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School to reduce number of required hours

By Kristy Adams
Staff Writer

Students may be graduating a little earlier in the coming year thanks to a change in the hours required for graduation.

Instead of the existing 132 or more hours to graduate, students may receive a diploma after only 120 hours at this time next year.

Under a new curriculum, MTSU students will spend fewer semesters on campus and less money for their Bachelor's degree.

According to William F.

Ford, the Weatherford Chair of Finance in the College of Business, students will save nine percent in total tuition spending once the new curriculum goes into effect.

Although Ford has had no bearing in decisions thus far, he wants to help students graduate sooner.

"I don't see why students should have to go to school four and a half years to get a four-year degree," Ford said.

When the curriculum changes, entering freshmen will receive a new catalog that only requires 120 hours. It's uncertain

how students already enrolled will be informed. As of now, few faculty members even know of the change.

Ford encourages all students to take a copy of the new catalog next fall. Students should also be aware of the classes being dropped in their department by talking to their advisor.

"Stay away from any electives for now," Ford warned. It could mean an early graduation.

Once the change takes place, each department will decide which courses to eliminate. Electives will most likely go first. For those departments

without electives, whatever the faculty considers least important in the major will be dropped. No general requirements will be eliminated.

The push for change came from the Tennessee Board of Regents through a project called Defining Our Future. Under this project, TBR is re-examining and modifying current operations, so Tennessee will use less money.

Mary Morgan, Director of Communications for TBR, said they're looking at university spending.

"It's taking students too long

to graduate," Morgan said. "The TBR will continue to work with MTSU to get the curriculum started."

MTSU's requirements to graduate are much higher than most schools. Vanderbilt students graduate after 120 hours, the University of Alabama at 128 and the University of Kentucky at 120-123.

While the new curriculum will save students' money, it will also increase MTSU's revenue, according to Ford. Students will graduate sooner, allowing an increase in enrollment.

"Instead of controlling

[enrollment] by turning students away," Ford commented, "we control it by getting the students we got out of here sooner with less debt."

The curriculum will also save the federal government money through grants. Students will not need the government's support for such a long period of time.

The change in hours is not set to begin until fall of 2003 at the earliest. Students are encouraged to inquire about the changes prior to their implementation to save time and money. ♦

Blowout can't dampen team spirit

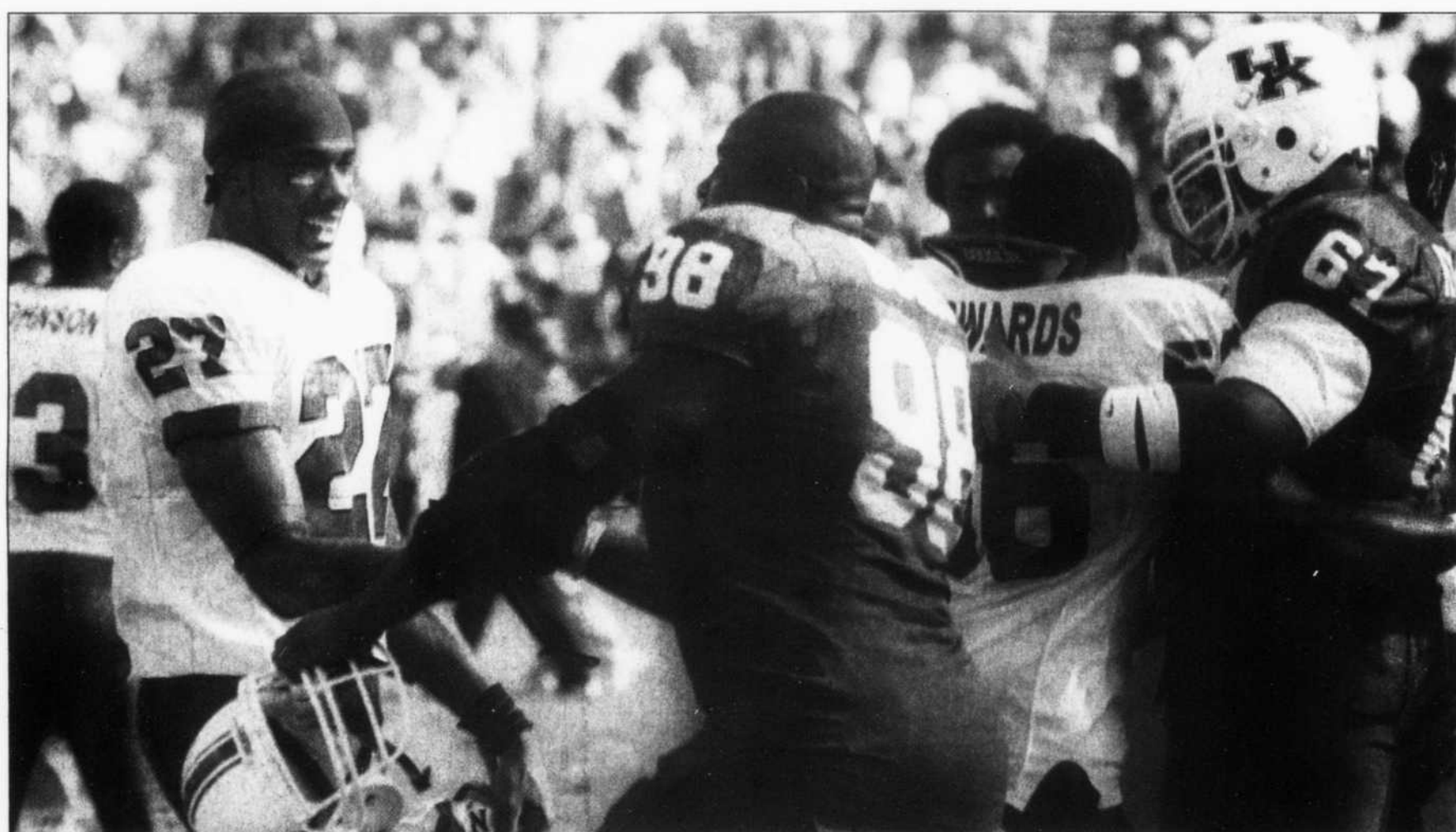


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(Above) MT and UK players congratulate one another after the game.

(Below) Blue Raider Tyrone Calico takes a handoff.

Encouraging Signs

Dwone Hicks had a season-high rushing game with 97 yards rushing that culminated into two touchdowns for the running back.

Wide receiver Kerry Wright had an impressive 33-yard run in the second quarter.

Quarterback Andrico Hines had ten completions for 202 yards and scrambled for 36 yards during the game.

Linebacker Randy Arnold lead the team with seven solo tackles and one assist.

Full safety Will Martin had five solo tackles and three assists.

For the full story on Saturday's game, see Sports, page 6.

Programs to share classroom resources

By Lindsay Palmer
Staff Writer

MTSU and the University of Tennessee Space Institute have agreed to combine their programs and resources for the benefit of students at both schools.

According to Thomas Cheatham, dean of the College of Basic and Applied Sciences, MTSU signed the agreement with UTSI in early July.

"We held several meetings ... and decided that the two most appropriate areas [for us to team up on] are aerospace and computer science," Cheatham said.

Cheatham added that the agreement was not extremely detailed.

The combination is more of a "memorandum of understanding," not legal, but explaining ways that the two schools can work together, Cheatham noted.

According to Cheatham, the agreement basically implies that students at UTSI can enroll as a transient student at MTSU and take classes on campus.

