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MTSU drop-out rate remains steady

By Meagan Kirby
Staff writer

For the past few years, MTSU has held a consistent drop-out rate that has been in line with national averages. This year will be no different.

The most common reasons students drop out are homesickness, medical reasons, jobs or financial problems.

There are several different ways for a student to withdraw from MTSU. During the fall or spring terms, students can withdraw using PipelineMT, Tram or going to the Admissions and Enrollment Office.

During the summer term, students must go to the Admissions and Enrollment Office in order to withdraw.

These procedures are about to

change though. Sherian Huddleston, interim assistant vice president for enrollment management, plans to discontinue use of Tram for students to drop out. The enrollment office wants to find out more about why students are dropping out from MTSU.

Soon students will only be able to use PipelineMT or go by the Admissions and Enrollment Office to drop out, and when they do they

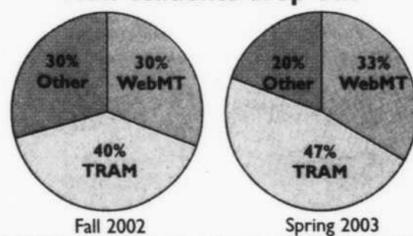
will have to fill out a questionnaire as to why they are leaving.

"I am creating a 'task force' to look at the procedures and policies of dropping out to see what needs updating," Huddleston said.

A total of 809 students dropped out in the fall of 2002. Of those students, 238 dropped out for reasons listed as "other," which could

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How students drop out



War drums to doldrums



Photo by Micah Miller | Staff Photographer

The drum line packs up one of their bass drums Friday afternoon, preparing to go to the MTSU-Georgia game. Georgia defeated the Blue Raiders 29-10.

College student stress focus of research

By Stephanie Hill
Staff Writer

The *Christian Science Monitor* reported in May that "nationwide, 1 in 10 college students has been diagnosed with depression."

"Health experts warn that existing mental-health issues, when combined with academic pressure, can undermine a student's feelings of competence and peace of mind," according to the article.

In 1999, Ken Johnson, Dan Casey, Barb Ertl, George Everly, and Jeffery Mitchell released a training manual titled, "School Crisis Response: A Critical Incident Stress Management Perspective-Training Manual," which listed different stress periods for students from September to May.

The manual addressed topics such as homesickness, which is prevalent in all students to a degree, but more so in freshmen.

Feelings of inadequacy and inferiority also develop due to the discrepancy between high school status and grades and initial college performance.

Students can feel depressed because of real or perceived restrictive policies and regulations of the college.

The manual outlines many different pressures in a college student's life, ranging from academic pressure such as midterms and finals to extracurricular activities such as parties and social service projects.

"What they [struggle to achieve] is at the expense of self-care. Students don't attend to their diet or get enough sleep," said Sherry Benton, assistant director of counseling services at Kansas State University said in the article.

"They tell themselves they don't have time, when the reality is they don't have time not to. We're far more likely to see people with high anxiety and depression with 3.5 to 4.0 grade point averages," Benton said.

On campus, Guidance Services provides many different services for students, faculty and staff such as one-on-one counseling, consulting in the classroom and outreach to students.

Last summer, the office hosted a program during Customs for entering freshmen and their parents that focused on managing stress.

Guidance Services extended the program with a multimedia presentation for freshmen in the University 1010 classes, presented by Guidance Services and Public Safety.

Topics discussed include drinking and illegal drugs, sexual assault and practicing unsafe sex, as well as screening for depression, eating disorders and stress.

"Our goal for our center is to help students stay in school and function, rather than be considered a mental health center," Jane Tipps, director of Guidance Services, said.

"We want to help students adjust to college life and not get so overwhelmed that they cannot function and go home. Typically, if a student goes home from college and drops out, he or she will not return," Tipps said.

The Guidance Services staff also includes Assistant Director Michael Johnson, counselor Jeanne Hoehst-Ronner and nurse practitioner Rhonda Thompson.

"Right now we are understaffed," Tipps said. "We should have one counselor for every 1,700 students, according to the American Counseling Association. Hopefully, we will add more people to our staff in the next three years."

Tipps explained that only 8 percent of all college students across the country use their guidance services on campus for their problems.

Tipps said that the transition from high school to college for the first time is more stressful than the transition from a community college to a

Stress periods for students

- September**
 - Homesickness for freshmen
 - Values crisis
 - Foreign students sense confusion, vulnerability and lack of any advocate in power positions
 - October**
 - Freshmen begin to realize that life at college is not as perfect as they were lead to believe by parents, teachers and counselors
 - Mid-term workload pressures
 - Sexual conflicts and confusion result when confronting different heterosexual standards and homosexuality
 - Non-dating students sense a loss of esteem because so much value is placed on dates
 - November**
 - Academic pressure is mounting because of procrastination, difficult work and lack of ability
 - Homesickness blues develop
 - Economic anxiety because loans become due and funds from summer begin to run out
 - December**
 - Extracurricular time strain
 - Seasonal parties drain students
 - Final exam stress
 - Christmas depression - some students can't go home for break
 - January**
 - Post-Christmas depression and being away from home again
 - Party month due to lots of free time
 - February**
 - Many students experience optimism because second semester is perceived as going down hill
 - Couples establish strong or weak ties
 - March**
 - Drug and alcohol use increase
 - Depression of leaving those who met at college
 - Existential crisis for seniors
 - April**
 - Academic pressure increases again because of midterms
 - Summer job pressures
 - Selection of major pressures
 - Papers and exams piling up
 - Social pressure - lots of trips and activities to go to
 - Job recruitment panic
 - May**
 - Anxious about year ending and a deficiency exists in a number of academic areas
 - Seniors panic about jobs
 - Depression of leaving friends and facing conflicts with parents
- From the *School Crisis Response: A CISM Perspective Training Manual* by Ken Johnson, Dan Casey, Barb Ertl, George Everly, J., and Jeffery Mitchell. ♦

Internet theft bill enters study amid controversy

By Nick Fowler
News Editor

The penalties for stealing Internet service will be debated in a joint committee of the Senate and House of the Tennessee General Assembly, whose first meeting is on Wednesday.

The special study committee was formed after House Bill 457 and Senate Bill 213 received more criticism than expected.

Much of the controversy surrounding the bill comes from its ambiguity.

Its opponents have said that in its original form, it specifically limited the types of devices one could use to connect to the Internet. Even the amended bill allows Internet service providers to specify what devices can and cannot be used with the Internet service, according to its opponents.

"It's not about theft of ser-

vice, it's about control," Jay Kosturko of the Tennessee Digital Freedom Network said.

Advocates of the bill say the opponents just don't understand the purpose of the bill, but they have been quick to offer amendments to satisfy these opponents.

"We're trying to protect communications service providers," said Stacey Briggs, executive director of the Tennessee Cable Telecommunications Association.

The intent of the bill has been misunderstood, and there is a lot of misinformation about the bill, Briggs said.

