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Regents Degree program reaches capacity

More than half of program's students claim MTSU as home campus

By Amanda Maynard
Staff Writer

In its first semester, the Tennessee Board of Regents Online Degree program has reached capacity enrollment, with a large percentage of its students belonging to MTSU.

Of the 284 students enrolled in the online program as of Sept. 1, 191 claim MTSU as their home institute.

Claiming MTSU as home means the majority of the students' classes will be instructed by MTSU senior faculty, said Mary Morgan, director of communications for TBR.



The Regents Online Degree program is a way for students to earn an associate's degree or bachelor's degree without attending classes on campus.

"You can do the whole thing online," Morgan said. "You never have to set foot on cam-

pus." Online courses are not designed to be easier than traditional ones, she said.

"This is not an easier way to get a degree," Morgan said. "It's harder because it requires more self-discipline."

Online degree participants usually include working adults or adults with children.

"The program is designed for students who work or have family obligations and are unable to attend classes on campus," said MTSU President

Sidney McPhee.

Students physically attending MTSU may take online courses in addition to their daily schedule to earn credit hours.

MTSU offers two degrees via the Regents program: a Bachelor of Professional Studies with a concentration in information technology or leadership and a Bachelor of Interdisciplinary studies.

Although all classes are full for the fall 2001 semester, early registration for spring 2002 begins this month for students claiming MTSU as their home campus.

"The registration process is simple," Morgan said. "People need to get on the Web site and

all the information is there."

To register, students must first pick a degree and choose a home institution. There are more than six universities and 13 community colleges to choose from.

When registration is complete, students may access classes any time or any place. There is an online library as well as 24-hour student and technical support.

Students also may e-mail their professors or log on for academic advice and support.

For more information on the Regents Online Degree program, visit www.tn.regentsdegrees.org or contact Morgan at 366-4400. ♦

Go, go ROTC rangers

Ranger challenge puts stamina, skills to the test



Photos by Shaun Wynn | Staff

(Left) Captain Robert Riedel prepares MTSU ROTC cadets for the rope bridge competition at Saturday's ROTC Ranger Challenge. ROTC cadets from Vanderbilt, Austin Peay and MTSU competed in a road march, range weapon assembly, rope bridge and hand grenade throw. The events began at 7 a.m. and concluded at 3 p.m. here on campus. The challenge was originally scheduled to take place at Fort Campbell, Ky., but was relocated after base security was heightened and troops were placed on alert.

(Above) MTSU ROTC cadets prepare to cross the rope bridge. MTSU's two cadet teams placed first and second in overall competition.

Grading system under review

By Shane Gallo
Staff Writer

The controversial plus/minus grading system has been in place at MTSU for a year now, and the question of its effectiveness and fairness still remains.

In colleges in which students must complete candidacy requirements, the plus/minus system has drawn some unclear lines as to what is a passing grade and what is not.

For example, both the College of Mass Communication and the School of Nursing require that all students make a grade of C or better in prerequisite courses to be admitted into their programs.

In the nursing program, a student must make a 75 to pass a class. If a student makes a 74, which was a grade of D but under the plus/minus system would be a C-, they could not pass that class although they had received a grade of C.

"It's just the mindset of the students that a C- isn't a C and

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Annual economic conference will feature top forecaster

By Ernie Gray
Staff Writer

This year's Economic Outlook Conference, sponsored by the Jennings A. Jones Chair of Excellence in Free Enterprise and the Business and Economic Research Center, will again kick off with Ronald Ratajczak, the perennial favorite economic forecaster.

"Ratajczak is considered by many to be one of the top contemporary forecasters," said Tom Tozer, director of News and Public Affairs. "He is often quoted by the media and has been right on target most of the time."

Ratajczak was director of the Economic Forecasting Center at Georgia State University and is

currently chief executive officer and chair of Brainworks Ventures. In 1994, he received the Blue Chip award for forecasting accuracy during the past four years.

The recent shift of the economic current and the pending socio-political crisis amplifies the importance of the annual event as concerned Tennesseans look for answers to the looming question - What next?

"Clearly the conference will touch on the recent tragedy and its ripple effect in everyone's lives," Tozer said. "Anyone interested in economics, investment, real estate or their wallet should find this very interesting and insightful."

The conference will also feature Edsel Charles, president of

MHB Inc. Marketgraphics, who will discuss the status of the construction industry in Middle Tennessee and the needs of builders and developers. Marketgraphics provides builders and developers with factual information and analysis of real estate markets to help them make good business decisions.

During lunch, the annual Jennings A. Jones Champion of Free Enterprise Award will be presented. The award recognizes a person who shows promise of an outstanding career while also exemplifying the ideals of free enterprise.

The conference will be held Friday in the Tennessee Room

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Photo by Amy Jones | Staff

Only one wall remains of what was once the Woodfin Funeral Chapel. Demolition began last week to clear the lot, pave it and turn it into a parking lot with approximately 200 spaces, said Connie Hagberg, director of Parking Services. Hagberg said it will replace the Middle Tennessee Baptist Church lot, which the university is no longer renting for student parking.

Lecture will focus on growth, plan of civilization

By Lisa Thomason
Staff Writer

Those who attend today's presentation of the Honors Lecture Series can expect to analyze whether or not the idea of civilization is synonymous with progress.

According to Kevin Smith, associate professor in the sociology and anthropology department, people feel that modern civilization "represents the end result of several thousand years of constant progression and improvement in the human condition."

Smith's lecture will propose that civilizations throughout history have failed to adequately plan for their own growth.

"Technology has been used to solve immediate problems created by the impacts of civilization on the environment — not to plan for a sustainable future," he said.

Smith explained that civilizations, past and present, have always been faced with problems caused by their growth, problems which their technology and progress cannot solve.

"Dynastic Egypt, the Moche of South America, the Maya of

Mexico and Central America, Mesopotamia and others show startling similarities to the problems faced by our own civilization," he said, citing overpopulation, crime, poverty, global warming and even El Nino as examples of the problems the civilizations have shared.

Smith expressed his belief that modern society can better plan for its future by studying the examples of past civilizations.

"Archaeological research ... provides us with a tapestry that covers thousands of years [and provides] some idea of how and why past civilizations rose and fell."

"By drawing on the thousand-year histories of past civilizations, their success and their failures, we may find great insights that can guide planning our own future."

Smith's lecture will be presented today at 3 p.m. in Peck Hall, Room 109A. The lecture is free and open to the public.

For more information about Smith and local anthropological and sociological organizations, visit his Web site at www.mtsu.edu/~ksmith. ♦

By Amber Bryant
Staff Writer

Despite universitywide budget cuts, the search for a new director of Greek Life continues.