"UTSI doesn't do flight training, but they do flight testing," said Paul Craig, chair of the aerospace department.

The aerospace department is offering some courses in air traffic control that some UTSI students are taking.

"They don't have anybody on staff," Craig said. "Putting them together saves the state some money."

In return, UTSI is providing MTSU with better-equipped planes to use for the application of the testing rules they have learned in class.

"They have some airplanes we don't have, which helps with testing," Cheatham said.

The UTSI planes have controls and monitors at every seat, Cheatham said. The students who work with the planes will better understand how to gather data and calculate horsepower.

The computer science department is also collaborating with UTSI. They plan to send a video version of computer science 3250 to UTSI, who will in turn send it to their students around the world.

UTSI has several students who are also military personnel. Video courses benefit them greatly because of their inability to be constantly physically present.

According to Cheatham and

New directory system implemented

'Barge-in' software more convenient

By Tiffany Brown
Staff Writer

A new and more accessible telephone directory system is making life easier for all MTSU students and faculty.

The new automated telephone directory system was installed last September, and after a period of testing and fine-tuning, was announced to the university in December.

"The automated attendant is not replacing the printed campus directory that comes out each fall," said Stephen Prichard, Director of Telecommunications Services.

According to Prichard, the new system will act as an enhancement to the old system. The new system is more complete and easier to use. It will include off-campus students.

The new directory includes all of the information provided in the printed phone directory and is updated on a weekly basis, allowing spring enrollees

to be included that once were not available in the directory printed only once per year.

"Most all of our traffic goes through the operators first," Harper said. "If a caller is looking for an off-campus student, of course the operators, they don't have that information in their file, so they will transfer those calls back to the automated attendant."

The system will ask the caller to spell a name if it is unsure of the request. It operates using phonetic spelling and is highly accurate in retrieving informa-

tion.

The Telecommunications staff believes the system will aid in assisting disabled students.

"This campus has always had a reputation for being very accommodating for persons with disabilities, and this is just another step," Prichard said. "We are trying to make all persons and services available to any person regardless of their situation."

"Someone who has trouble dialing can speak instead of dialing and get connected to employees, students or depart-

ments on campus by just speaking the name," he said.

The system has cost approximately \$75,000, but is considered by many to be a wise investment.

"We consulted with Adaptive Technologies, and Disabled Student Services was even involved, because we needed to do an update because the old system was just limping along and was not serving the need," Prichard added.

"This system seemed to be a

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Career Day allows students to investigate

By Scott Murphy
Contributor

Murphy Center was crawling with potential job candidates Thursday afternoon as students took advantage of MTSU's annual Career Day.

Students ranging from ambitious freshmen to desperate seniors paced frantically around the track at Murphy Center, talking to potential employers.

"I am just trying to get a step ahead," sophomore Nicole Brown said.

Many industries, ranging from insurance to food service, were present. Representatives from the various organizations were willing to answer any questions presented to them.

"We are just here to let the students know what we are about," said Dan Miller, a representative of UPS.

Overall, the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11 have had a negative effect on American industries. However, the attacks have actually boosted employment in the security and defense industries.

"America has felt more of a need for security since Sept. 11,

and because of that, there are more opportunities for employment in government security agencies," FBI special agent Steve Hooker said.

The past year has been an unsteady one for students seeking employment. No one is quite sure what long-term effects Sept. 11 will have on the U.S. economy.

"I just want to start thinking about a career now, so I will know what I want to do when I graduate," junior Lauren Brown said.

While many industries are reluctant to seek new employees because of the unpredictable state of the national economy, the technology and healthcare industries are currently growing at a substantial rate, according to the *Business Week* career outlook.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics cites computer software engineering as the current fastest growing occupation. Eight of the ten fastest growing occupations involve computer technology.

Job opportunities requiring manual labor are expected to

decline according to *Business Week*. This decline can be largely attributed to the replacement of human workers by machines.

Employees in industries such as farming, fishing and banking may find themselves replaced by machines in the near future.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the number of employees working for large corporations has declined. In contrast, smaller companies have continued to grow. It should also be noted that the majority of employed Americans work for smaller companies.

While Career Day may not have helped every student to discover their future career, it did allow students the opportunity to get a glimpse of what the job market is currently like.

"By figuring out what careers are looking good in the future, I can decide what my focus should be in school," freshman Matt Young said. ♦



Photo by Steve Cross | Staff Photographer

Freshmen and seniors alike took full advantage of Thursday's Career Day events at Murphy Center. A wide range of organizations participated by informing students about new and upcoming job opportunities in the Murfreesboro and Nashville area.

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Craig, the collaboration hasn't cost a great deal of money so far. MTSU is funding the creation and mailing of the distance-education tapes. MTSU also funded the upgrading of the computer systems.

Cheatham said the program benefits MTSU students because they now have a better link to studying at UTSL. UTSL has graduated more than ten astronauts, and MTSU students have a better opportunity to continue in graduate programs there.

Craig also noted the importance of hands-on experience.

"The biggest benefit this semester is simply that students will get hands-on experience in air flights departing from Murfreesboro in UTSL planes," Craig said.

For more information on the MT/UT agreement contact Cheatham at 898-5508 or Craig at 898-2788. ♦

Trip aimed at giving students new outlook Travel to Cuba allowed by U.S. government

By Victoria Cumbow
Staff Writer

Despite governmental restrictions on American tourist travel to Cuba, the department of Foreign Languages and Literatures is planning a cultural adventure trip to the island nation.

The trip is intended to help students gather a cultural perspective on Cuba and learn more about their heritage while forming a personal opinion on the country.

"We should have more opinions on our close neighbors," said Ric Morris, assistant professor of Spanish and Linguistics as well as trip coordinator. "Most people's opinions are filtered through poli-

tics or what the media tells them. It's all a big mystery."

Morris hopes that this trip will help students to gain their own perspective on Cuba. He added that it's easy to have opinions without really knowing.

"Almost all things heard about Cuba are negative because there's no background information," Morris said.

This will be Morris's third trip to Cuba. He has also participated in extensive research on the country as well as presented research on Cuba at the Tennessee Foreign Language Teaching Association in Nashville in November of 2001.

"It's an eye opening experience. It's a different system and

government. Everyone either appreciates the American system more or appreciates it a little less," he added. "It's very paradoxical until you witness it yourself."

The class will be welcomed by Proyecto Espiral, a youth volunteer group. Along with it and the International Outreach Educational Center, the class will be assisting in different types of volunteer work.

Aside from volunteering, students will visit Old Havana by bicycle or pedicab, learn first hand about Cuban education, arts and music and talk with Cubans discussing Cuban-American relations.

Students will also visit farms, markets, schools, clinics, sports, historical sites and

the mountains of western Cuba.

A little over forty years ago, an economic embargo was enacted against Cuba by the U.S. government. Congress passed a law that said no U.S. citizen could spend money in Cuba, which inevitably banned travel there, Morris explained.

Since this is an educational trip, the U.S. government will issue a Cuban visa, U.S. government travel license and health insurance for all going on the trip.

Morris admitted that there are exceptions to complete safety, but they are few.

Tourist safety has never been a major factor in traveling to Cuba, he said.

Morris is very mindful of safety and added that Cubans are very welcoming of Americans because they see so

few of us.

"They are extremely welcoming because they understand what we have to go through to visit," Morris said. "Americans either come illegally or jump through legal hurdles. It's like a gesture of solidarity, and the reception is warm."