"It's a felony to use an unauthorized access device," Kosturko said. The service provider could make virtually any device unauthorized and therefore dictate what hardware the user connected to the service and what software they

used over that service, he said.

Briggs said this is not the bill's intent.

"You have to intend to defraud a service provider of compensation," she said. Using routers and firewalls to connect your neighbor or another household would be illegal, she said. Using routers and firewalls within your own home would be allowed.

There are devices that allow customers of regular cable service to steal digital cable. These devices would be illegal if used to steal service, Briggs said.

Opponents say these provisions in the law are unclear.

Kosturko also said the penalty for violating the act is too high. Each day that a person is in violation of the law constitutes a separate offense. This is comparable to charging someone for each day they possess a

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Drop-outs: Task force created to lower, analyze drop out rate, procedures

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be because of military deployment, non-payment or death.
In the spring of 2003, 843 students dropped out, 164 of those being for other reasons. All together 1,652 students dropped out last year.
"What we are trying to do is become more organized to talk to students as

they leave the university so we can become more aware of the factors that are causing students to leave so that we can do a better job in terms of helping students stay at the university," said Bob Glenn, vice president for student affairs and vice provost for enrollment management.
Another reason students leave is because they are purged from the sys-

tem. Students can be purged because they have not confirmed their financial aid by a specific date. Students who are purged will not be able to attend classes until they are re-registered.
Each semester, there are three purges. In the 2002-2003 school year, 3,644 students were purged in the fall and 2,864 students were purged in the spring for a total of 6,508 students.

However, most of these students settled their financial aid and re-registered.
Every year, there is a census date when the number of students that have dropped out is counted. The census date is 14 days from the first day of school. This year, the date was Aug. 31 and only 169 students had dropped out.
Glenn has some advice for students.

"Keep up with your work, do not get behind, and do not work outside of class anymore than you have to. Some people have to work full time in order to go to school, but that is a different situation from a person working because they want to wear a certain type of clothes," Glenn said. ♦

Stress: Guidance Services extends hours to help students

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four-year university.
"When you leave high school and go directly to college you are leaving your support system and your home," Tipps said.
"You are adjusting to a new place, which is one of the most stressful things in the world."
"However, when someone transfers from one school to another, the student has to deal with moving as well as adjusting

to a new academic setting and standards than at the previous university," she explained.
She also said students should understand that it is OK to give up some commitments.
"I tell students to multiply every credit hour they have by three and you have your commitment," Tipps said. "For example, if you take 15 credit hours, then multiply it by three and you have 45 hours, which equals a full time job. If you

work as well, you are putting in a 70-hour week," she said.
Tipps encourages students to become familiar with the signs of depression and stress. Some helpful websites are www.ulife-line.org and the Guidance Services Web page which has links to online self-assessments on alcohol and illegal drugs, eating disorders, depression and suicide.
"Each year different stresses emerge," Tipps said. "Older stu-

dents might feel stressed because of financial problems or they are unsure if they picked the right major and have enough practical experience to go with their bookwork."
"Freshmen are also adjusting to college life and being away from home. Remember, Guidance Services is here to help you deal with the stresses of college," Tipps said. ♦

Anti-theft: Controversial bill makes Internet theft a felony

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gram of crack cocaine, rather than just one charge for possession, he said.
The penalty for connecting five or more illegal devices to the connection is a Class D felony. The penalty for a Class D felony is no less than two years and no more than 12 years in jail, and the jury can assess a fine up to \$5,000.

much money, not to control what devices are connected to the service.
Kosturko read about the bill at Slashdot.org, a technology news forum at 9:30 p.m. the night before it was to be presented at the House Judiciary committee last spring. He showed up at the meeting where he met several other opponents to the bill. They quickly formed the TNDF and launched a Web site.
"We are group of concerned citizens trying to prevent this legislation from being passed," Kosturko said.

what people will think it will do," Fitzhugh said.
The cost of the bill could prevent its passage, as it has other recent bills, Fitzhugh said.
Bills that require funding must have a fund source before being passed. According to a fiscal note attached to the bill it will cost the state a maximum of \$14,900 per incarceration.
"If there is not funding to take care of that, it could make a difference," Fitzhugh said.

Wed. Sept. 10 at 11 a.m. in Room 30 at the Legislative Plaza in Nashville. ♦

The bill also allows for civil action by the service provider. A service provider could sue the user for each day he is in violation of the law. The provider can be awarded damages between \$1,500 and \$10,000 per day for each illegal device.

"It is possible to reach a compromise where they [service providers] are protected from theft, and our freedom to use our computers as we see fit is protected," Kosturko said.

The first meeting, for organizational purposes only, is on

Briggs said the penalties for theft of service have not increased. They have just been extended to cover digital services. The penalties are the same as stealing regular cable television under the old law, she said.

Craig Fitzhugh, D-Ripley, said he has received many phone calls from constituents concerning this bill. Fitzhugh is chair of the House Budget subcommittee where the bill was last reviewed before it was sent to the study committee.

Fitzhugh also says there is a disparity between what the legislation's sponsor says it will do and the general perception of the bill's impact.
"I don't think the bill will do

The bill amends an older law that was inadequate, Briggs said. The old law does not include theft protection for digital services such as high-speed Internet, digital television and future services.

The cable industry claims to be losing up to \$130 million a year due to people accessing services and not paying. Briggs said the bill has been amended to clarify that the telecommunications industry wants the law passed to protect against theft of service that is costing them so

what people will think it will do," Fitzhugh said.

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OPINIONS

From the Editorial Board

Proposed cable laws harsh, hinder free trade

If you've ever stolen digital cable or Internet service from Comcast (the local cable service provider by way of monopoly) or thought about it, listen up.

Two bills that will be discussed in a Tennessee General Assembly committee could significantly raise the penalties for stealing service as well as dictate the type of equipment that can be used in consuming said service – legally or illegally.

The proposed consequences for stealing service are excessively harsh. If the two bills pass as currently written, every day the service is used illegally would be considered a separate offense, which Jay Kosturko of the Tennessee Digital Freedom Network compared to charging someone caught with a gram of crack cocaine for each day they possessed the substance.

It would be considered a felony to steal the service even for one day, but if five or more devices are connected, the crime becomes a Class D felony, punishable by no less than two years imprisonment and no more than 12 years in addition to a fine up to \$5,000.

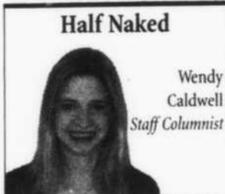
This is simply too much for a relatively common crime. This type of offense should be considered a misdemeanor crime, as are other types of petty theft – no matter how much money the cable industry claims to lose to service thieves.

It is even worse that cable companies are trying to dictate the brand and type of equipment that can be used to connect to their service.

Prohibiting paying subscribers from choosing their own equipment is a violation of privacy as well as an abridgement of free trade and antithetical to the principles upon which America was founded.