"Our search committee has done the initial review of applications, and we're putting together the information that's required by Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action to have our candidates approved for interviews," said Gene Fitch, dean of Student Life.

The former director, Victor Felts, resigned in May to accept

a job offer with Louisiana State University.

Stuart Eddings, a graduate student at Vanderbilt University, temporarily filled the position as an hourly employee but recently moved to Alabama to complete an internship at Auburn University in order to earn her doctorate degree.

The majority of departments at MTSU have assistant directors to take responsibility if someone leaves, but no funding is available for Greek Life to hire assistants, Fitch said.

Until a new director is hired,

most of the work is left up to him, with the help of graduate students.

Eddings was affiliated with the Greek Life division at Vanderbilt and is familiar with MTSU, so she was a good candidate, but she was never in consideration for the full-time position, Fitch said.

While he would like to have Eddings come back and help out on an hourly basis, Fitch doubts she will have the time, given her current academic situation. She has approximately 80 hours of school to make up since she took time off to

assume the temporary position.

"We're working under the assumption that she's probably not coming back," Fitch said.

The department already has four or five people in mind for the job, so now the task is to interview the candidates. Fitch estimates it will be early to mid-November before the whole process will be finished.

In order to meet the requirements for the position, a candidate must have a Master's degree and experience with Greek Life organizations, among many other qualifications. ♦

Grading: System could complicate candidacy programs

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therefore isn't passing," said Maria Smith, a professor in the School of Nursing.

"The grading system didn't change for us; it was just a psychological change for students in our program that a C- isn't acceptable."

Students seeking degrees through the College of Mass Communication must make a grade of no less than C in all prerequisite courses.

However, the College of Mass Communication opted not to use the plus/minus system.

If a student were to make a 74, it would be a C and would be a passing grade in the mass

communication program, but not in the nursing program.

"A lot of the courses in mass communication are creative activities, and it's hard to distinguish between a C and a C- or a B and a B-," said Larry Burriss, interim dean of the College of Mass Communication.

"If you have an objective test, it's easy to say 'this is a C, this is a C-.' How do you do that with a creative project?" he said.

The controversy over fairness and discrepancy in usage between colleges has prompted a universitywide evaluation of the system.

Barbara Haskew, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs "has asked for comments from the faculty concerning the

new grading scale," Burriss said.

Haskew was not available for comment.

Some faculty, however, like the idea of a plus/minus system.

"I think it's a good thing, and I think most of the time it works to the student's advantage," said Anne Sloan, associate dean for the College of Liberal Arts.

"I have quite often been in the position of having to give students who had an 89 average a B where I would have preferred to give them a B+ but did not have that option," she said.

In the College of Liberal Arts, the choice to use the system is "an individual decision as far as the faculty are concerned," Sloan said. "All of our

departments have used it, but not all of our faculty have."

In the College of Business, the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences and the College of Basic and Applied Sciences, the plus/minus system also is used at the professor's discretion.

The decision is "left up to the individual professor," said James Burton, the dean of the College of Business.

Thomas Cheatham, associate dean for the College of Basic and Applied Sciences, said, although the grading system is optional, "some professors in every department in our college are using it." ♦

Conference: 'Substance, expertise' promised

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of the James Union Building, with registration and breakfast beginning at 8:30 a.m., followed by an official welcome by Jim Burton, dean of the College of

Business, at 9:10.

"The Economic Outlook Conference has become a tradition at MTSU because it delivers what it promises — substance, expertise and an opportunity for business and industry

professionals to share common concerns," Burton said.

The conference will dismiss at 1:15 p.m. To register or for more information, contact Angie Ray at 898-2764. Registration is \$25. ♦

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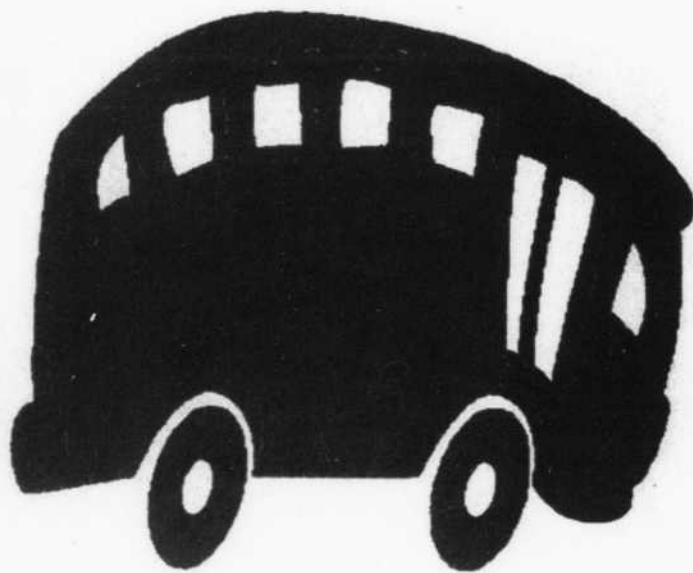
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MTSU's cadet teams placed first and second in Saturday's ROTC Ranger Challenge, beating Vanderbilt and Austin Peay State University.

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From the staff

MT police should share their actions with students

Have you ever been driving 17 miles per hour on campus or taken a brief detour down a one-way street only to see the blue lights of MTSU's finest flashing in your rear window?

If this has happened to you, you may think that all our police department does is comb the campus relentlessly searching for those tiptoeing over the bounds of the traffic laws.

No, that's Parking Services, who apparently have no regard for where their souls are going to end up for forsaking their fellow students.

The MTSU police have done great things for this campus. They are one of the only accredited campus police departments in the country and maintain a police presence that keeps crime down.

So why don't they want you to know about it?

The Crime Log in *Sidelines* has long served to let the campus community know about the crimes that occur here and the dangers, however small, that people face when they're here. However, for years, reporters have been met with resistance and excuses from police officers and their staff, citing computer problems, pending investigations and absent staff members.

Apparently, only one person in the department knows how to type the log.

In case you were wondering, federal law as well as university policy states that police departments must have an updated log available to the general public during regular business hours.

While the policy of resistance seems to follow the trend that other university administrators have set, it is odd that the police department would not want the public to know about crime on campus.

Besides the obvious legal issues concerning police information, there are other reasons the police should want to release as much as they can.

First of all, what does the police department do all day? If you believe what they say, they don't do much of anything. On a campus of this size, that is certainly not the case. The police are helping students every day, yet they don't really want everyone to know.

Secondly, what about the safety of the students, faculty and staff? By accurately reporting the crimes they encounter, people on campus will be more aware of dangers they may face and can adjust their lifestyle habits accordingly, reducing the workload of the campus officers.