Spanish knowledge will be helpful, but it is not required. Accepting a spot on the trip will automatically enroll the student in the one-hour Spanish 3000 class, which counts as an elective credit for any MTSU bachelor's degree.

There are a limited number of slots open, and space is expected to fill up quickly.

For any questions or information, call Morris at 898-5902. ♦

Directory: Out with the old

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"This system seemed to be a good step forward for the university to better serve everyone. There are some places you just don't want to take the cheapest solution," Prichard said.

The system is also capable of other uses.

"It is a dynamic system as well, and down the line, we can create other applications for it, such as giving students their long-distance balances," Harper said. "It can really be like an information system if we want it to be."

Harper also noted that once students become familiar with menu functions, the system is easy and quick to navigate through.

During the normal operator hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, callers can call the operators and be transferred into the automated system or dial directly into the system at 898-5000. After normal operator hours, callers will be connected directly to the automated system.

"The number of calls average between 250 to 300 calls a day, but most of those calls are after hours," said Harper.

This system, however, was not intended to replace human operators.

"The intent was to better serve our after-hours callers and to enhance what they are doing, with information like e-mail addresses," Prichard said.

When calling in, the caller will be prompted to say "student," "employee" or "depart-

ment." They will then be prompted to speak a name and provide detailed information about the subject sought. The system will give the phone number and the option to be transferred if the call is on campus.

"The old automated system was from the 1980s and was a dial-by-name system, where you had to dial the name of the person you wanted to call," Prichard said. "We could not keep it updated and as current as it is now."

All campus directory information is available on the new, comprehensive system. ♦

It's Midlander Portrait time again...

Portraits for the 2003 Midlander Yearbook will be taken from September 17th through September 27th. Hours daily are 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. There is no sitting fee and no obligation to purchase picture packages. Why not have your photo taken for the only historical record at MTSU?

It's quick and painless, and Midlander representatives will be on hand to take orders for the 2003 book. The book is only \$35 until September 30th. After that the price goes up, so be sure to place your order!!

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Call the Midlander Office at 898-2815 to set up an appointment time. All hours are the same as above.

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From the Editorial Board

Game brawl brought more unjustified calls

All the Middle Tennessee fans who went out to the football game Saturday in Lexington, Ky., were expecting to see MT fight to beat a Southeastern Conference team.

Well, they got a fight, but it probably wasn't the one the fans were expecting.

It was the last play of the first half when University of Kentucky quarterback Jared Lorenzen's pass was intercepted. MT defensive tackle Jerry Vanderpool and Lorenzen got into a shoving match. At that point, an unidentified UK staff member came rushing out into the field and the melee started. Both benches cleared, including players and coaching staff.

At the end of the brawl, MT starters Vanderpool and Devarick Scandrett were both ejected from the game. However, Kentucky only had two of its bench warmers ejected.

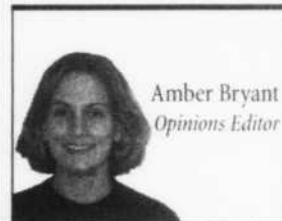
What kind of sense does that make? Lorenzen, who was part of the reason the fight started in the first place, was only hit with an unsportsmanlike conduct foul and was allowed to stay in the game. The benches cleared because some hothead from UK's staff came running out onto the field. Why wasn't the UK staff member forced to leave the game? Why does MT once again take the biggest hit?

In the three games against SEC schools, MT has been the brunt of bad officiating.

If "Little Middle" is going to have a fighting chance of beating a big-time school, the officials are going to have to call the games fairly. ♦

From the Opinions Editor

Vanderbilt decision to rename hall impetuous



Amber Bryant
Opinions Editor

Vanderbilt University could be facing a lawsuit after failing to inform the United Daughters of the Confederacy of the decision to rename the historical Confederate Memorial Hall.

The UDC donated \$50,000 in 1932 (equivalent to \$600,000 today, according to Statistical Abstracts of the United States) to begin construction on the hall. "We are not erasing history," said Vice Chancellor for Public Affairs Michael Schoenfeld. "It is not consistent with the university's values to require students to live in a building, however noble the name is, that gives offense to the residents."

I would expect a top-tier university and its students to be a little more historically proficient. The Confederacy is an essential piece of Southern history and shouldn't be cast aside

just because ignorant people automatically associate the name with racism.

True, the Civil War was largely influenced by differing views regarding the institution of slavery, but the conflict illustrated greater arguments. Most people simply ignore the undivided history of the Confederacy, so they can either continue to be angry about past mistakes or claim them as an excuse for bigotry.

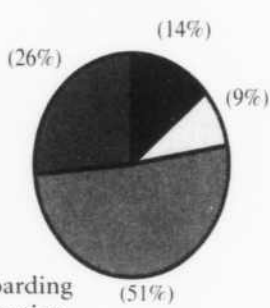
However, Vanderbilt officials' folly only begins with their ignorance. According to members, the university did their best to hide the decision from the UDC. I wholeheartedly believe them, since MTSU leaders do the same thing with almost every major decision they make. How ironic it is that the people students and community members trust to lead them to an educated future are the same ones pulling the wool over our eyes again and again.

Vanderbilt's actions sadly reiterate what I've always suspected: Even our educators are still in the dark. ♦

Sidelines online poll results

Last week, we asked readers, "Should the United States take military action against Iraq?"

- Yes, they've violated U.N. sanctions for far too long.
- Yes, they may be hoarding weapons of mass destruction.
- No, the conflict isn't worth the American casualties it would bring.



No, Hussein has no mass destruction capabilities.

Visit www.mtsusidelines.com to answer this week's poll question, "Do you think the right players received punishment after the fight during Saturday's game?"

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MT athletics need support, pride



I'm Just a Girl
Wendy Caldwell
Staff Columnist

In the wake of football season, I often find myself wondering one thing: where is the school spirit?

Sadly, it is not at the Thursday Raider Rallies, although it ought to be. That's the only place on campus where one can actually eat on Thursday evenings.

But that's a tyranny I

will attack in some other column.

The average student is not beaming with Middle Tennessee pride. It cannot be found on a casual walk through campus.

Where, then, can school spirit be found? Greek Row – more specifically, the Alpha Gamma Rho house.

Before the big MTSU versus University of Tennessee face-off (which, according to the online poll, most people did not see because they are big losers), the men of AGR hung a huge banner from the house, forecasting

"Lightning" in Knoxville on Saturday. One of the brothers who lives in the house is painting a mural of Lightning and the Blue Raiders logo on his bedroom wall.

Now that's MTSU spirit – and craftsmanship.

So what's missing from everyone else? This is football, in which grown men wear spandex and slap each other's butts while chasing around an oddly shaped ball. What's not to like?

Besides, where else other than the UT game could you scream and yell, get into a fight with a Vols

fan, throw all of your trash on the ground and not be the jackass of the situation? They'd walk away saying, "How calm the Blue Raiders are." UT fans are nuts. We should be, too.

So, come on – paint your face, paint your chest, decorate your car and dye your hair. At least learn the fight song – and scream it all the way to the game.

To the men of AGR, I salute you. Your support for the Blue Raiders hasn't gone unnoticed.

To the other Blue Raider fans out there, I salute you as well. You're

an example to us all.

However, to everyone else (and you know who you are): Get off your ass and cheer.

Go to the Raider Rallies – it's free food and entertainment. Go to the games (or at least watch them on television).

Or, if sports aren't your thing, at least wear your MTSU shirts and look interested.