These bills are nothing but a self-serving load of bad news from cable service providers looking to further monopolize a service that already allows too few choices. ◆

Slow Corvettes and other annoyances



Half Naked

Wendy Caldwell
Staff Columnist

Now that I've been back in school for a few weeks, I think I'm finally getting back into the swing of things. That means it's time for a little random ranting.

First off, I could do without all this rain. It's not really the rain that bothers me; it's people in the rain. No one knows how to drive in the rain. Except for me, of course.

I can understand playing it safe in a torrential downpour, but there's no reason why anyone should go 20 mph under the speed

limit in a light sprinkle. And while I'm on the subject of driving, why would anyone who owns a fast car not drive it fast? I allow a little bit of slack on this, too. If the car is new enough to not have a real license plate, I can let it slide.

That's where I draw the line. It annoys me when I'm behind a Corvette going 50 mph when the speed limit is 70 mph. I know that car can go faster than that. The gas pedal is the one on the right. Learn to use it.

Back to the rain thing. I have been at MTSU long enough to notice trends in students, and one thing I've noticed is that students with umbrellas tend to walk much slower than students without umbrellas. I guess it's because

they're not getting wet, but their umbrellas are blocking the sidewalks for those of us that have been stuck in the rain so long we look like we just took a dip in the pool fully clothed.

I could also do without people that think the world revolves around them. That's mainly because I am, one of those people myself, but at least I admit it. Whenever something happens (good or bad), I think it's about me. When someone suggests something is about him- or herself, I immediately dismiss this notion. In my head I've already decided it's about me. Even if it has nothing to do with me, I can twist meanings quite well.

Another grievance: the inconsistency of temperatures in the buildings on

Just so I'm not accused of being totally negative, I'll wrap up with a few things I do like. I love chocolate and cookies, especially chocolate cookies. I also enjoy that the James Union Building is now open an hour later each night. I like people who read my column. I could always use a couple hundred more of them.

And, of course, I love long walks on the beach. Actually, I've never taken a long walk on the beach, but I've taken several small ones, and when I add them up in my head, it's an enjoyable experience. ◆

I can't change clothes and walk to class at the same time without getting arrested. I was shocked to discover the increase in price of the beverages in the machines on campus. I can definitely live without that. That extra 10 cents per can is really going to break me. Not the tuition increase, not the extra fee for business classes. Those cans will be my demise.

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WHAT A SCHMUCK!!

Sidelines' occasional watch for mutton-heads.



We're not sure how we missed this gem, but here it is now – another pair of teens has claimed the video game *Grand Theft Auto* inspired them to shoot a shotgun at cars on Interstate 40.

Stepbrothers William and Joshua Buckner, 16 years old and 14 years old, respectively, opened fire the evening of June 25, at the interstate near their home in Newport, Tenn. Tragically, they killed one motorist and the other victim is continually having to have surgery to remove multiple bullet fragments from her body.

We've heard this before, and know the correct response. While the video game may have provided inspiration, it was their own fault and they are already bearing the consequences.

"I will always hate myself for what I did. I am so sorry," William wrote. In another statement, his brother said, "I didn't want to hurt anyone. This will be with me for the rest of my life."

Both teens plead guilty to charges of reckless homicide, aggravated assault and reckless endangerment. However, their only sentence is to serve in a juvenile detention facility until they turn 19. Leniency is not the topic of debate either.

No, what this "Schmuck" concerns is the family of the slain motorist. We sympa-

thize with them for their loss and believe that the children involved should have received a much harsher punishment. However, the family is looking for retribution in the wrong place.

They filed a lawsuit Thursday against Take Two Interactive, the maker of *GTA* for unspecified damages. It makes for an interesting twist on the story – the perps fess up and take all the responsibility, but the victim's family thinks it's someone else's fault.

Check out this insight from the industry attorney: "The industry needs to cough up money so victims and their families can be compensated for their pain."

Like money is a magical hairball that can cure what ails 'ya.

What a load. If the family wants to go after someone, take aim at the children. They're the ones who pulled the trigger multiple times. Or blame their parents, who should have been keeping an eye on the activities. Video games are an escape, not satanic brainwashing devices. ◆

Original story via www.abc.com, posted Sept. 5.

Parental presence not negative



Kacey's Corner

Kacey Hercules
Staff Columnist

Two columns in the Aug. 23 edition of *USA Today* debated the limitations and freedoms that modern technology gives to the college student that has parted from his or her family.

One of the columnists said that cell phones and the Internet have helped her and her child deal with being apart from each other better.

The other columnist asserted that because of modern technology, students are still stuck under their parents' control and are unable to make the transition into adulthood. This makes the big choices in their adult child's life.

Both arguments were very strong. I think students need to have parent involvement in their life for two very important reasons: support and love. Support can mean physical or emotional.

If the child and parent agree before the child

enters college that the parents will provide certain physical needs, such as money or food, while the child is pursuing higher education, then that should be done.

If that was not agreed to before the child entered college, then parents shouldn't give in to a phone call every few weeks because their kid wasted work money on beer or some other frivolity.

Emotional support is often the most important. When a student is having a bad day, he or she would love to hear a parent say, "It will all work out; just do your best." Then when a jumping for joy day comes along, the parents can celebrate too.

Love fits in with emotional needs, and it is a very important part of why students and parents should communicate.

For example, if the student is ill and needs some tender loving care, then parents should be able to communicate quickly with their child.

I took a survey in which I asked 60 MTSU students if they thought having the Internet and cell phones, and thus a more accessible family, made life hellish because their parents

would not leave them alone or if it was a blessing because they could communicate with their parents at any time.

Fifty-nine said it was a blessing, and only one said it was hell.

What does this say about the modern technology that some people criticize?

It seems to say that technology is wonderful, but too much of a good thing could be dangerous.

Parents raised us, and now they sit on the sidelines and watch. If we check our e-mail or answer the phone, occasionally we may realize they are cheering us on.

As students we still need to realize that we also have a responsibility to the family that raised us, so sometimes we need to send an e-mail or phone call to our cheerleaders to let them know we respect and cherish them.

All of us are human and even our parents need some tender loving care. This communication thing works both ways. ◆

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A solution to drunk driving

By Jared Clark
Guest Columnist

I was driving home drunk in the rain the other night and I was thinking, "Man, these street lines are hard to see. They should put those bumpy reflector things on the lines so they are more visible in the rain."

Then I thought, "or maybe it would be better if someone else were driving."

To clear things up, I wasn't drunk – I just said that to make a point. If I was having a hard time seeing the lines on the road, imagine how hard a time all of the drunk people that were out that night were having.

We can't deny that there are drunk drivers out there. Why? Because there is no public transportation.

Well, I shouldn't say no public transportation. There are cabs, but after your two hour wait you find that a Charles Manson look-alike is going to drive home.

Thanks, but no thanks. There are two solutions

to this problem. Murfreesboro can come to the conclusion that this is a college town.

People are going to get drunk, and college towns tend to have more drunks than other towns, so don't let them drive.

Perhaps Murfreesboro could provide a bus system that runs even late at night. You could buy a pass that lasts a year, and the bus could drop a person relatively close to his or her residence without putting the drunk individual behind the wheel.