Perhaps the police department is not acting on their own. It is well known that university crime statistics do not paint an accurate picture of illegal activities on college campuses. Administrators could be placing controls on the police department so as not to alarm Jane Soccermom when she's helping Junior decide on a college. On the whole, MTSU police do a pretty good job.

Whatever their intentions are, blocking the release of information does everyone a disservice and only serves to diminish their reputation and standing on the campus. ♦

Draft: discrimination not sexism

The Right World View

Matthew C. Martin
Staff Columnist



My esteemed colleague Angela White wrote in her Sept. 24 article, "[The] Draft reflects sexist attitudes," that the military draft and its culture is sexist. While I will cede that the latter is more than likely true, the previous is a bold faced lie.

The Selective Service (aka, the draft) is a means for the government in times of war or national crisis to call up men for combat roles. During the process, the federal government, embodied by the Department of Defense, discriminates between

draftees.

How does the DOD discriminate between draftees – by the use of a battery of physical and mental tests. Anyone not cutting the proverbial "mustard" is turned down for service.

Why is this relevant to the topic at hand? Simply put, most women cannot cut the aforementioned "mustard."

For a time, this country dabbled in the use of women in combat roles (save in the Marine Corps). Disaster is too soft a word to explain the consequences. Morale was in the tank, ships were coming off float with pregnant "sailors" and the entire warrior structure was on the verge of collapse (if one does not believe these statements, read *A Kinder Gentler Military*).

Hence forth, it was deemed that women serv-

ing in combat arms was, to say the least, a bad idea.

Now, how did all this ill will and low morale come about in what had been a well-oiled machine under the Bush and Reagan administrations? Was it as White states, that women were "distractions" to the men or that us simple-minded men fell victim to millennia of being taught to protect the female of the species?

To some degree, both statements have merit, but neither can account for the damage done to the warrior creed by "gender norming" or as one disgruntled general put it, "Unisexing the hell out of the military." I hate to break it to White, but men and women are different.

Those differences go far beyond the realm of sexual reproductive organs – men are faster, stronger, have

denser bones and have more endurance than women.

I can already hear the deafening cries of feminists across this great land saying, "some women could aptly serve in combat." I don't argue that in the slightest. But broad distinctions must be made in order for a mammoth organization, such as the DOD, to operate efficiently. And, for truth be known, the males trying to enter service are put through the same rigors of selection.

The perfect example of "male-on-male" discrimination in the armed forces is the aviator/pilots selection process. It has long been the case in the flight sub-culture of the armed forces for aviators to pass an eye exam. If the potential pilot does not pass the exam – even by the nar-

rowest of margins – he (or in recent years she) is turned down. Now, is this method for selecting pilots fair? Not by any stretch of the imagination. Is it necessary for the "green machine" to continue operating on a smooth and efficient basis?

Do I think some women could serve along side of me in the infantry? Yes, just as I think that some of the slightly near-sighted pilots could be excellent pilots.

But, if we lower the standards, letting in every kid with glasses to flight school, we would have a flight wing that as a whole could barely see their aircraft on the deck, much less the enemy on the ground.

That, dear reader, is what is at stake in re-unixing the armed forces of this country. ♦

What should be done with the space at ground zero?

Banging on My Drum

Cody De Vos
Staff Columnist



The 16-acre site in downtown Manhattan once known as the Twin Towers is now known to architects as "ground zero."

The question of whether to rebuild the towers arose shortly after

the second tower collapsed. However, owing to the sensitivity of the subject, it has only been raised publicly within the past week. Do we rebuild the towers stronger than before? Or should we instead build a memorial to the dead in their place?

Those arguing in favor of rebuilding argue that to let our nation's symbol of economic dominance remain fallen is to admit defeat.

"Tom," a guest poster for *The Opinion's* Web site, went so far as to say that a

failure to rebuild the World Trade Center would be a memorial to Osama bin Laden's victory.

However, many feel that to rebuild the towers as the office buildings they were before Sept. 11 would be to glaze over the greatest tragedy America has seen in recent years.

On *The Late Show*, Dan Rather suggested building an empty replica of the towers as a national memorial.

Architects Gustavo Bonevardi and John Bennett have proposed the

"Towers of Light," an ambitious monument which would use light projections to recreate the towers in the New York City skyline. Still others suggest that a simple memorial park should be erected as a national shrine.

I belong to the second group, the group that believes remembering the lives of the victims is more important than creating more office space in the Wall Street District.

Is it sentimental and impractical, considering

the value of the real estate and the demand for office space in Manhattan? Perhaps. But it seems to me that rebuilding the towers as they were would be akin to fixing the crack in the Liberty Bell or putting a new nose on the Sphinx.

Yes, this means building a tribute to loss, grief and horror. The greater monstrosity in this case would be to clear away the bodies and, in their place, rebuild the towers as a shrine to America's inability to cope with tragedy. ♦

Celebrating renewal of campus life

Canadian Bacon

Patrick Chinnery
Opinions Editor



Props to you, fellow MTSU students.

No, there is no sarcasm in my statement. I mean every one of those words. After years of prodding by everyone from your parents to Nashville rocker Bobby Bare Jr. to the staff of this award-winning

publication, you are finally staying on campus.

Our school is on its way to being a place where the cool kids hang out. Parties rage on the weekend, area bars are full of the college students that they've spent years and thousands of dollars to cater to and there are more than a handful of diners at Waffle House at 3 a.m.

How do I know you are now staying here on the weekends? That's simple: parking. Or, rather, the lack thereof.

When I would go home last semester, I was confident in the fact that as long

as I returned to campus by noon Sunday, I would be assured a parking spot outside of Schardt Residence Hall. But not this week.

I'm proud that so many are choosing to remain in Murfreesboro on weekends.

It is that sort of campus community that will make those fools at *US News and World Report* finally take MTSU out of their fourth tier and move us to the third or, dare I dream, second tier.

There are many reasons as to why you are staying here instead of returning to your hometown. My

first guess is the renewal of interest in our football team.

Since we now possess the fifth longest winning streak in the nation (tied with Nebraska, for heaven's sake!) and a 4-0 record, student support is at an all-time high.

Of course people will stay at home on the weekends; they want to be there to support our winning team.

But that doesn't explain the parking lots brimming with cars this past weekend; the football team was off in Lafayette, La.

Perhaps it's because of

the astronomical gas prices. Chillin' with your homies on a Saturday night in the Murf beats paying \$8 to drive home to listen to younger siblings whine about when they get to have your old bedroom.

Of course, there is also the proposition that you're staying in town because I recommended it. But not even I am willing to give that one too much credence.