It's time we supported MT athletics. ♦

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Teachers need options



Canadian Bacon
Patrick Chinnery
Assistant News Editor

No rational person will quibble with the fact that public educators aren't paid enough, especially those teaching in middle and high schools.

What is more open to debate is how to raise the pay. Should a raise be given automatically to a teacher who has taught in the system for x number of years? That's certainly the orthodox way to go.

But why should a teacher on a tenure track get consistent raises when he or she is inept as an instructor? I can remember teachers in high school that I'm confident I could have destroyed in a game of Jeopardy. I can also recall teachers that had only been practicing for a few years that had forgotten more about a subject than I'd ever learn and could still trounce me in a test of knowledge.

Teachers shouldn't be denied just compensation solely because they're only a year or two out of college. It's, quite frankly, a case of age discrimination.

How, then should raises

be determined?

The method approved by the Bush Administration is to rate pay with students' standardized test scores. This plan, too, has obvious flaws.

For starters, I wouldn't want some punk kid, who thinks he's too cool to be taking tests, to have a say in how much I get paid. Then, there are the children who truly want to do well but will get nervous and bomb the test.

Putting the salary of a teacher in the hands of students is not something that I'd ever want a part of.

Furthermore, it's insulting to teachers to have their entire year's worth of work evaluated by one test. "If a system says all we're going to do is give a test, and based on that, determine if you deserve or not deserve pay, I think that is very degrading for me as a professional," explained Dennis Van Roekel, with the National Education Association in an interview with CNN.

Proponents would argue that so long as the teacher did a good enough job with the material, no one would have a problem with the test. But that theory doesn't hold water with the two above examples.

A compromise needs to

be reached, and the city of Chattanooga has reached a pretty good one.

To recruit teachers for its beleaguered poverty-area schools, the school board has authorized annual \$5,000-a-year bonuses for teachers whose students demonstrate 15 percent above a normal year's progress in state tests.

That's in addition to the pay raises tied to longevity.

This hybrid pay scale, which was financed by a city sales tax, could successfully be applied to districts nation-wide. It makes everybody a winner.

Jurassic-era teachers, who are hanging on just to get a paycheck, but were never that good instructors in the first place, would still get the raises that they have come to expect. Meanwhile, those teachers who were good at their jobs would get the extra compensation that they most definitely deserve.

Encouraged more than normal by teachers who no longer possess thread-bare wallets, students would score better on standardized tests. ♦

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Letter to the Editor

Fowler underestimates Christ's purpose

To the Editor:

I agree that there is a lot of debate going on in the paper about religion; however, I do not agree with Nick's terminology about Jesus ("Jesus, clawhammers and parking," Sept. 19).

Jesus didn't complain about the "problems" Nick is referring to. Jesus had bigger issues to deal with than parking. His life purpose was to spread God's word, to demonstrate God's love, to bring good news, to sacrifice Himself for others, to be a source of abundant life and to help people understand the kingdom of God.

Jesus' most controversial act was that He repeatedly claimed to be God, which was a direct violation of the Jewish law. In each of several official trials, the Romans found that He wasn't guilty of breaking any Roman law. Even the Jewish leaders recognized that, other than His claim to be God, Jesus followed the Jewish law perfectly. Still, the religious leaders, using the argument of political disfavor, persuaded Pilate, a Roman governor of the southern province of Israel, to authorize an execution.

Jesus was brutally tortured and then hung by His hands, which were nailed to a horizontal wooden beam. His followers and friends did try to stop the execution. The Romans stopped them and killed them. Stopping an execution isn't as easy as Nick thinks. You can't just walk up to a cross where someone is getting hung and try to take him/her down. That would be like walking into a prison and stopping an execution.

One of Jesus' last quotes, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do," doesn't direct the Apostles to run and get tools to get Jesus off the cross. He was directing it towards the Romans. Jesus prays for the executioners who do not understand or believe that Jesus is God. Plus, we aren't "lucky" Jesus forgave us; it was God's gift.

Larissa Soper

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Contemplating financial crossroads

How to avoid student debt, spend wisely and save for a secure future

By Stephanie Hughes
Staff Writer

The initiation into financial debt usually begins with the start of university life. Having to pay bills can be a shock to some students. After tuition, rent, food and utilities are taken care of, there's not a lot left over for little luxuries. Making the money stretch can be even more of a struggle.

Let's face it: When it comes to managing money, some of us need a course or two.

SunTrust sales representative Sophie Llorens advises students to do several things to manage their money.

Tip 1: Set Up a Savings and Checking Account

Even though most students are using their money for school, it's important to have a little nest egg for the future.

"Opening a savings account is a good idea for students who need to pay back student loans, want to get married or want to buy a house when they graduate," Llorens says.

Most banks require a minimum of \$100 to open a savings account and limit the number of times a month a customer may make withdrawals.

"We try and help the customer save by restricting withdrawals," she says.

It might seem hard to think about saving money when you have bills to pay but stashing away a little will help later.

"I recommend putting back at least \$10 a week," she says. "It all adds up by the end of the year."

Along with a savings account, students should set up a checking account as well.

"We have an economy checking plan where students can write up to five checks a month, track information about their account and pay bills online for free," she says. "I also recommend applying for a check card. It's a lot more convenient than writing checks."

Bank of Murfreesboro manager Cheryl Price believes that it's important for students to learn how to manage their money, especially if they are away from home.

"If students bring in their first month's statement, we will go over it with them, show them how to balance their checkbook and show them what to look for," Price says.

Tip 2: Use Credit Cards Wisely

It can be a little too easy to pull out the plastic when making purchases. However, you can build credit and be responsible at the same time.

"Credit history is very important when it comes to buying a house, a car [or] any large purchases," Llorens says. "I suggest having one major credit card like a MasterCard, Visa or Discover and one other card."

Because of the high interest rates, it's a good idea to pay off the bill right away to avoid further debt.

Tip 3: Be Practical

Always look for ways to save money. You don't have to buy the most expensive sweater or have the nicest television. Shop around and find the best bargains. Try to buy things when they're on sale or clearance. End of the season sales are always the best for finding good deals.

But most students open their wallets for rent and food.

To save on rent — consider more roommates if you are in an apartment or house or are not married; the rent can be split between everyone. Also, don't rent the most expensive place in Murfreesboro. There are some nice, affordable apartments that are waiting to be found.

To save on groceries, clip coupons. The Sunday edition of *The Tennessean* usually inserts packets of coupons. Most of the major grocery store chains, such as Bi-Lo, Food Lion and Kroger, offer free bonus cards to customers as well.

Limit the amount of times you eat at restaurants. Restaurants probably get more business from college students than any other group of people. By the time you tip the server, you could've bought two meals for the price of one.

Tip 4: Date On A Budget

If you occasionally date, are dating someone or are married, there are things you can do to have a great time without going broke.

Rent a movie or go to the \$2 Keathley University Center theater instead of going to the movies frequently.

Cook a romantic dinner every once in a while instead of going out to eat.

Buy a book with good date ideas and try something new.

There are hundreds of ways to manage your money well and to become a savvy saver.

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Knowing and eliminating origins of stress

By Keosha Thomas
Staff Writer

Recognizing that stress has become a way of life can be as easy as looking in the mirror.

Frazzled hair, tense shoulders and bloodshot eyes can all be indicators.

It's easy to be blind to the signs of stress when your standard of living is simply surviving.