The second solution would be in the hands of the bars. The major bars around here (Gentlemen Jim's, The Boro, Inferno, Wall Street) could provide a transport service much like the bus system.

Have major stops at places like Greek Row and the big apartment complexes. Charge passengers a flat fee and they could even do pick-ups.

Again, the main goal is achieved: less drunks behind the wheel.

Both are novel ideas, and why these programs

don't exist is another matter. I realize the city of Murfreesboro makes way more money on arresting drunk drivers than they ever would selling bus passes, and how else are they going to afford their over-staffed police force?

It's time Murfreesboro and the surrounding community is realizing that this college is growing and it's not going to stop.

City leaders claim that Murfreesboro is a progressive city moving towards the future, but yet young adults are still allowed to get behind the wheel intoxicated.

And people drive drunk not because they want to – everyone knows they shouldn't drive drunk – but because more times than not, they have no choice.

It's time for Murfreesboro to wake up and smell the whiskey. ◆

Editor's note: A fee-based shuttle service has been started in Murfreesboro. A story on the service will be featured in an upcoming edition of Sidelines.

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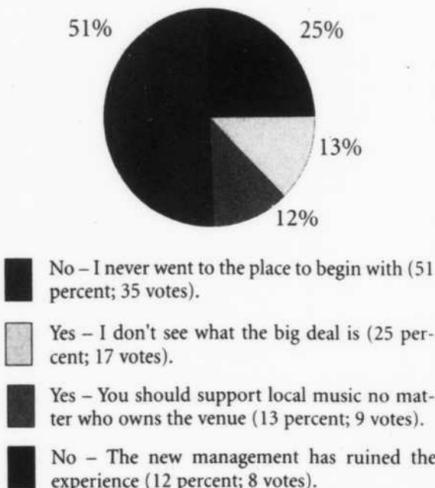
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PICKPOCKETS

of another kind

Identity theft is a growing risk

By Julia Reynolds
Staff Writer

"It was virtually an untraceable crime; we never caught who did it," MTSU Public Safety Sergeant Matt Foster says.

Last year Foster was the investigating officer into what first appeared to be one of the many thefts that take place on campus each year.

When an MTSU student left her book bag behind in the McCallie dining facility, it disappeared.

However, a few months later she was surprised when a cell phone company began sending large bills for a new phone service in her name.

Foster determined that the thief had gotten the student's home address from mail inside the book bag and copied her Social Security number from old test papers.

Those two pieces of information are all that were needed to apply for credit and purchase a cell phone in the student's name, probably anonymously over the Internet.

This type of crime, the misuse of a victim's personal information to commit fraud, is termed identity theft.

Identity theft is on the rise across the nation and here in Murfreesboro.

The problem has become so common in Murfreesboro that the city police department has assigned Detective Charlie Goodloe to work full time on pursuing and solving identity theft crimes.

"We get several reports every week," Goodloe

says. "The problem is growing rapidly and is easily accomplished because of the Internet."

Because these crimes are committed most often over the Web, prosecuting the cases can be complicated.

"We have to trace the transactions to determine which police department has jurisdiction over that Web site," Murfreesboro police Lt. Chris Guthrie says. "Then we have to file a report with that jurisdiction."

Guthrie stressed the importance of keeping one's personal information secure, citing the Social Security number as most important.

"You can find out a whole lot about someone if you have their Social Security number," Guthrie says. "We advise people to never give that number to anyone."

Unfortunately for MTSU students, the Social Security number is also the primary means of student identification for the university's records system.

"Our system is based on the Social Security number," Sherian Huddleston, MTSU assistant vice provost, says.

While students have the option to withhold Social Security numbers from the university, all financial aid tracking is done via these U.S. government issued numbers.

The practical reality is that all students who use any financial aid must submit their Social



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according to Teresa Thomas, interim director of records.

The university is considering a records system upgrade that would mask the Social Security number and generate a university-specific identification number.

MTSU itself was a victim of attempted identity theft several years ago. A person claiming to work for the university tried to order blank MTSU security paper so that he could print counterfeit transcripts.

Campus police intervened and arrested the would-be transcript salesman.

MTSU Lt. Jim Fanguy stressed the importance of basic prevention to fight both identity and property theft.

"Students need to secure their property," Fanguy says. "Use those lockers outside of the bookstore to lock up your book bag."

Identity theft crimes that are committed on campus should be reported to the Public Safety department at 898-2424.

If an identity theft crime takes place off campus, report it to the local police department. ♦

Honors College

Is it worth it?

By Maryam Kassaei
Staff Writer

"It's a bad taste to be wise all the time, like being in a perpetual funeral," says David Herbert Lawrence, a great novelist.

However, at MTSU, being wise all the time isn't a bad thing - especially for those enrolled in the University Honors College.

This special college for high achievers attracts a good number of students and has numerous ways of developing the intellectual potential of honors students.

According to Karen Demonbreun, executive secretary for the University Honors College, 1,061 students are currently enrolled in the college.

There are several advantages to being in the University Honors College. One of these is the option to take honors courses.

Because the class sizes are smaller, honors courses allow both students and instructors to interact closely and learn from each other.

According to freshman chemistry major Lauren Gregory, this is one of the things that drew her into the program.

"Smaller size classes make it more one to one. Gregory says. "Classes are usually more open, and the instructor is easier to get help from."

Honors courses are offered each semester in several general requirement areas and some upper-division courses.

Students who want to enroll must have no less than a 3.0 grade point average. However, they don't necessarily have to be in the Honors College.

Both faculty and students say another advantage of the Honors College is the type of students it attracts.

"Students' abilities are higher and more uniform, where in a regular course, students' backgrounds are very diverse," says Yuri Melnikov, a math professor who has taught for more than 30 years.

Melnikov adds that honors students are more dedicated to studying compared to regular course students. Bryan Robinson, a music production and technology major, agrees.

"My classmates and instructor are both on a higher plane of thought," Robinson says.

Kearstin Chaffin, a freshman whose major is undecided, echoes Robinson's sentiments.

"You won't usually have classmates that aren't as serious about the class as you are," Chaffin says. "The teachers are more qualified," she adds.

According to Demonbreun, instructors who want to teach honors courses go through a fairly rigorous application process.

In addition to being full-time faculty members and turning in the usual application and resume, each prospective honors instructor must meet the criteria of having student evaluation forms from at least two semesters.

This data is then put before a council of thirteen faculty members who already teach for the Honors College.

