ATTENTION ALL FRESHMEN:
Don’t forget the fee payment deadlines!! The following dates are the Business Office Fall 2009 Deadlines.

- Fee Payment/ Confirmation
  - **August 19th** – By mail
  - **August 25th** – 4:30pm Business Office
  - **August 25th** – 6:00pm, RaiderNet

It is strongly recommended to not wait until the last minute to pay or confirm your classes. Nearly one thousand students are purged from their classes each fall because they do not follow these deadlines, so be sure to remember!

DON’T FORGET TO PAY YOUR BILL!!!

In the first week of school, everything was amazing. I was the prom king, president of my senior class, and King of the Year. I was dating a beautiful runner who was a state champion. I received scholarships that I could count. Yet, immediately when I went to college, everything tottered and fell apart. No one knew me, not many of my friends went here, and my girlfriend broke up with me within two weeks. I wandered around pining and depressed for weeks, trying to figure out what had gone wrong. The moment I got involved with freshman orientation, a student organization on campus, everything turned around. I had new friends, a sense of purpose, and found my place at a huge university. Get involved with something that feels right and make as many new contacts as possible. It opens up a world of opportunity and creates strong new friendships. College went from a scary and forbidding realm to a place that I can call home.

—Junior, Indiana University

TIP #3: GET INVOLVED, JOIN SOMETHING, AND MEET AS MANY NEW PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE.
MTSU Health Services Prepares for H1N1 Flu

The MTSU Health Center has a well thought out plan to deal with and treat students as they begin to come into the center with flu-like symptoms this fall. The health professionals know they can’t stop the flu from coming to MTSU, but they will do their best to minimize its impact. The Health Center will also have information about the H1N1 influenza vaccine as soon as it is available. They hope to have the vaccine available to distribute in the Health Center. There will be much more information to come in the next edition of Freshman Connection about the H1N1 Flu and you can visit the links available through the Health Services website at www.mtsu.edu/healthservices.

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Do You Know Your Academic Support Center Advisor?

Come visit your Academic Support Center Advisor. In the center we advise undeclared students and students with prescribed courses. We are located in the McFarland Building across the street from Cummins Residence Hall. We are open from 7:30 am (if you are an early bird) until 5:30 pm. Stop by and see us!!

Your advisor will help you focus on class selection, but can also help you with much more. They can offer strategies to help you succeed in your classes, assist you with issues in your academic and personal life, and suggest options to help you meet your goals. If you need answers, your advisor can give them to you or find out exactly where those answers are.

WELCOME to MTSU!!

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Academic Support Center Advisors-McFarland Building, 898-2339
as space permits. Students are notified of the change through their MTSU email address only.

**Housing & Residential Life**

On-campus residents who come to campus wanting a new assignment location or roommate may submit or resubmit a request for change beginning Monday, September 7th. Requests for change may be submitted within the Housing and Residential Life Office located in the Keathley University Center, Room 300, or by email to: housing@mtsu.edu. Following the last day of registration, students who have not arrived to check-in, completed registration or left school will be considered no shows and will free space to honor a limited number of requests. Requests for change are honored as space permits. Students are notified of the change through their MTSU email address only.

**Comedian Ralphie May— Sept. 2**

Don’t miss Ralphie May from TV’s “Last Comic Standing” and Comedy Central’s “AUSTIN-TATIOUS” coming to MTSU Murphy Center Wednesday, September 2nd at 8pm. This event if free to EVERY-ONE!!! Don’t miss this exciting event of MTSU’s Week of Welcome, and check inside for more upcoming events!

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**Week of Welcome— Schedule of Events**

**Friday, August 28th**
- We-Haul (All-Day)
- Dinner and Music, 6:30pm, KUC Courtyard
- Outdoor Movie: Dark Knight, 8pm, KUC Courtyard

**Saturday, August 29th**
- We-Haul (All-Day)
- Information Booths, 10am-4pm
- Dinner & Street Fair, 6pm, KUC Courtyard

**Sunday, August 30th**
- University Convocation: Speaker: Michael Gates Gill, 2pm, Murphy Center,
- President’s Picnic following Convocation