"The first step to managing your stress, is to be aware [that] you have stress and recognize it as a problem," says Michael Johnson, assistant director of Guidance Services.

Take a minute to think about where all your stress originates.

"My stress comes from parking, due dates for major assignments, attendance and non-understanding teachers," Christin Rankin, a psychology major, says.

Other stress-causing factors include the average amount of classes you attend each day, loads of homework, studying, work, friends and extra-curricular activities.

Common symptoms include problems with eating or sleeping; increased use of alcohol or other drugs; increased boredom and fatigue; problems making decisions; increased procrastination; becoming anxious and confused over unimportant events; inability to concentrate or pay attention; inability to get organized; weakness, dizziness and shortness of breath; anxiety attacks; persistent hostile or angry feelings; increased frustration with minor annoyances; nightmares, headaches, backaches, muscle aches or tightness in the stomach

and frequent indigestion.

Start eliminating stress by using a calendar, planner, a to-do list or a diary. Try to set up a daily or weekly schedule to allow time for class, study, leisure and all other activities that are important or fun for you.

Other short-term techniques to help manage stress:

1. Relax. It may be hard to do, but it is possible. We are humans, not robots. We must learn to take time out of our busy schedules to relax.
2. Take a break. Get some exercise or take some time out to talk to friends or go somewhere private.
3. Ask yourself whether it's worth being upset over the situation. You can choose to stay calm and ignore it. If the issue is important, confront it directly, talk it out with a sympathetic friend or write out in a letter that you don't send.

Long-term ways to handle stress:

1. Seek your own stress level.
2. Choose your own goals. Don't live out choices others may have made for you. Do what works best for you.
3. Let your friends perform their duties and let them help you in your times of need.
4. Think positive. Your body brings about what you focus on. Stop sending yourself bad vibes and try to reward yourself.
5. Keep your expectations realistic.
6. Accept what you can't change and learn to move on.
7. Live in the present.

Call Guidance Services at 898-2670 for additional questions about stress management. ♦



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Redbone and ragtime



Jazz musician Leon Redbone lets loose at a free performance at Wright Music Hall last Thursday.
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Murfreesboro, Tenn.

MT fights way through 44-24 loss to Kentucky

By David Hunter
Staff Reporter

The MT football team dropped to 0-3 on the season with a 44-22 loss to the University of Kentucky in a game that included a bench-clearing fight at half time.

With one second left in the first half, UK quarterback Jared Lorenzen threw a deep pass that was intercepted in the end zone by MT defensive back Aaron Pitts. Pitts returned the ball to the MT 29-yard line when time expired in the first half. At this time, Lorenzen and MT defensive lineman Jerry Vanderpool started shoving each other.

A Kentucky staff member rushed into the field and both teams cleared their benches and swarmed the dueling players. Many punches were thrown, and helmets were used as weapons. The coaches, police and referees separated the on-field chaos.

"It got us excited," Lorenzen said. "When a team comes into your backyard and starts fighting, it gets you pumped up and ready to play. The fight probably shouldn't have happened, but it was nice to see the team come out there to support us."

MT head football coach Andy McCollum questioned the officials' choice in handing out penalties.

"They called two personal fouls — one on (Jerry) Vanderpool and another on (Jared) Lorenzen," McCollum said. "It looked like Lorenzen swung at him, and Vanderpool pushed him back. They called personal fouls on both of them, but Vanderpool gets thrown out of the game. Lorenzen did not. We lose two starters and

they lose two backups. We'll learn more from the film — it was ugly and there's no place for it in the game."

The other players ejected because of the fight included MT defensive lineman Devarick Scandrett and UK offensive linemen Sylvester Miller and Michael Aitchison.

"I didn't know what was going on. I heard the crowd, so I looked up. (Jared) Lorenzen was on the ground," MT linebacker Randy Arnold said. "I was really just trying to break it up. When something like that happens, you just can't run off. You have to stay in there with your team."

The half proceeding the fight was a carbon copy of how the Blue Raiders have started the

end. Demetrios Walker sacked Lorenzen at the MT 32. UK kicker Taylor Begley added a 49-yard field goal to extend the UK lead to 17-0 with 7:33 left in the 1st quarter.

With 1:53 remaining in the 1st quarter, UK downed a punt at the MT 1-yard line. Two plays later, MT quarterback Andrico Hines hit wide receiver Tyrone Calico with a 45-yard pass to the MT 46.

The first quarter ended with MT down 17-0. The Blue Raiders have been outscored in the first quarter 53-0 this season.

"I really don't know what it is," MT linebacker Michael Woods said. "We just had slow starts of games. We have to improve on that and get it going in the first half."

The Blue Raiders still had the ball at the beginning of the 2nd

quarter. With 4th and goal from the UK 1-yard line, Hicks took a pitch from Hines and scored to put MT on the scoreboard. On the extra point, kicker Brian Kelly runs it into the end zone for the two-point conversion with 12:11 left in the 2nd quarter to make the score 17-8.

The touchdown by Hicks is his 45th in his career, passing Joe Campbell for the school record in rushing touchdowns.

On UK's next drive, the Wildcats answered back with a 9-yard touchdown run by Pinner. The score gave UK a 24-8 lead with 8:08 left in the 1st half.

Andrico Hines took the Blue Raiders to the UK 24 during the next drive. On the next play, he connected with Calico with a 24-yard touchdown pass. It was Hines' first touchdown pass as a Blue Raider. He also ran in the two-point conversion

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"They called personal fouls on both of them, but Vanderpool gets thrown out of the game and Lorenzen doesn't."

—Andy McCollum,
MT football head coach

season.

On the first drive of the game, UK went 85 yards in eight plays with a 13-yard touchdown run by Southeastern Conference leading rusher Artose Pinner.

Then on MT's first possession, Blue Raider running back Dwone Hicks was stripped of the ball by UK defensive end Vincent Burns. UK safety David Johnson recovered the ball at the MT 33-yard line with 9:33 left in the 1st quarter.

On the very next play, Lorenzen found wide receiver Derek Abney in the end zone for 33 yards out to give the Wildcats a 14-0 lead.

On the following kickoff, MT's Reshard Lee returned the ball to the MT 20-yard line. Then, UK defensive end Deion Holts stripped the ball from Lee, and UK recovered on the MT 26-yard line.

However, on UK's 3rd down, MT defensive

Football team gains experience

By Kentral Moore
Staff Writer

Although Middle Tennessee is 0-3, better days are ahead.

Their losses have come against some quality Southeastern Conference opponents, and MT has not played up to its full potential.

"We gave a great effort," MT head coach Andy McCollum said. "I thought their defense played well, but I was proud of our offensive line. We did some nice things rushing the football."

McCollum wasn't the only one who noticed the vast improvement in the offensive line.

"The offensive line did a great job today," MT quarterback Andrico Hines said. "They have two great defensive linemen. They had a good scheme for us. It was good coaching on their behalf."

For the first time this season, MT out-rushed their opponent. Kentucky had 205 rushing yards compared to MT's 220.

The players are excited about getting back on the field, and they still feel they have a lot to play for.

MT has yet to play a Sun Belt Conference team, and the players know they must all be on the same page in order to repeat as Sun Belt champions.

Hines is ready to get on the practice field and correct any mistakes.

"We got to keep fighting for ourselves," Hines said.

McCollum is prepared to get his team ready for SBC games.

"We had chances and opportunities, but we missed too many tackles," McCollum said. "That last run by (Artose) Pinner was ridiculous. I don't want to take anything away from him, but we should be able to tackle him. He doesn't go down on first contact, he makes a lot of plays and he catches the ball well."