Whatever your reason is, fellow students, keep it up. I'm speaking for the community at large when I say I'm glad you're here. ♦

A lesson in environmental common sense

By Shane Dale

Arizona Daily Wildcat (U-Wire)

TUCSON, Ariz. – "From Connecticut to California, sprawl is increasing air and water pollution, devouring wetlands and forests. If we don't do something now, the environmental consequences are going to be devastating."

This inane claim comes from the Web site of the Sierra Club, an environmental organization which, in the preceding quote, claims that urban sprawl is destroying our nation's environmental landscape.

Simple statistical evidence, however, proves this claim to be totally untrue.

According to the National Resources Inventory, a government study performed in 1997 and revised in December, the grand total of developed land in America comes to a whopping 5.2 percent – and no, this total doesn't include Alaska. "Developed land" is any land that has been altered by man, such as roads,

homes, industries, schools, shopping malls, whatever.

The federal government owns nearly half (47.2 percent) of Arizona's land. In other words, almost half of the land in this state is off limits to any kind of private development. Now, take into account only 3.5 percent of non-federal land in Arizona is developed in any way, shape or form, and one may start to realize the absurdity of environmentalists' claims that urban sprawl is destroying our local environment.

But let's go one step further. Factor in federally owned land in Arizona, and we come to a total of 1.85 percent. In other words, less than 2 percent, or less than one in 50 acres, of all of Arizona's land is developed.

Beyond that, the population boom that our great state has endured in the past two decades hardly scratched the surface of Arizona's beautiful 80 million-acre landscape. Since 1982, Arizona has experienced an increase in non-federal land development of only 0.9 percent, or less

than 0.5 percent of its total acreage, including federal land.

Further land development in Arizona is a non-issue, has always been a non-issue and will continue to be a non-issue for the foreseeable future. Don't ever let anyone tell you otherwise.

Looking at the national picture, 21.2 percent of America's land is federally owned – yes, our government owns four times the land that is presently developed.

Exactly 93 percent of all federal land is located in the 13 westernmost states in America (Nevada tops the list at 83 percent). The government owns more than half the land in these states.

But what, then, about the New England states? Surely they must be upward of 80 to 90 percent developed. Nope.

Although much of the land in New England has been populated with booming cities and towns the last 400 years, most of it remains untouched. As far as non-federal land is concerned, according to

the NRI study, 5.8 percent of Vermont, 11.9 percent of New Hampshire, 18.6 percent of Delaware and 30.4 percent of Massachusetts is developed. And remember, these percentages fall once federal land is thrown into the equation.

Even New Jersey, the most industrialized, God-forsaken (according to environmentalists) state in the country, is only one-third developed. Hey, it just might still be the "Garden State" after all.

To be honest, one doesn't need me pointing out all these facts and figures to prove my point. Think about it: how many of you have had a window seat while flying on an airplane in the past? Look out the window, and what do you see? Fields, pastures, forests... in other words, a whole bunch of undeveloped land. The argument that America's gorgeous landscape is still large and plentiful is hardly rocket science.

It's just common sense.

So the question remains: why would so many environmentalist

organizations be against further development and urban sprawl in light of these facts?

It's simple: they hate those who have the means to own a big house. They resent the many Americans that can afford to live in luxury and own nice things. They loathe capitalism, the root of their misery.

The fact is that today in America, environmentalists are liberals and vice versa. Environmentalists dislike those who can afford to build their own four-bedroom, two-story home, just as many liberals despise the fact that our capitalist society has made it all possible. They are one in the same, fighting for a common cause, and it is very sad.

Those who truly believe in preserving and protecting the environment have been trapped by organizations such as the Sierra Club that uses those who think this way for political gain. It's wrong, and applying a little statistical evidence and common sense to the problem will help put an end to it. ♦

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Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Poetry that touches earth and spirit

Professor publishes book, fulfills dream

By Lisa Thomason
Staff Writer

Some people only write poetry. Other people live it, breathe it and truly experience it. Robert Musante III, a professor and graduate student at MTSU, is one such writer who seems to have poetic ideas and imagery coursing through his veins.

After working on a collection of sonnets for more than four years, Musante recently released a book titled *Touching Earth and Spirit*, which contains approximately 50 of his poems. The poems describe facets of the spiritual essence that Musante sees in the physical world. He describes the books as showing "the uniqueness of life in a world filled with and sometimes devoid of spirit."

Growing up in Connecticut, Musante often traveled to Rhode Island to view the ocean, rivers, streams and mountains, the beauty of which serves as an inspiration for his works.

"The outdoor world is religious to me," Musante says.

As a junior in college, Musante had the opportunity to travel to Austria as an exchange student. The scenic vistas of that country, as well as Switzerland and Italy, gave him further material to use in later poems. It was during his time in Europe that he began writing his thoughts and feelings in journals and began experimenting with poetry.

His literary sagacity had much earlier roots, however. Musante acknowledges his father as his primary influence. His father encouraged him to read, so, as a child, Musante read whatever material his father had on hand, including encyclopedias, dictionaries and magazines about gardening, the earth, soil and astronomy.

Musante says the first book he read cover to cover was the famous transcendental work *Walden* by Thoreau.

Despite his early propensity toward reading, Musante says he never pictured himself as a writer. Eventually, however, he found that the spirit he sensed in the natural world and in the

experiences of his life could be eloquently expressed through poetry.

"My early outdoor experience turned into something intellectual," he says. "The experiences that I'm writing about have been in my system for a while, but they finally started coming out."

Musante describes his sonnets as "on the spiritual side," blending imagination with realism. He also comments that most of them are based on his personal experiences. The sonnets relate events from different stages in his life, such as a fight-to-the-death battle he observed between a spider and a hornet when he was 4 years old and the philosophical questions which resulted from his observations.

Although the sonnets are based on his personal experiences, Musante feels his poems are universal in their themes.

"I think there's at least one poem that anyone can identify with," he says.

In addition to the description of arachnid vs. insect warfare, his book includes several other sonnets that involve the animal world, including the abuse he feels they are subjected to by humans and the instincts they possess.

One such poem is *Ferocious Plunge*, which describes the action of seagulls diving into the ocean to catch their prey. The closing couplet epitomizes the opposite extremes and paradoxes in nature:

"The daring hunters search with deathly might/ slaying to live is life's chastising sight."

His book also consists of seasonal poems and writings about spirits, heaven and hell and the afterlife. Some of the poems are written to go together, such as *One to Cherish* and *A Poignant Thirst*. Both poems reflect a balance between love and lust. Others stand on their own, such as *A Treasure Cradled in My Lap* which was written about Musante's newborn son.

Musante explains that his decision to compose his poems in the form of sonnets was influenced by several factors.

