Today last day to pay tuition

By Greg Holt

If you haven’t paid your tuition yet, you better hurry up. Students who haven’t paid by 5 p.m. today will be automatically dropped from their classes.

If only a portion of the tuition for their classes has been paid, the university will drop students from those classes they added last.

However, students who have been awarded financial aid but have not yet had it dispersed into their student accounts have nothing to worry about, said university spokeswoman Sharon Kha.

“You will not be charged a late fee and your classes will not be cancelled,” she said.

Students unable to pay their tuition by Sept. 5 have two options offered to them by the university. First, for a $75 charge, students can enter into a tuition payment plan with the Bursar’s Office.

With this plan, one third of the tuition must be paid by Sept. 5. The next third is due a few weeks later, and the final third due a few weeks after that, Kha said.

The second option is an emergency loan available to students through the financial aid office. No immediate tuition payment is required for this loan.

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“It’s awesome that they’re doing this. I think sexual harassment is a really big problem, especially in college environments like this,” said psychology freshman Sarah Bright.

About 40 students were in the Collar at 7 p.m. when Tennessee rocker Chip Roup took the stage. Roup, who is now embarking on a solo career after playing with the Tennessee rock band “Responsible Circuit,”

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