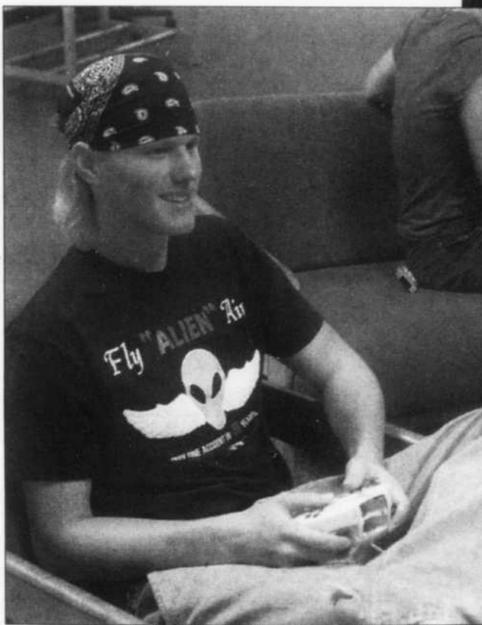
While honors courses are not new, the Honors College is.

Before the Honors College was founded, students graduated from the old honors program. The requirements were less rigorous - only 24 honors hours were needed instead of the current 36.

MTSU began phasing this program out in 1998. Seniors who graduate no later than December of 2003 will be the last to graduate under this older plan.

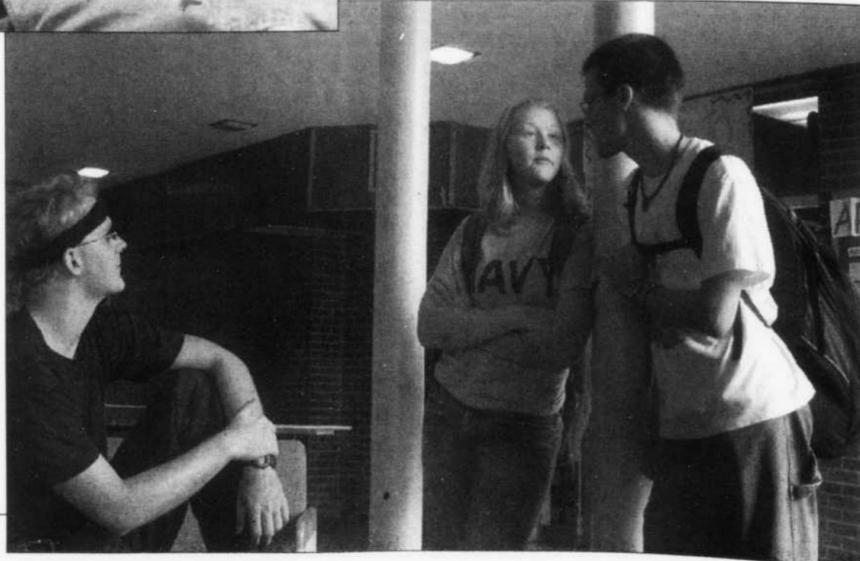
Another advantage of being a part of the Honors College is the ability to participate in a special intellectual community called the Honors College Learning and Living Center. Here students have the opportunity to study and do fun activities together. The center integrates residential living with classroom activity.

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(Above) Freshmen Amanda Quick and Heath Dyson have a marker fight. (Left) Freshman Joseph Griffin enjoys a game of Sega. (Bottom) Juniors Philip Maddox, Samantha Williams and Ryan Hammonds pause to talk. All are at Wood and Felder lobby.



Singles making a comeback

Music industry applauds alternative to illegal downloading

By Stacie Wacaster
Staff Writer

"Consumers want singles," Tom Hutchison, an MTSU recording industry professor says. "It's all a matter of making the right price."

Over the years, the music industry gradually phased out cassette and compact disc singles, due to concerns about declining album sales.

But the current online-downloading epidemic and recent lawsuits against online music traders have forced consumers and labels to start searching for a compromise in this ongoing battle to save the music.

"Ultimately, if the industry gives consumers what they want, consumers will pay for it," Hutchison says.

The reigning powers in the music world seem to be hoping this is exactly the case.

The most recent course of action against piracy and perhaps the most likely to be successful, is a legal pay-for-music alternative to peer to peer music sharing services such as Kazaa. Especially if they're comparable to those sites in convenience and format.

The first of these music downloading stores, Apple's iTunes, was introduced in April. The site carries more than 200,000 songs, all of which are available to the public for 99 cents each.

The establishment of a legal answer to the widespread problem of music piracy couldn't have come at a better time for the industry.

In June, the Recording Industry Association of America announced its plans to fine copyright violators as much as \$150,000 per song downloaded.

Immediately after the announcement, Internet downloading went down around 15 percent, as the RIAA's threat made users hesitant to download.

Apple anticipates that those fears will drive consumers to look for other viable options for downloading, and hopefully, straight to iTunes.

Although iTunes doesn't yet rival illegal file-sharing sites for sheer volume of music available, industry executives expect this to change as they continue to expand their libraries.

Currently, iTunes is only available to Mac users. However, several companies, including Apple, AOL Time Warner, Yahoo, Amazon and Microsoft are now scrambling to be the first to introduce a PC-friendly version into the market.

The iTunes Web site has around seven million users, and a Windows-based version could potentially reach an additional 300 million users.

Many people believe that the industry's response to illegal piracy is too little too late, and that record labels have fallen too far behind in the technological times to catch up.

Yet the industry hopes that broadening the market for legal downloading will help dissuade at least the more morally-conscious consumers from getting their music illegally.

Whether or not this will indeed prove true, remains to be seen.

MTSU students, at least, seem to be divided on the question.

"Personally, I would never pay 99 cents for a song," freshman history major Joe Waarvik says.

Sophomore architecture student John Crain agrees and shares his doubts on the success of such music downloading sites.

"People will just find ways around [the system]," he says. "[The music] circulates around."

Junior psychology major Elatia Schmitz, has a different point of view.

"I have friends who are songwriters and in the music industry," she says. "It hurts their business. I would definitely pay for music online."

Hutchison believes the system will work since the main reason consumers have resorted to music piracy is not necessarily in order to get their songs free of charge, but rather to have preference over which songs they do own.

"Right now there's this attitude among consumers," Hutchison says. "They feel like they're



Image courtesy of Apple Computers

Apple's music service, iTunes, offers customers the opportunity to download single cuts from albums for 99 cents. The service is currently only offered to Mac users.

getting ripped off because they're being forced to pay \$18 for a CD with a lot of songs they don't want."

Chad Vantine, a sophomore recording industries major, agrees, adding that he uses downloading as a sort of preview to determine whether a CD is worth buying.

"If the music's good enough," he says, "you'll buy the album."

In the end, several factors may have a hand in

the eventual demise of the illegal file-sharing — an end that artists and labels eagerly anticipate. Lawsuits may scare users toward legal sites.

However, as senior Michael Krise says, it ultimately comes down to a personal decision.

"If you're ethically inclined to do it, you're going to do it," Krise says.

For more information on iTunes, visit Apple's Web site at www.apple.com/music.

Honors: Some students enjoy studying

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Since the fall of 1997, Wood and Felder Halls have been reserved for students enrolled in at least one three-hour honors class each semester. If a student does not enroll in an honors class, then they forfeit their room in Wood or Felder.

The cost of residency is the same as other dorms on campus. But there are several points that make this stay very different.

