in the Yankton event for 22 years straight, and her long association with the fiddling folks from home eventually led her to make a documentary about them.

The result, "South Dakota Old Time Fiddlers: Musical Heritage of the Great Plains," was scheduled for an Oct. 30 premiere at the National Music Museum at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion.

"I saw that if I didn't capture their history and tell their story, no one would," Taylor explains. "I initially thought that 'history' meant analyzing their music, but I soon realized that it was all about the people.

"They started just to keep the music alive, and it's become not so much about the 'contest' they have but going to nursing homes and county fairs and sharing the music with people."



Taylor

Taylor received a grant from MTSU's Faculty Research and Creative Activity Committee and made use of equipment from the Department of Electronic Media Communication, along with the advice of EMC professor Dr. Mary Nichols and students Tom Dyer, Amanda Queen and Tim Miller.

The crew traveled to South Dakota in the summer of 2008, where Taylor focused on the story and interviews while the students, all now graduates, handled the technical aspects. After a year of editing, the project was ready.

"I had all the software, resources and support we needed right here in the



HAVING US A TIME—A group of musicians join in a jam session at the 1976 South Dakota Old-Time Fiddle Contest in this still photo included in Dr. Stephanie Taylor's new documentary, "South Dakota Old Time Fiddlers: Musical Heritage of the Great Plains." The recording industry professor's project was scheduled to premiere Oct. 30 at the National Music Museum at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion; she hopes to share the documentary via public television and libraries across South Dakota.

photo submitted

College of Mass Communication, and if I didn't work at MTSU, we couldn't have done it," Taylor says. "We hope to find an opportunity via public television to share this documentary as well as get it into libraries across South Dakota."

One of the aspects Taylor most wanted to capture was the way the fiddlers' group affected its members.

"By sharing their music, they have changed," she says. "They're 80 years old and driving three hours across the state to play for the love of it. They're healthy, they have great lives. It's not about making money in the genre; it's about having a social outlet. And they certainly do."

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Faculty/Staff Update

Appointments

Grover Baker (Center for Popular Music) has been named editor of *Breve Notes*, the newsletter of the Southeast Chapter of the Music Library Association.

Awards

Dr. Cindi Smith-Walters (biology and Center for Environmental Education) was recognized as the Project Learning Tree Facilitator of the Year Oct. 8 by the Tennessee Forestry Association during the organization's annual meeting at Pickwick Landing State Park in Hardin County. The award recognizes those who train a substantial number of teachers during the year and provide information and education on environmental education through Project Learning Tree.

Certifications

Dr. Lynn C. Parsons (nursing) recertified in October as a nurse executive through the American Nurses Credentialing Center. She initially was certified as a Certified Nurse Administrator in 1985 when she served as a nurse manager in an orthopedic trauma and surgical unit at a teaching regional referral hospital in Michigan.

Dr. Debra Rose Wilson (nursing) recertified by exam as an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant this summer. This certification in breastfeeding requires recertification by exam every 10 years; Wilson has been an IBCLC since 1994.

Media

A photo of a computer-designed tea set by **Professor Marc J. Barr** (electronic media communication) accompanies an article, "The Comparison of the East and West Ceramic Teapots," in the Taiwanese magazine *Ceramic Art* (Issue 64, pp. 64-67.) Barr is one of only six western artists featured in the magazine.

Drs. Ken Blake and **Jason Reineke** (journalism) discussed the results of the latest MTSU Poll Oct. 15 on "Open Line" on NewsChannel5+.

Panels

Dr. Karen Petersen (political science) participated in a panel discussion, "Terrorism and Security Issues in Southwest Asia," at the International Studies Association South Annual Meeting Oct. 16 in Nashville.

Presentations

Dr. Mark Anshel (health and human performance) presented a

paper, "Effect of the Disconnected Values Model on Health Behavior Change Among University Employees," at the American Psychological Association Conference Aug. 6-9 in Toronto. The presentation also was featured in the October issue of *The Monitor*, a journal of the American Psychology Association that highlighted 10 out of 550 conference presentations in the issue.

Dr. Wandi Ding (mathematical sciences) presented an invited talk, "Optimal control for a tick disease modeling using hybrid ODE systems," at the second International Conference on Mathematical Modeling and Analysis of Populations in Biological Systems Oct. 9-11 in Huntsville, Ala.

Dr. Judith Iriarte-Gross (chemistry) presented an invited talk, "Yes She Can!," to parents and teachers attending the West Tennessee Expanding Your Horizons in Science and Math conference at the University of Memphis on Sept. 26.

Dr. Robert C. Petersen (English) presented "A Portrait of the Artist as Pitchman: George Moore's *Confessions of A Young Man*" at the Victorians Institute Conference at Converse College in Spartanburg, S.C., Oct. 16.

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