**Monday, August 31st**
- Classes Begin

**Tuesday, September 1st**
- Meet Murfreesboro, KUC Courtyard
- 10am-2pm

**Wednesday, September 2nd**
- Meet Murfreesboro, 10am-2pm,
- Comedian: Ralphie May, 8pm,

**Thursday, September 3rd**
- MTSU Department Fair,
- 11am-1pm, KUC Courtyard
- Free Cookies & Lemonade, 12 Noon, KUC Courtyard,
- Blue Raider Bash 5:30, KUC Courtyard

**Friday, September 28th**
- Volunteer Fair, 10-2, KUC Courtyard

**Wednesday, September 9th**
- Stud. Org Fair, 10-2, KUC Courtyard

**Friday, September 11th**
- Dance the Night Away, 8pm-12
  JUB Tennessee Room

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Looking for On-Campus Employment? Here are some recommendations from the Career Development Center on common resume mistakes:

- MTSU education not listed
- Degree and major not listed
- Birth date listed
- Salary Listed
- References listed (should be on separate page)
- Overall general lack of information
- Use of templates with designs – all students should avoid this because this makes the file size of the resume larger. When the student applies and the PDF hits the employer’s email box, it can eat up memory thus lending itself to quick deletion.
- Word wrapping to a second page because of large margins and double spacing

Greetings Blue Raiders! The Office of Greek Affairs would like to welcome you to Middle Tennessee State University. There is a place for everyone at one of the 27 fraternities and sororities at MTSU. During your time here, we encourage you to get involved and learn about Greek life at MTSU. As a member of the Greek Community, you will be provided opportunities for leadership, service, scholarship, and brotherhood/sisterhood. Collectively, the Greek community contributes approximately 24,000 community service hours, and raises over $90,000 annually to support philanthropic causes. In addition, the Greek Community provides its membership with the opportunity to develop leadership skills through programs such as Greek Leadership Summit, Speak Outs, and new member education programs. Members also have the chance to serve on chapter and council executive boards, which prepare them for real life leadership experiences. Most importantly, Greek students have the opportunity to create and maintain lifelong friendships. If you are interested in learning more about Greek life at MTSU, please visit http://www.mtsu.edu/greeks/ or call 898-5812.

Fall 2009 Football Schedule

- September 5th @ Clemson 5 p.m.
- September 12th, Memphis 6 p.m.
- September 19th @ Maryland 2:30 p.m.
- September 26th @ North Texas 6 p.m.
- October 6th @ Troy 7 p.m.
- October 17th Mississippi State TBA
- October 24th Western Kentucky TBA (Homecoming)
- October 31st @ Florida Atlantic 3 p.m.
- November 7th Florida International TBA (Family Weekend)
- November 14th Louisiana-Lafayette TBA
- November 21st Arkansas State TBA
- November 28th @ Louisiana-Monroe TBA
- December 20th New Orleans Bowl
MTSU will mark the beginning of the 2009-2010 academic year with University Convocation, held August 30th at 2:00pm in Murphy Center. University Convocation is free and open to the public. First-year students are expected to attend; their families and members of the MTSU and Murfreesboro communities are encouraged to participate as well.

University Convocation will welcome new students into the MTSU learning community, engaging them immediately into the learning process and exposing them to the traditions and rituals of the University. Convocation will open with a fanfare played by the MTSU Band of Blue, and the faculty will march in their academic regalia in honor of the newest class. A formal welcome will be given by President McPhee, followed by the Keynote Speaker Michael Gates Gill, author of How Starbucks Saved my Life.

**Calling all Class of 2013 Freshman!!!!**

Please join President Sidney McPhee for MTSU’s Long Standing Tradition of “Freshman Walk.” This year’s Freshman Celebration will be Saturday, September 12 at the MTSU VS. University of Memphis "Blackout" football game. There will be an announcement with about 5 minutes left in the second quarter for all class of 2013 Freshman to meet at the tunnel below section 2E.

President McPhee will lead the Class of 2013 on to the field at halftime.

There is no admission charge to the game for any MTSU Student with a valid ID.
Do not forget your black game shirt! You can purchase "Blackout" apparel at Phillips Bookstore, at GoBlueRaider.com, or wear one of your own black shirts.

For further information please call (615)898-2552

**Go Blue Raiders!**