"Sonnets fit me as a writer because they're on the Romantic side," he says, adding that Romantic

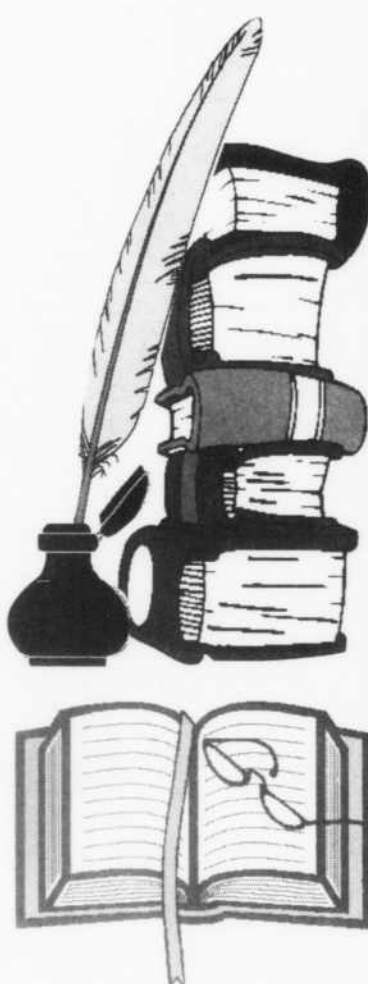


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Robert Musante reads poetry to an audience at the Red Rose located on the Murfreesboro Square.

poets like Keats, Wordsworth and Shelley are among his favorites. "I thought [the collection] would be a unique thing to do, and I think I turned out to be right."

"There are not a lot of books like this."

Musante said sonnets are difficult to write because of the technique involved. The poet has to consider meter, rhyme, word choice and rhymed couplets, then blend them together to produce an expressive, musical-sounding piece of

poetry.

"I like the challenge in it," he says as his wife, Karen, who sits by his side, laughs in affirmation. "That appeals to me."

"He doesn't write just for fun," Karen adds. "He has a purpose."

"He puts his heart and soul into it."

Musante also explains that he generally

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Helpful time management tips for midterms

By Terri Hutzler
Staff Writer

For many full-time college students, it seems like there are never enough hours in the day.

How will I study for Thursday's math exam? How will I finish my English paper that's due tomorrow? Am I going to be able to pay this month's rent? These questions and others similar to them fill the minds of college students everywhere. Because midterms are just around the corner, here are some tips to help you with time management.

1. Get a planner. Even though having a planner in middle school and high school may have been geeky, you are an adult now. Having a planner

reminds you to set down in writing when you plan to do something. For many, it's easier to stick to plans that are written down. You can get a student planner relatively cheap at Phillips Bookstore, Blue Raider Book and Supply or any office supply store such as Office Max or Staples.

2. Plan ahead. At the beginning of each semester, take time to read your syllabus for each course so you have a general idea of when each assignment is due. Doing this will help you manage time to write drafts and revise papers before they are due. This also will help you decide which courses will take more time and involve more study time.

3. Study a little bit each week

for every class so you don't get behind.

It's important to keep up with assigned readings and not to miss class so you know what's going on each week in class. By studying weekly, you won't have to cram several chapters' worth of work in one evening. Cramming for a test may get you through, but it's likely that you won't retain the information for future use.

4. Plan study groups with other classmates. Having a study group can be very beneficial. This can be a way for you to get extra help from your peers with a subject that may be giving you trouble. Participation in a study group also provides a more relaxed environment than that of the classroom. This may

help you understand the material and put it to use.

5. Plan your work schedule around your school work. Don't let work dictate the amount of time you spend studying. Managers are aware that you are in school. Most managers are willing to give you a flexible schedule that allows you the necessary amount of study time you need.

6. Don't forget to relax. You should not spend every waking hour studying or working. It's important to take time to enjoy life. Allow a little time each day to just sit and do nothing. If you can't stand to just sit, devote this time to one of your favorite hobbies. Get a group of friends together and play basketball, go to a movie or bowling.



7. Get plenty of sleep. Most college students think they are invincible, but they're not. Lack of sleep can lead to poor grades and bad health.

College is a wonderful experience.

By taking a little responsibility and managing your time, you can get the most out of your college years and be able to look back on them as some of the best in your life. ♦

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MTSU promotes family fun

By Terri Hutzler
Staff Writer

If you're one of those students who doesn't get home very often to see your family, MTSU has a great idea.

Invite the family to come visit and take part in the annual Family Weekend.

The events for Family Weekend will kick off Friday with a picnic and Raider Rally at 5 p.m.

That evening, students and their families can see the theater arts program at work in its production of *The Real Inspector Hound* in the studio theater of the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building. There is limited seating, so be sure to get your tickets ahead of time.

Saturday's events will begin at 9 a.m. with registration at the James Union Building. This is where students will need to go to get their family's nametags and event tickets.

At 10:30 a.m., MTSU will provide brunch in the JUB followed by remarks from President Sidney McPhee.

Those who miss the Friday night performance of *The Real Inspector Hound* will have another opportunity to see the

play at 1 p.m. Saturday.

If music floats your boat, choose to attend the Kaleidoscope Concert in the Wright Music Hall. The show will include a variety of music presented by students in the School of Music. The concert is scheduled to begin at 2:30 p.m.

The hours between 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. will be a time for fun and food.

The Alpha Omega Pi Barbecue will be held in the grassy area near the tennis courts by the stadium. All proceeds from the event will go to the Arthritis Foundation.

The MTSU Band of Blue, cheerleaders and Lightning the mascot will be on hand at the barbecue.

Bring your family out to support MTSU football as the Raiders take on Idaho at 6 p.m.

If your family doesn't want to make the drive home after the big game, they can attend the Ecumenical Worship Service on Sunday at 11 a.m. The service will be held in the Wright Music Hall and will include an organist, student soloists and a service led by campus ministers.

For more information, go to the Keathley University Center, Room 122. ♦

Poetry: Professor puts heart and soul into his writings after being inspired by nature

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requires a completely quiet environment in which to write.

"It's a soulful experience. I do a lot of listening," he says. "I have to listen to my inner self, and then you get into a dimension that nothing else intrudes on, and you follow it out."

Preceding the first poem in *Touching Earth and Spirit* is a foreword written by Musante's friend and co-worker Tom Strawman.

Strawman, the assistant chair

of the English department, has focused his scholarly interests on European and British Romanticism and, like Musante, shares an interest in the outdoor world and in nature poetry. Strawman notes that his relationship with Musante began with their mutual interest in organic gardening.

Musante concurs with this statement, adding that he often brings Strawman organic shakes he makes from his garden produce.