The MT defense did make some big plays, although most

were overshadowed by missed tackles and a potent Kentucky passing game.

Junior linebacker Randy Arnold led the team with seven solo tackles.

Junior cornerback Aaron Pitts had an interception and a 29-yard return and one solo tackle to end the 2nd quarter.

Junior cornerback Muhammad Rashad had a tackle for a loss of 4 yards.

Freshman sensation defensive lineman Devarick Scandrett had 2 sacks for a loss of 13 yards before being ejected from the football game.

Junior defensive end Demetrios Walker also had a sack for a loss of 8 yards.

The Blue Raiders have their first home game of the season against Southeast Missouri at Floyd Stadium this Saturday. ♦

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Head coach Andy McCollum looks up in disgust after another Southeastern Conference team holds MT scoreless in the first quarter.

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Tailback Reshard Lee moves down the sideline. Lee ran for 33 total yards with a long rush of 15 yards. Lee also caught two passes for 11 yards

Soccer team drops losing record with back-to-back wins

MT wins over Alabama A&M and Murray

By Erich Heinlein
Staff Writer

The Blue Raiders put an end to their losing record with two wins this weekend.

Danielle LaDuke took part in both goals to play a dominant role in the Blue Raiders' 2-0 win over Alabama A&M University.

In the second minute of play, LaDuke beat one AAMU defender and took a shot to put MT up by one.

Later in the first half, LaDuke passed a ball to Christina Mascaro, who hit the back of the net to put the Blue Raiders up by one.

The Blue Raiders continued to fire away throughout the game, out-shooting AAMU 34-

4. AAMU only had one shot on goal, making Emily Shrum's job very easy as she only had to make one save.

"The biggest positive is we won," Blue Raider head coach Aston Rhoden said. "We definitely needed to win this game."

AAMU goalkeeper Jerry Twala had 11 saves but gave up both goals. Jennifer Slaton had a second half shutout with seven saves.

High shooters for the Lady Raiders were Emily Carter with six shots, Laura Miguez with six shots and Danielle LaDuke with five shots.

AAMU's Christina Grant had the only shot on goal.

"We didn't play to our potential, but we still came away with the victory," Rhoden said.

The Blue Raiders continued their winning streak with a 2-1 win over Murray State University.

The Blue Raiders dominated the ball in the first half of the game. LaDuke tried to get her

second assist of the weekend with a pass to Miguez.

Murray keeper Karen Fitzharris made the save. Miguez tried again, but Fitzharris held her ground.

In the 18th minute, Sarah Linder had her corner kick passed back to her. Linder crossed the ball into the box. It sailed over the heads of several players before finding Carter who headed it in. The score was 1-0.

The next goal was another header. Murray State's Abbie Perez put a corner kick in the box and Brook Royer put it into the goal.

With the score tied 1-1, the Blue Raiders came into the second half strong. In the 71st minute, Sheri Robbins arched a free kick over the head of Fitzharris for the win.

MT opens SBC season play this weekend against Florida International University Friday in Miami, Fla. ♦

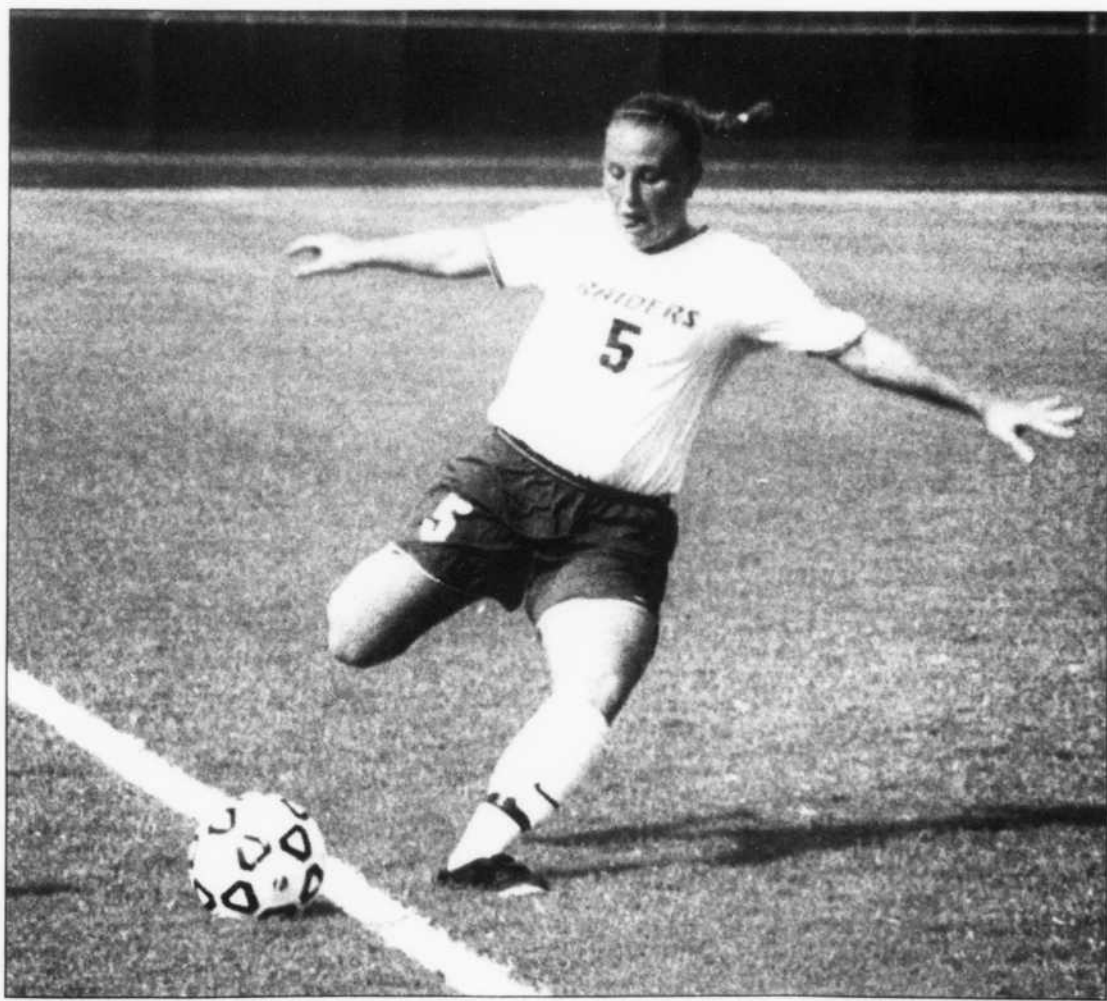


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Senior defensive midfielder Megan McGregor strikes the ball downfield to a fellow teammate during last Friday's game against Alabama A&M.

Tennis team holds their own in tourney

By Erich Heinlein
Staff Writer

Despite the rain that forced the Blue Raiders to move their tournament across town, the tennis team surpassed the expectations of Blue Raider head coach Dale Short.

"Traditionally, we are a top twenty team, but this year we are no where near that," Short said. "This tournament gives us a chance to see where we are and how we need to improve."

On the first day, 10th ranked Daniel Klemetz and Kirk Jackson won a pair of games against University of Louisville's Jake Kirts and Jakob Gustafsson and the University of Mississippi's Paul Ciorascut and Catalin Gard.

Jackson beat Ben Stapp of Memphis, 4-6, 6-4, 6-1.