Along with the benefit of being with like-minded students, the living and learning centers have a study area, private tutoring room, lobby with large screen TV, computer laboratory, honors classrooms, advisement office, peer mentoring and data ports.

Additionally, those who live in the Honors College Living and Learning Center can be part of the Honors College Residential Society. This newly-founded organization's goal is to encourage honor students to become more involved in campus activities.

Another advantage of being a part of the Honors College is eligibility to apply for one of several scholarships including the Bart McCash scholarship, the Academic Achievement Scholarship and the Paul Martin scholarship.

Most of these scholarships consider criteria such as GPA, the total hours of honors classes a

student has passed and application essays.

Although being a part of the Honors College is mostly advantageous, according to Bryan Leavay a junior computer science major, there is one pitfall.

There are too few honors courses for students to take.

"(There are) not enough courses left for me to attend in order to have enough credits," Leavay says.

Demonbreun says the solution to such matters is resolved through the H-option. This allows Honors College juniors and seniors to enroll in up to nine hours of regular classes that under some arrangements can be counted for honors credit.

Nonetheless, Demonbreun points to the list of successful graduates as proof that the Honors College is worth any schedule maneuvering that might be necessary. These graduates have gone on to distinguished Ph.D. programs including those offered at Michigan State, Vanderbilt University and the University of California.

These students took to heart the University Honors College's motto, "Consider where you want to go in life. Then come to MTSU because we know it's all about where you're going." ♦

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The deadline for the first Dear Emily column is Sept. 12 at 10 p.m. So, hurry and get those letters in.



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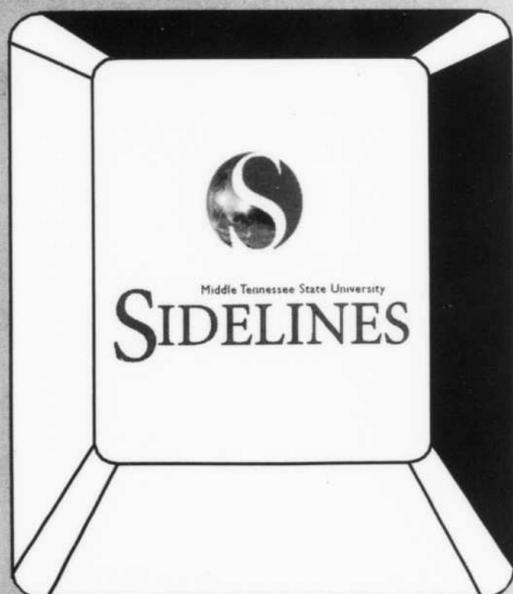


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Monday, Sept. 8
Sports Marketing Student Association
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For more information, e-mail law3e@mtsu.edu

Alpha Kappa Psi
Informational meeting
BAS, Room S227, 5 p.m.
For more information, call 849-8988 or e-mail akpsijulie@hotmail.com

Murfreesboro Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra presents "Testament of Freedom Reaches to the Stars"
Tucker Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
For information, call 898-1862

Fall 2003 Honors College Lecture Series "State of American Education" by Bob Eaker (MTSU Educational Leadership)
Peck Hall, Room 109A, 3-3:50 p.m.
Free and open to the public
For more information, call 898-2152

September 8 - 13
MTSU Films presents *The Italian Job*
Keathley University Center Theater
7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday
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Tuesday, Sept. 9 and Wednesday, Sept. 10
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For Fine Arts, Films, Concerts and Ideas and Issues committees
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Teams travel to campus for MT Classic

By **Trey Porter**
Staff Writer

The Blue Raiders soccer team scored two home wins this weekend at the Middle Tennessee Classic.

The opening game of the weekend was a tie between Alabama A&M University and Western Carolina University. The teams played a tough defensive match the entire game. After going into golden goal overtime, neither side found net.

Game two of the weekend slated the Blue Raiders against the University of Louisiana-Monroe.

Captain Laura Miguez had two assists and freshman Rebecca Rodriguez came off the bench to score four goals, breaking a school record and helping

MT to a 5-0 win.

Rodriguez entered the game with 6:38 left in the first half. The freshman's impact was felt immediately as she broke open the game with two quick goals to give the Blue Raiders a 2-0 lead at the half.

"Rebecca [Rodriguez] came in and got some good shots and came away with four goals," head coach Aston Rhoden said. "It's good to see a freshman come in and make something happen."

Rodriguez was not finished. Before the clock hit 8:56 in the second half the forward had already tallied two more goals.

Senior Jenny Cox put the nail in the coffin scoring off of a feed from Danielle LaDuke during minute 74 to give MT a 5-0 lead.

"I thought we played well and put what we worked on in

practice into the game," midfielder Claire Ward said. "We were able to put all our chances away."

The win notched MT at 2-0 on the season and also gave the Indians their third loss.

"Louisiana-Monroe is a very good team and the best squad we've played so far because they are very organized," Rhoden said. "We got our opportunities and finished them today, something we did not do last week."

Louisiana-Monroe did battle with Alabama A&M Sunday, on Blue Raider Field to open up the final two games of play.

The Indians scored twice in the final five minutes of the match to take a 3-1 victory over the Bulldogs.

ULM, 1-3 on the season,

See **Classic, 8**



Photo by Micah Miller | Staff Photographer

Laura Miguez runs the ball during a 5-0 win against Louisiana-Monroe Friday.

Tourney produces losses

Lady Raiders go 0-3

By **Colby Sledge**
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee volleyball team returns home this week with a losing record after a non-win trip to the Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne Invitational.

The Lady Raiders lost all three of their matches: 3-0 to eventual tournament champion No. 23 Washington, 3-2 to host IPFW and 3-1 to Ohio University.

Friday's opening match against undefeated UW (6-0) was closer than the final score would indicate. MT (3-4) narrowly lost the first game 29-31, having tied the score at 29-29 after trailing the entire game. The Lady Huskies pulled away in the next two games, winning 30-20 and 30-21 behind 17

kills from National Volleyball Player of the Week Sanja Tomasevic.

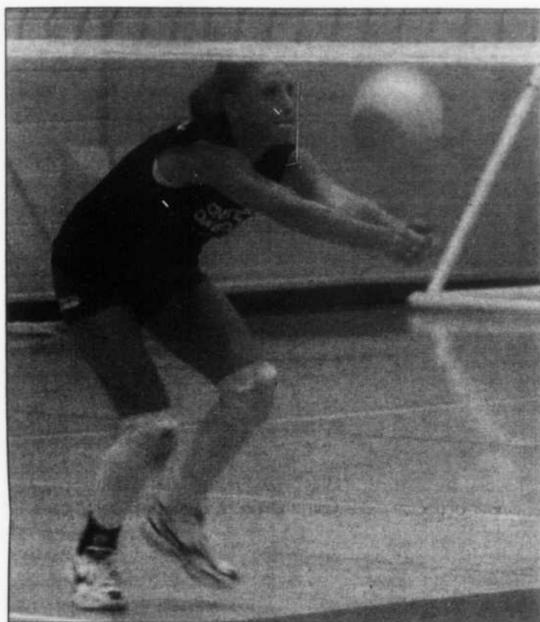
Tomasevic, originally from Uzice, Yugoslavia, had 68 total kills for the tournament and was named tournament MVP.