Strawman's foreword defines a sonnet, discusses the format of Musante's sonnets and illustrates how they fit into the poetic theories of Romanticism.

Strawman echoes Musante in acknowledging the difficulty of writing sonnets, saying in his

foreword that a sonnet "tests the poet's skill and command of language."

"Above all, great economy of expression is essential," Strawman says. "The enormous entirety of a single conception must be completed by the end of fourteen lines."

In describing the themes of Musante's sonnets, Strawman writes, "...These sonnets participate centrally in the Romantic quest for higher knowledge and often for rediscovering a lost world of consciousness."

Strawman also notes that Musante's use of personal experiences is consistent with Romanticism.

"These sonnets bespeak the inner vision of the poet who senses a continuum, a continual exchange between the realms of nature and spirit," he says.

Musante is also quick to acknowledge his wife's role in the sonnet collection. Karen serves as a type of editor, reading all of her husband's poems and offering feedback.

"I have to read them at least a couple of times," she says. "I read them first for the sounds and feelings and then again for the meaning."

Along with offering her editorial guidance, Karen is responsible for the illustration, the frontispiece, in the new book. The picture features the quiet scene of a cemetery nestled beneath a large tree with mountains in the distance. A river winds through the realms-

tery, and an eagle flies overhead.

She said she had to work on the frontispiece periodically for about two years before she was satisfied with it. In its finished form, she feels it reflects the naturalism and spiritualism of her husband's poetry as well as some of the experiences of their life together.

One would think that publishing and promoting a new book, teaching a class and working on a doctorate degree while taking care of a family would be enough to keep any one person busy.

Nevertheless, Musante has already begun work on future literary projects. His first objective is to complete his dissertation, which concerns the literary masterminds William Blake and Percy Shelley.

He also plans to publish a second poetry collection containing sonnets, villanelles and odes. Musante also plans to write a novel, which he says will be about "life, missing closely what you strive for and experiencing little failures and little triumphs."

He plans to work on the poetry collection and the novel simultaneously, having already begun to write some of the poems and already having the ending to the novel in mind.

The work on Musante's future books will be aided by a little yellow legal pad he keeps with him at all times.

"I carry one with me everywhere, so that if I'm driving

down a street, in a store or having a conversation when I get an idea, I can write it down immediately," he says.

Musante plans to again utilize his wife's artistic talents for his future works. He would like to have more of her illustrations throughout his next books, and he expects them to be more "intense."

"I can't see doing work without [Karen] being involved in it," he says.

He also has asked Strawman to write a foreword for his second collection of poems.

To promote *Touching Earth and Spirit*, Musante is doing several book signings and poetry readings in the area.

He entertained an audience of near 50 at the Red Rose Cafe Wednesday, reading 23 of his poems and signing copies of his books.

"I had so much fun reading the sonnets," he says. "It felt like the words and the language were taking over."

"About halfway through, I was absorbed. You could feel the crowd was absorbed, too."

Present in his audience were some MTSU faculty and a large number of Musante's students.

"I'll always remember this one because almost my entire class [English 2030] was here, and they all bought books," he says, bubbling over with contagious excitement. "It's kind of symbolic for me because I really cherish my students."

The value that Musante

places on his listeners was apparent as he spoke to them at the conclusion of his readings. Speaking individually with many of them, he explains the format of and inspirations for some of his poems, and he concentrates intensely on personalizing each book copy that he signs.

Basking in the glow of completing his reading at Red Rose, Musante says, "Most artists don't get to market their work ... and to feel what it's like to be respected and appreciated."

"It's a joyful experience. This book completes me. ... I have a happy headache."

Musante's next reading will be Friday at Hastings in Murfreesboro from 5 to 8 p.m. He will also appear at Books-a-Million Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., at Borders Bookstore in Brentwood Nov. 17 beginning at 1 p.m. and at Sims Fine Art Gallery in Murfreesboro Dec. 1 from 12 to 2 p.m.

In addition to these readings, he is in the process of scheduling readings at Linebaugh Library and Davis-Kidd Booksellers, as well as for the MTSU Honors College.

He also is working on scheduling signings at Phillips Bookstore and Blue Raider Bookstore.

Touching Earth and Spirit can be purchased at Hastings or Books-a-Million and will soon be available at Phillips and Blue Raider Bookstores. ♦




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Monday, October 1, 2001

Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Kruse advances to finals at Furman

Staff Reports

Middle Tennessee women's tennis player Manon Kruse knocked off No. 29 Julie Rotondi from North Carolina 7-6(8), 6-1 Saturday at the Furman Fall Classic to remain undefeated for the fall season.

Kruse defeated No. 21 Jennifer Radman of the University of South Carolina 7-6(3), 7-6(3) Friday.

"Manon had a really good win today," head coach Randy Holden said Friday. "She saw some really tough competition today and really came through."

Kruse will play in the finals of the flight one singles at the Furman Classic.

In doubles action, Kruse and teammate Stacy Varnell also remain undefeated after beating Megan Dunnigan and Natalie The of Furman 8-2.

The duo defeated Alex Lacelar and Kim Jayet of Clemson 9-8 and Radman and Katy Boyanivich of South Carolina 8-2 Friday.

"Manon played an extremely good game today," Holden said. "It was a great day for Middle Tennessee women's tennis."

The team bounced back from tough losses. Verena Preiss, Carlen Venter and Varnell played for fifth place in singles action yesterday, and Emily Vest and Michaela Gridling played for seventh in singles action.

"Everyone played well today," Holden said. "We are competing at one of the toughest tournaments in the country, and I think we are making a great showing."

The finals of the Furman Fall Classic were played yesterday. Results were unavailable at press time. ♦

MT beats Lafayette to stay undefeated

By Shane Marquardt
Staff Writer

Middle Tennessee spotted Louisiana at Lafayette a nine-point lead before answering with 26 points and cruising to its fourth win of the season.

It took a 60-yard run by running back Reshard Lee to set up the first scoring opportunity for Middle Tennessee (4-0, 2-0 Sun Belt Conference).

The Ragin Cajuns (1-3, 0-1) held the high octane Blue Raider offense scoreless throughout the first quarter and

scored the first points of the contest when Jonathan Knott kicked a 22-yard field goal with a little more than a minute remaining in the first quarter.

ULL managed to do what no other team this season could do in the first quarter — hold MT scoreless and score on the Blue Raider defense.

ULL also scored the first touchdown of the evening and, after a missed extra point attempt, held on to a 9-point lead until the MT machine came to life.

It took a handful of tricks to

jump start the Blue Raider offense. Lee, the talented freshman from Georgia, lined up at quarterback and raced 60 yards to set up a scoring opportunity for Dwone Hicks.