On Saturday, Klemetz injured his right knee and had to withdraw in the doubles round.

However, MT players Michael

Staniak and Shea Kurropo made the finals.

In the early stages of the finals, Staniak and Kurropo fell behind thanks to some unforced errors and some powerful shots by the University of Evansville, eventually falling behind 7-2.

"They met my expectations, but we do still have some weaknesses."

—Dale Short,
MT Men's Tennis coach

down emotionally because of my previous loss, but eventually I got it together and unfortunately, we couldn't close the door on them."

After falling behind 7-2, the Blue Raiders came back because of a series of aces and unforced errors by the Aces.

"The ace in the second set, when we were behind 7-3, was definitely the turning point," Staniak said.

"Once we hit that turning point, it was like we actually managed to serve the ball on the court," Kurropo

said.

In order to get to this match, Staniak and Kurropo beat Southern Illinois 8-4.

Overall, Short was pleased with the weekend.

"This weekend, they met my expectations, but we do still have some weaknesses in which I will be meeting with each player individually," Short said.

The Blue Raiders added Amanant Sitarom from India to the team, who competed despite questions of eligibility.

"Today we are just trying him out and let him play unattached to the team," Blue Raider head tennis coach Dale Short said. "Due to NCAA rules we can't let him play this fall, we can't coach him or let him wear MT apparel, because he doesn't have enough credit hours transferred this fall."

Sitarom will be declared eligible to play in the spring. His match had not been completed at press time. ♦

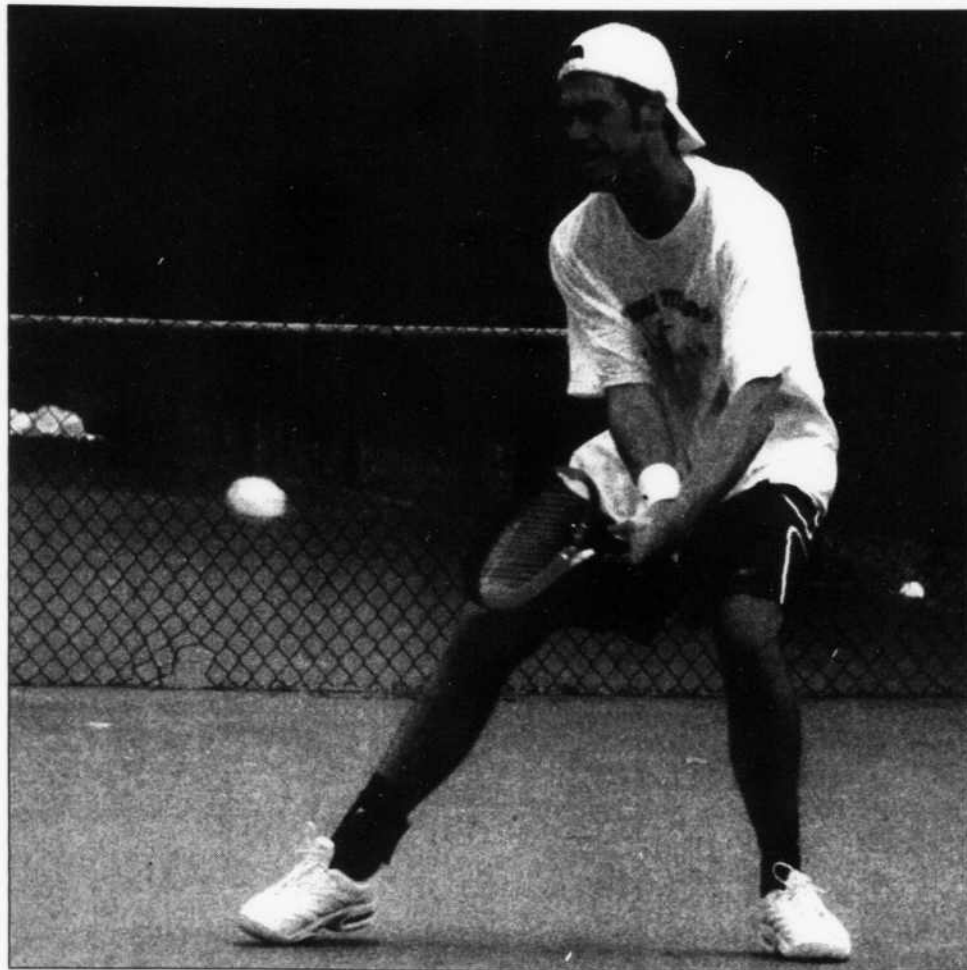


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Kirk Jackson hits a forehand at this weekend's tournament hosted by MT.



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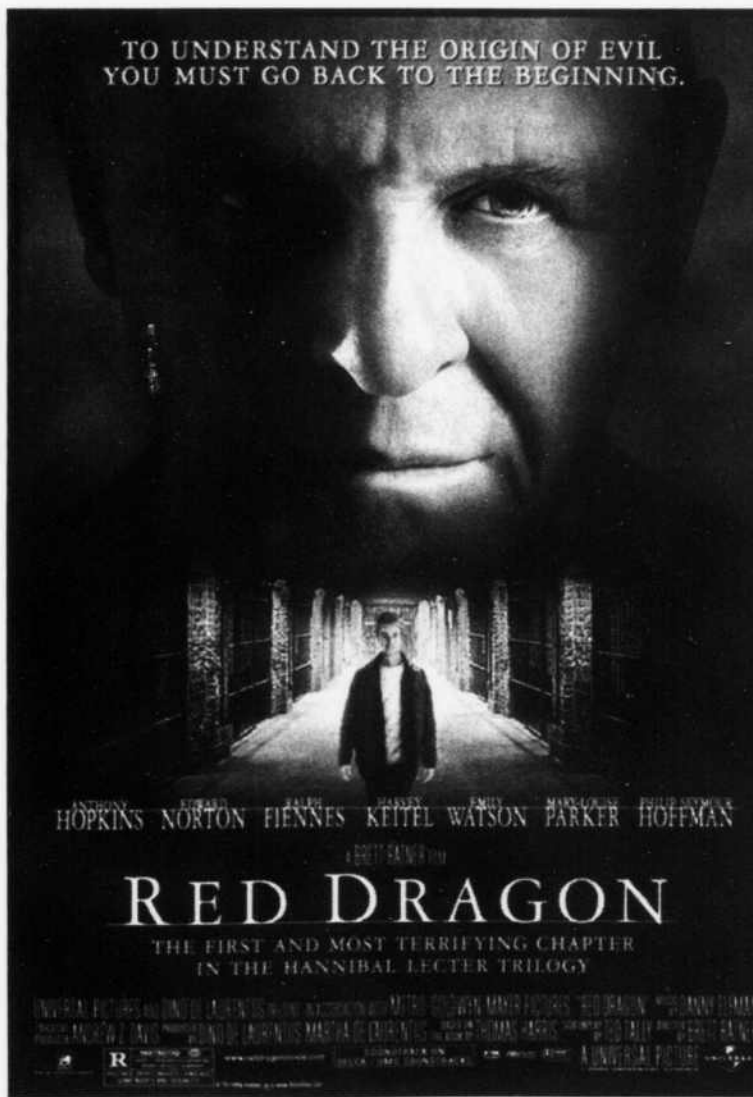
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Football: MT has more yardage than UK

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with 4:39 left in the 1st half. MT cut the lead to 24-16.