KeKe Deckard led the Lady Raiders with 11 kills.

The loss to UW proved to be the beginning of MT's troubles. The Lady Raiders started poorly against IPFW (4-3) on Saturday, losing the first two games 26-30 and 23-30.

MT battled back and won the next two games 30-22 and 30-20 only to be crushed 15-6 in the fifth game. Under NCAA rules, the deciding game is won by the first team to 15 points and a two-point advantage.

See **IPFW, 8**



File Photo

Alison Liptak pulls out a dig during a recent practice.

MT to play at home

By **Jori Rice**
Staff Writer

The Lady Raiders volleyball team will take on Belmont University for the first home match of the season Tuesday.

Belmont has a record of 0-4 with losses to Austin Peay University, College of William and Mary, Marist College and the University of North Carolina.

"The girls are excited to show everyone that they are a good team," head coach Lisa Kisse said.

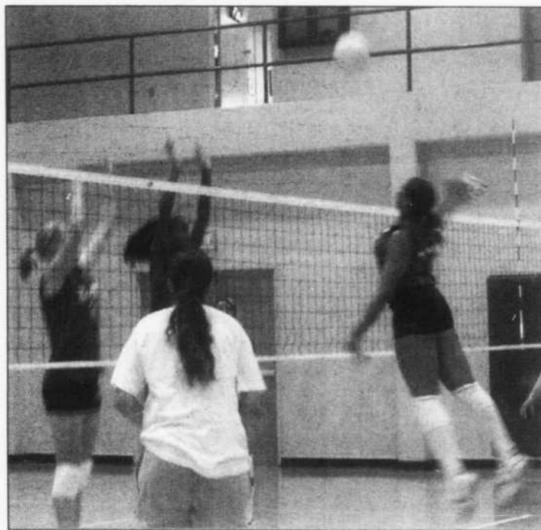
Bruins senior Jodi Weeber, who led the team with 10 kills against Austin Peay, had a career high in kills at 15 in

William and Mary. Weeber also recorded 15 kills against Marist.

Belmont also has a newcomer, Erin Janson is from Crestview, Ky. Janson became the first player to sign for Belmont for the 2003 volleyball season as well as the first to sign under the new head coach Deane Webb Janson made her collegiate debut with 12 kills and 14 digs in the match against Austin Peay.

Returning players for the Bruins are junior Karime Binkley and sophomores Sara Jacobson and Lindsay Cleveland.

See **Belmont, 8**



File Photo

Karisse Baker works on a play during recent practice.

Ohio troubles will cost team championship

Are You Serious?



Jonathon Long
Staff Columnist

hustle a hustler, and when they tried, he made sure that everyone knew.

Hustle No. 2: Clarett was given "preferential" treatment because he was given oral exams easier than the written ones taken by 79 other students after missing his midterm and final exams.

Clarett was given the exams when he complained to the teacher that he had a learning disability and could not take that test. A learning disability which he was not tested for.

The hustle here is that in a *New York Times* article Clarett said that he was told that he needed no such tests to receive documentation for the disability. The situation is still being investigated. Wow, what a hustle. His most up to date scam happened in July.

A 2001 Chevrolet Monte Carlo Clarett "borrowed" from The Car Store, a small local dealership, was broken into and thieves reportedly stole two built-in television monitors and stereo equipment worth \$5,000. They also reportedly took \$800 in cash, \$300 in clothing and 300 compact discs.

Clarett reportedly over exaggerated the cost of the items and is currently under suspension.

Clarett has proven that he has learned how to hustle on the field and off.

The true test will be how Tressel and Geiger will find a hustle to get Clarett back on the field because the Buckeyes will not return to the National Championship without him. ♦

Maurice Clarett, Ohio State University star running back, is a hustler and both athletic director Andy Geiger and Coach Jim Tressel are upset by it.

Not because Clarett is a hustler, but because he wants to be the No. 1 hustler. College sports, especially football is a business. The more you win, the more boosters "support" you, the more tickets you sell and the more media coverage you get.

Last Tuesday Geiger said that he doubts if Clarett will be allowed to play in the 2003 season, based on Clarett's newest NCAA investigation.

Clarett led the Buckeyes to the 2002 National Title in the Fiesta Bowl against Miami as a freshman.

Hustle No. 1: Clarett let his feelings known publicly when he was not allowed to leave the team to attend a funeral of a close friend, but, not only that, he claimed that Ohio State would not pay for his flight back to Ohio when he turned in the necessary paper work.

Schools pay for personal flights? Interesting. Had this been before a regular game or any other time, we would have never heard of it.

Clarett knows that, which is why he went public. You can't

Blue Raiders fall to 0-2 on the season

Late 71-yard touchdown not enough

By **Amy Jones-Foster**
Sports Editor

Middle Tennessee departed Athens, Ga. Saturday with a 29-10 loss to No. 8 ranked University of Georgia.

The Blue Raiders played in front of a crowd of 92,058, the largest crowd ever to watch a football game in the state of Georgia.

The crowd was also the second largest that the MT football squad has ever played in front of. The largest was during the University of Tennessee game during the 2002 season.

With one game in their pocket, Bulldog head coach Mark Richt and the 2002 Southeastern Conference champions did not allow the Tigers of Clemson University to score during the season opener last week.

"I have to tip my hat to Middle Tennessee," Richt said in

a radio broadcast after the game. "Andy did a real good job bringing his boys out there."

After making a slow start

score.

During the second half, Georgia took off with the game and went up 20-3. Bulldog Billy

"I have to tip my hat to Middle Tennessee. Andy did a real good job bringing his boys out there"

— Mark Richt
Georgia head coach

during the first quarter, MT gained ground in Georgia territory and put a three-point Brian Kelly field goal on the board. The 41-yard field goal put the Blue Raiders within seven when halftime rolled around.

After the Bulldogs missed a 45-yard field goal, the game went into halftime with a 10-3

Bennett kicked a 20-yard field goal with 9:43 left in the third quarter.

Michael Cooper added to the Bulldog lead with a three-yard run into the endzone. Bennett added to the touchdown with an extra point kick.

To add to the Georgia lead, Bennett smacked a 24-yard field

goal to put the Bulldogs up 23-3 with 11:58 left in the game.

With 2:32 left in the match, Georgia tailback Ronnie Powell snuck in a one-yard touchdown to further the Bulldog lead to 29-3.

As the clock wound down, MT quarterback Andrico Hines hurled a 71-yard pass to wide receiver Kerry Wright to score the first Blue Raider touchdown of the game.

Kelly hit the extra point to complete the final score of 29-10.

The 71-yard touchdown throw to Wright was the longest throw for Hines during his Blue Raider career.

Before Saturday, Hines' best was a 69-yard throw against Utah State University.