Hicks, the nation's leading scorer, scored on a 1-yard run.

Middle Tennessee reversed the field with tricks again for their second score. Wes Counts threw a wideout screen to wide receiver Hansford Johnson. As the defense pursued, Counts rolled to the left where Johnson threw the ball back to Counts who scored. It was the same play

the Blue Raiders used against Alabama at Birmingham last season.

The Blue Raiders never looked back.

Linebacker Brandon Lynch scooped up a ULL fumble and raced 50 yards for his first collegiate touchdown. It was the first time the MT defense has scored this year.

The game also marked the first time wide receiver David Youell scored as a Blue Raider. He caught a 36-yard touchdown pass from Counts to seal the win for MT.

It was Lee's night. His 60-yard run, the longest from scrimmage this year for the Blue Raiders, helped start the MT offense.

Lee had eight carries for 127 yards.

The win over Louisiana at Lafayette put head coach Andy McCollum at the .500 mark in his coaching career at MT.

The Blue Raiders return home to face Sun Belt Conference opponent Idaho Saturday at 6 p.m. ♦

Raiders lose Sun Belt game

Loss makes women's conference record 0-1

By Steven Finley
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee soccer team suffered a heart-breaking 1-0 loss to Florida International in Sun Belt Conference action Friday.

The match, however, credits the Blue Raiders with a victory in improvement and confidence.

No longer a pushover by anyone's standards, the Blue Raiders are now in contention to win every game and have not lost a match by more than one goal yet this season.

"Without a doubt, as a team we have improved 400 maybe 500 percent since we faced this team last year," head coach Scott Ginn said.

Florida International came into Friday's contest still on a high from upsetting then No. 14 Miami earlier in the week and planned on opening the defense of their Sun Belt crown with a victory over Middle Tennessee.

It soon became apparent that the Blue Raiders had come to play, and the Panthers were

not going to be able to duplicate the 4-0 thrashing they handed to MT last season.

Both teams came out playing extremely well.

Defender and co-captain Sarah Schulz led the charge as the MT defense played at a high level throughout the contest. They also did extremely well at containing Panther forward Sasja Odenyo who led the Sun Belt in scoring last season and unleashed bullets at Blue Raider goalkeeper Emily Shrum.

The seesaw battle raged throughout the first half and sent both teams searching for answers at the scoreless half. The Panthers seemed frustrated that the Blue Raiders were not giving up, while MT was looking for that little something extra to put them over the top.

The second half opened up with the Blue Raiders getting an array of quality scoring chances. Danielle LaDuke and Laura Miguez ignited the MT offense and left FIU spellbound with their speed and control. The ball, however, simply wouldn't bounce the Blue Raiders' way,

and the barrage netted them no goals.

The Panthers then finally broke the scoreless tie in the 71st minute when forward Michele O'Brien recovered a loose ball and beat Shrum one-on-one for an unassisted goal.

The Blue Raiders refused to submit, however, and continued to press the Panthers' net. The crowd began to stir, and the Panthers showed signs that they were about to crack under pressure when they received two cautions in the span of six minutes.

The Blue Raiders continued to charge and create scoring opportunities, but they couldn't find the back of the net before time ran out.

The loss dropped the Blue Raiders to 3-4 on the season and 0-1 in the Sun Belt Conference.

Florida International (5-1, 1-0) continued Sun Belt action yesterday afternoon against Western Kentucky.

After the game, the Blue Raiders were left with mixed emotions about the hard fought contest. The disappointment from a close loss was there, but even more evident was a renewed optimism for their

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Ashley Hicks heads the ball past the defender yesterday.

Lady Raiders split home weekend Sun Belt matches



Photo by Amy Jones | Staff

Karissee Baker spikes over the out-stretched hands of blockers during recent match.

By Erich Heinlein
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee volleyball team lost to Sun Belt Conference rival Western Kentucky, 30-26, 30-22, 30-26, Saturday.

The Lady Raiders had trouble getting started, giving up five of the match's first seven points then scoring two more before the Lady Hilltoppers pulled away again, leading by as much as 10.

"We just kind of decided that it was time for us to step it up," co-captain Katie Thiesen said.

This cycle continued throughout the entire first match. MT eventually lost the set 30-26.

"We are a team that has to put all the pieces together all the time," head coach Lisa Kisse said.

MT then started the second set pretty much the same way, losing 10 of the first 13 points. The lead then fluctuated between seven points (14-7) and 10 points (21-11). The Lady Raiders lost set two 30-22 on an Erin Hillstrom service error.

The third set stayed a little

tighter. Western Kentucky was winning by as little as two points and by as much as five points. WKU eventually won the set 30-26.

Shakeitha Deckard once again led the Lady Raiders with 12 kills and 25 attacks.

Others contributing to the Lady Raider attack were Thiesen who had 10 kills, 20 attacks and six digs. Karissee Baker added 10 kills and 23 attacks.

Bilyeu contributed 18 assists and 10 digs to the cause.

As a team the Lady Raiders had 45 attacks, 122 kills, three service aces, 42 digs and 40 assists, 35 of which came from Bilyeu and Kelly Quinn.

Tara Thomas led Western Kentucky with 16 kills and 38 attacks. As a team, Western Kentucky had 49 attacks and 130 kills.

The Lady Raiders won for the first time in four matches, beating Louisiana at Lafayette 30-27, 30-18, 20-30, 30-19.

The Lady Raiders dominated throughout most of the first two matches. In the third match, the Lady Raiders ran into a little trouble and lost 30-20.

According to Kisse, in the

third match ULL's game plan simply worked.

"Their strategy was to keep [Katie] Thiesen and Karissee Baker out of the match on offense by serving short," Kisse said. "We've played well in spurts, but we haven't put together a whole match all season. Tonight we did that."

Kisse also pointed out that this strategy almost worked in the first set.

During the match as a whole, this strategy did not work so well, as Thiesen led the Lady Raiders with 17 attacks and 30 kills for a .467 attack percentage. Baker had 12 kills on 26 attacks for a .385 attack percentage.

"Katie had 100 church members come from her church tonight to see her play and she was really excited," Kisse said.

Deckard added 35 attacks, 15 kills and nine digs, but she had only a .171 attack percentage due to nine errors.

Other Lady Raiders that contributed to the win were Bilyeu with 20 assists and Hillstrom who had nine kills, two service aces and 13 digs.

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Little Rock, Ark.
4 p.m.

SATURDAY

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6 p.m.