The Blue Raiders struck first in the second half. Hines found Hashem Joyner with a 39-yard pass to the UK 16. On the next play, Hicks ran for his second touchdown of the game to pull MT closer, 24-22.

The two-point conversion was good until Youell was called for offensive pass interference. Kelly missed a 35-yard extra point. It was the first one he has missed after hitting 31 straight extra points.

That was the final time MT would score in this game.

The first UK possession ended with Lorenzen throwing a 13-yard touchdown pass to Pinner to extend the UK lead 30-22.

After stopping the Blue Raiders, UK found the end zone again with 2:01 remaining in

the 3rd quarter. Lorenzen hit Aaron Boone on a quick slant across the middle. Boone took the pass 72 yards for the touchdown. The Wildcats lead was lengthened to 37-22.

In the final quarter, Pinner added the third touchdown run of the game with a 54 yarder with 6:24 to go in the game. The final score was Kentucky 44-22.

"We got down early and fought like crazy to get back," MT quarterback Andrico Hines said. "Things didn't go our way, and we have a lot of improving to do. That starts this week in practice. They have a good football team over there. We have to give them credit."

Hines finished the game with a career high of 202 yards passing on 10 of 19 attempts and his first career touchdown pass.

His counterpart, Lorenzen, finished 22-31 with one interception and three touchdown passes.

Hicks had a season-high 97 yards rushing and two touchdowns. UK running back Pinner ran the ball for 163 yards, three rushing touchdowns and a touchdown catch.

Kentucky had 510 total yards to MT's 422 yards. The 422 total yards is a MT season high. The Blue Raiders are now 1-21 all-time against SEC teams.

"We gave a great effort," McCollum said. "I have to go back and watch the film. I think Andrico (Hines) did a good job. It looked like Dwone got going after out first turnover, but he got hurt later in the game and couldn't play."

"Overall, it wasn't a good day and we've got a lot to go back home and work on."

The Blue Raiders will have their first home game of the season Saturday when former Ohio Valley Conference rival Southeast Missouri comes to Floyd Stadium. ♦

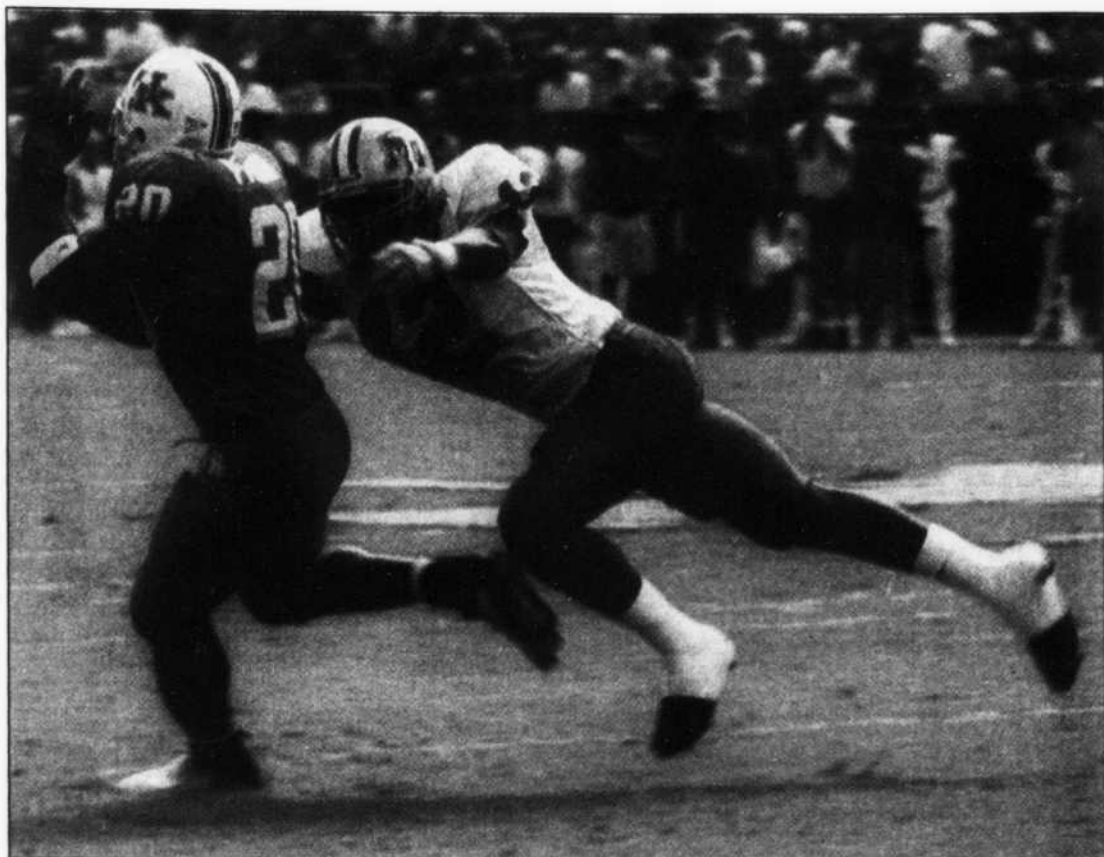


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MT's Will Martin takes down Southeastern Conference rushing leader Artose Pinner.

Sports Briefs

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Cross Country

The Blue Raider cross country team was slightly more successful than the Lady Raiders this weekend at the 21st Annual Western Kentucky University Old Timers Classic Saturday in Bowling Green, Ky.

Levi Sybert came in at No. 13 in the men's five-mile at a time of 26 minutes and 32.97 seconds. Coming in first place in the event was Alan Horton from Eastern Kentucky University at 25:22.48.

The second fastest runner for MT was Geoffrey Lagat in the 18th spot. His time was 26:55.36. Coming in at No. 28 was Steve Saffstrom with a time of 27:48.22. Times for the rest of the team were Anthony McGary's 28:24.90 for No. 31, Edwin Koech's 28:31.61 for the 32nd spot, Josh Carroll at 29:29.63 for the 38th spot and Sean Rabe at 32:40.62 in last place.

The Lady Raiders' Trisha

Devalcourt was No. 18 of 25 with her time of 21:03.26. The last five spots of the women's five-kilometers were taken by the Lady Raiders.

Women's Tennis

By Sunday afternoon, the Lady Raiders tennis team had advanced to the two doubles' teams and two individual players to the singles finals.

The doubles team of Stacy Varnell and Carlen Venter and the team of Jennifer Klaschka and Laura McNamara both advanced to the finals. Stacy Varnell is part of the doubles team with Manon Kruse, recently ranked 10th in the nation in the Omni Hotels Collegiate Tennis preseason poll.

Venter also advanced to the finals in the singles match with a win over the University of Charlotte's Ashleigh Murray in the Flight A first round losers bracket. Varnell advanced to the

finals through the defeat of the College of Charleston's Dana Goffin in the Flight B second round losers bracket.

All finals events were played Sunday afternoon. Results were not available by press time.

Volleyball

The women's volleyball team is now 9-4 after a 3-1 win over Austin Peay State University last week.

Austin Peay fell to 3-8 after the loss. The team high kills of the event were Keke Deckard's 17 kills. Deckard also had 18 digs in the match. Another double-double performance was made by Erin Hillstrom with 11 kills and 19 digs.

Freshman libero Kimberly Moeller, had a career high of 13 digs to assist the Lady Raiders defensively in their win. The Lady Raiders had an attack percentage of .224, almost doubling Austin Peay's .153. ♦

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