MT travels to Clemson University Saturday with a 4 p.m. kickoff. ♦



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Germalve Franklin (61) pushes off against the defensive line against Georgia Saturday.

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Sports e-mail slsports@mtsu.edu

The athletic department wants to thank the entire student body for the unselfish support it showed the football team in their meeting with Florida Atlantic, despite the game's unexpected result.

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Bob Donnelly

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IPFW: Record falls to 3-4

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IPFW's Fabiona Souza led all players with 23 kills and 20 digs. Deckard also recorded a double-double, with 21 kills and 16 digs in the loss.

Both Souza and Deckard were named to the all-tournament team.

The Lady Raiders looked to salvage the tournament with a win against Ohio (3-3), who had previously handed UW its first loss in 14 games before falling 3-1 (28-30, 17-30, 30-25, 22-30) to the Lady Huskies. MT captured the first game 30-20 before the Bobcats rallied to win the next two 35-33 and 31-29. Ohio then finished off the match with a 30-17 victory in the fourth game.

Julia Winkfield and Laura Hageman combined for 23 kills and Briana Adamovsky added

34 assists for the Bobcats. Deckard's 19 kills paired with Andressa Lyra's 21 digs weren't enough to overcome 16 service errors by the Lady Raiders.

MT finished the tournament with 39 service errors and only 23 aces.

The results of the IPFW Invitational were a stark contrast to MT's dominance at the season-opening College of Charleston Tournament, where the team went 3-0, capturing the tournament title while losing only four games. Since then, the Lady Raiders have been a dismal 5-12 en route to a four-match losing streak.

The team returns to Murfreesboro for its first home match Tuesday against Belmont at 7 p.m. The Lady Raiders then hit the road again for the Purdue Tournament this weekend. ♦

Belmont: Looking for win

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Binkley had 228 kills during the 2002 season. Jacobson finished No. 8 in the Atlantic Sun Conference in blocks last season.

Jacobson is the leader for the Bruins in blocks and recorded a career high in the Marist match with nine blocks. Cleveland had 21 kills against North Carolina and 15 in the Marist match.

During the matches at the Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne Invitational, junior KeKe Deckard led Middle Tennessee in the matches against Ohio University and IPFW, where she recorded 19 kills against Ohio

and 21 kills against IPFW. Deckard had a double-double against IPFW as she also recorded 16 digs.

Junior Dara McLean recorded 11 kills each in the matches against Ohio and IPFW. Freshman Andressa Lyra had 21 digs against Ohio.

MT is looking forward to meeting Belmont in the first home match.

"The players invited many of their friends to come see them play," Kisse said.

The Lady Raiders will face the Bruins tomorrow night in the Alumni Memorial Gym at 7 p.m. ♦

Classic: Undefeated at home

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broke a three-game scoreless streak while winning its first game of the year.

Alabama A&M tied the game up with eight minutes remaining before Jamie Ney and Alicia Hamilton both found net to give ULM the win.

The Blue Raiders scored two goals against Western Carolina for the final match of the MT Classic on Sunday.

Ward broke things wide open in minute 18 of the first half to give MT a 1-0 lead. Jessica Northcutt had the assist on the goal.

Cox headed the ball past the Catamounts keeper late in the game off of a Laura Miguez cor-

ner to give MT a 2-0 victory.

"We came out and played well again today," Rhoden said. "It was good to see Jenny Cox come out and finish the game for us."

"The defense was solid again today and I didn't have much to do," keeper Danielle Perreault said. "I'm really happy to see them playing so well."

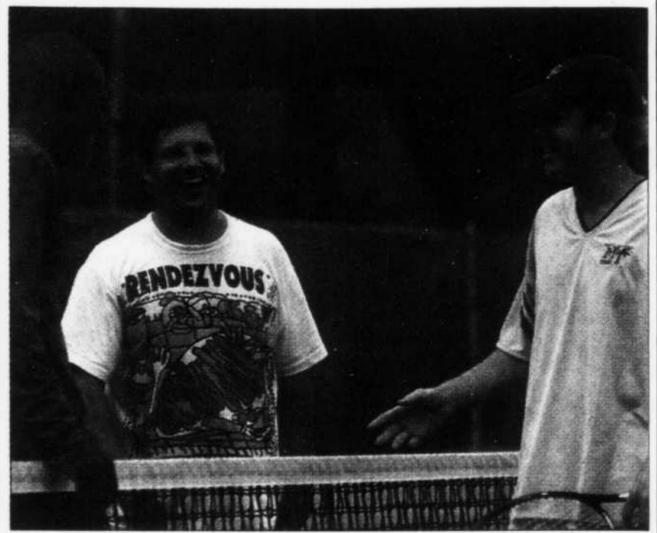
The Blue Raiders are now 3-0 and off to their best start since 1999.

MT will take its undefeated record on the road next weekend as they travel to play the University of Southern Mississippi and Tulane University. ♦

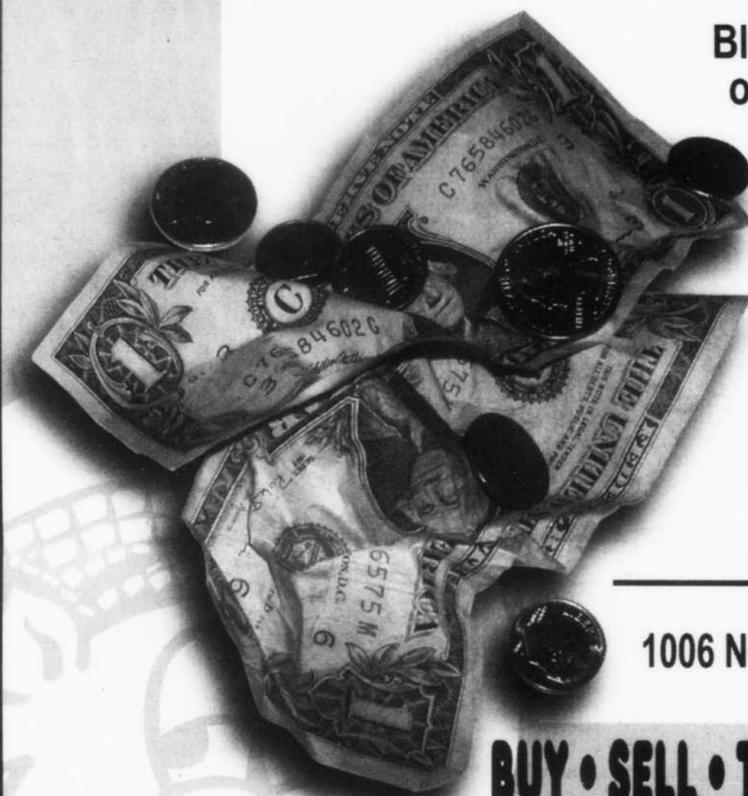
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(left) Lady Raider head coach Randy Holden begins roll call at the tourney Saturday. (Below) Blue Raider Trevor Short shakes hands with his opponents after a close match.



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