Men's Tennis

Blue Raiders at All-American Championships
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Women's golf is reality at MTSU

By Randall Thomason
Staff Writer

Four years ago, Middle Tennessee women's golf was just a vision on the drawing board. Now, under the leadership of coach Kim St. John, formerly the women's coach at Oral Roberts, Lady Raider golf is playing competitively for the first time, forming the foundation for what appears to be a limitless future.

St. John, hired in July 2000, was new to the middle Tennessee area when she took the head coaching job of the fledgling MT program. Looking for a challenge, St. John was excited to be named to the post.

"I like the area, the school and the challenge," she said. "There are more opportunities to succeed here."

In order for St. John to have success, however, she needed a

team. Hitting the recruiting trail hard produced great results, as MT successfully signed the top three prospects in the state of Tennessee last year.

Selling a first year program to recruits is not the easiest ordeal, but St. John's enthusiasm attracted many talented players.

"Coach was just so energetic about the new program," junior player Kandace Burnett said. "Coach is a big competitor and has a lot of experience; I like that."

St. John says solid recruiting every year is the key to her program's long term success. She is very comfortable in the situation she is able to offer to prospects.

"We have a brand new program, good facilities and a nice training room. We can offer everything other schools offer except tradition."

Building tradition from

scratch is something that motivates St. John and her team.

"We need a year or two to lay the groundwork and get our girls, especially the freshmen, some experience under their belts."

With experience, she concedes that Lady Raider golf has what it takes to be a NCAA tournament team within 10 years, or less.

Playing in a strong Sun Belt Conference -New Mexico St. ranked 8th in the nation last season- will make it difficult in the early going for MT. But the team has set high goals.

The Lady Raiders aim to complete all tournaments with a score of 960 or below, finish in the top half of the field every time out and to place in the top three at the Sun Belt Tournament.

St. John likes the ambitious goals set forth by her team, but

she concedes that a top five finish at the conference tournament would be an outstanding achievement in the program's inaugural campaign.

"We have no seniors this year, and to finish in the top half of our conference would be a great accomplishment."

The positive attitude of the team is a firm foundation to build on.

"Coach St. John always finds positives in every situation," Burnett said. "We have a very supportive team."

The future of Lady Raider golf looks very strong in the hands of St. John. With no seniors on the squad this year, and St. John working on another stellar recruiting class, it is safe to say that MT will be a major factor in women's golf for years to come. ♦

Volleyball: Sun Belt games

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steady performance with seven kills, 20 attacks and 10 digs. Quinn also contributed 26 assists and nine digs.

As a team, the Lady Raiders reached their season high with 152 attacks, while also putting together 65 kills and 54 assists, 46 of which were contributed by Quinn and Bilyeu.

Clarice Lares led the Ragin'

Cajuns with 17 kills and 31 attacks.

As a team, the Ragin' Cajuns managed 141 attacks, 59 kills and 55 assists in the loss. Connie Byrnes had 44 assists.

MT's record is now 5-9 overall and 1-2 in the Sun Belt Conference.

The next game for the Lady Raiders is Tuesday at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga at 6 p.m. ♦

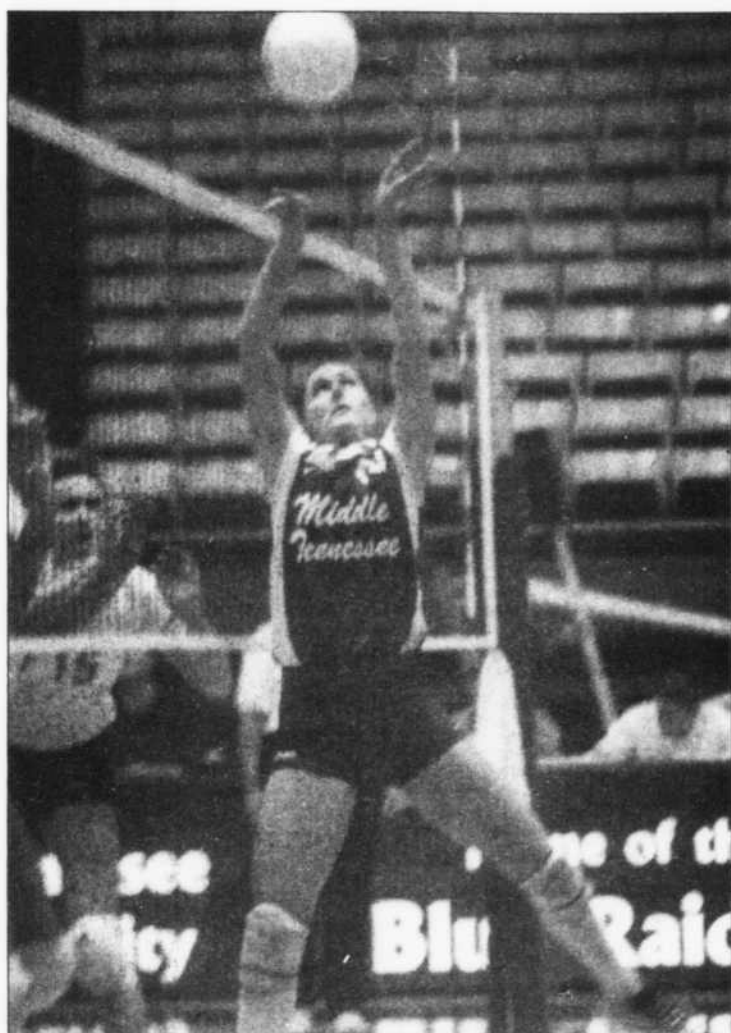


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Kelly Quinn jumps up to set the ball for the hitter.

Soccer: Middle Tennessee loses tough conference game 1-0

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conference destiny.

Playing last year's Sun Belt champion down to the wire proved that the Blue Raiders are climbing the mountain of improvement and that it is only a matter of time before they reach the summit.

"We're not too worried about the lack of goals today," Ginn said.

"We are a young team, and

the girls are just now coming into their own."

One reason for the Blue Raiders increased level of play has been the output of Miguez, a freshman midfielder from Dallas.

Almost like out of *The Fast and The Furious*, Miguez has been the nitrous boost that ignites the team's offense.

Her aggressiveness leaves no corner of the field unscathed, and she is constantly setting up

the forwards with good scoring opportunities. Her assist total has her tied with Lindsey Bopp for the team lead.

Middle Tennessee beat Lipscomb, a first year program, yesterday.

MT is looking to gain momentum for the upcoming five-game stretch of Sun Belt Conference games.

Middle Tennessee will begin the road trip at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock Friday.

MT has also added another game to its schedule. The team will take on Appalachian State Oct. 17 at Lady Raider Soccer Field.

The two teams were originally scheduled to meet Sept. 14 in Boone, N.C., but the match was canceled after the terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C. ♦

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