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A smoke-free campus has been a smoldering topic across the University for several years, sparked by larger sister universities ditching the ash trays for clearer air.

## Students, University ignite tobacco-free discussions, weigh health with freedom

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On Nov. 19, 2009, the University of Kentucky chose to become a smoke-free campus, and just one year later the University of Louisville followed suit.

Though discussions are preliminary, the possibility remains for Murray State to be next in line for a smoke-free campus.

Judy Lyle, interim associate director of Health Services, said the topic has been on and off the table for a few years now, but said little to no headway had been made in order to enact any smoke-free policies for the University.

"We have done some informal surveys and even had a small grant at one point to help with policy development," Lyle said. "Dr. Ellen Hahn visited our campus two years ago to discuss how University of Kentucky moved to their tobacco-free campus."

A long-time advocate of non-smoking and co-chair of the UK Tobacco-Free Campus Initiative Task Force in 2009, Hahn shared with Lyle and other Murray State faculty the struggles and procedures involving the transformation of campus policy.

"A policy change such as the one at UK is not something that happens overnight," Lyle said. "It took a couple of years with much planning and involvement by many stakeholders."

Conducted in the spring of 2012, the last National College Health Assessment for Murray State indicated 65 percent of the campus had never used cigarettes, and 82 percent had not

used cigarettes within 30 days of the survey. The analysis included 638 randomly selected students, roughly 6 percent of the total campus population.

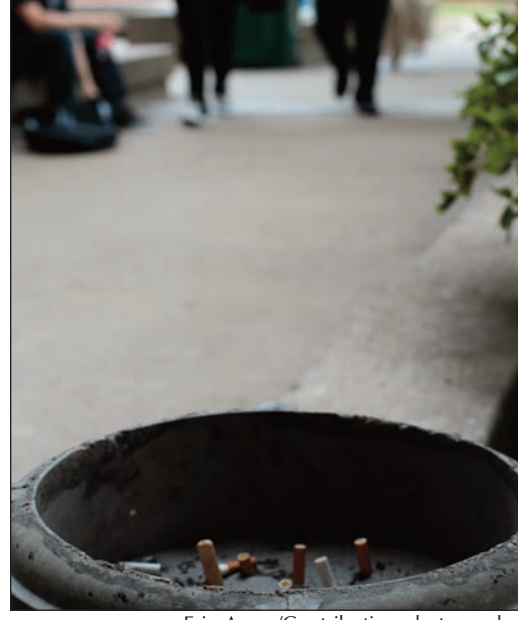
While the University continues to allow smokers the general freedom to smoke in most outdoor locations, Lyle believes there are students and faculty who want a tobacco-free campus.

"I certainly get comments and complaints from people who come into contact with undesired second-hand smoke and from those who are offended by the butt trash generated by those who smoke," she said. "There is surprise, more like shock, from those who come from smoke-free communities to our community which is not smoke-free."

Keely Netz Doctorman, a Murray State alumna working for the Breathitt Veterinary Center in Hopkinsville, Ky., said one of the most difficult parts of enforcing a smoke-free policy resides not in the overall health of people, but in asking people to forgo their personal rights for the safety of others.

"We have not yet worked out how to allow a smoker to fulfill their personal desire to smoke without inflicting second- and third-hand smoke on others," Doctorman said. "An individual's personal rights only exist so far as they don't infringe on the individual rights of another person."

It appears that many students on campus, however, do not mind mingling with smokers. From randomly selected students on campus on two separate days, not a single student voiced major concerns with Murray's current smoking status.



Erin Amos/Contributing photographer  
Cigarette receptacles like this one are placed across Murray State for students and employees to use.

"I think people have a right to smoke if they want to," said Ryan Thornton, senior from Benton, Ky.

Robbie Parsons, a freshman smoker from Mayfield, Ky., said smoking represents the freedom he enjoys being away from home.

"College was a place for me to get my freedom," he said. "If smoking were banned, it would

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## City Council decides on liquor sales

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Though deliberations continue within Murray City Council regarding alcohol sales, several key ordinances have either been ratified or created in recent sessions, further clearing up issues surrounding expanded licensing in Murray.

City Council members accepted amendments to the annual budget on Sept. 13, restating certain revenues and expenditures made available through the sale and distribution of alcohol in the city. This comes in compliance with the Kentucky Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, whose regulations state all funds acquired through liquor tax should provide for the prevention and control of alcoholic substances for the legalized area.

The tax on liquor, which, according to Kentucky tax law, can be set between 6 and 8 percent, sparked debate among council members deciding what would be the best fit for the area.

After a second reading of the ordinance, the Council voted 8-3 in favor of an 8 percent liquor tax, the highest available in the Commonwealth, making Murray's one of the most expensive taxes in the state.

Councilman Dan Miller said the original intent was to keep the tax as low at 6 percent, so as to nurture local business and stimulate purchasing power, and then perhaps graduate into a higher tax rate as sales were gauged properly.

"We want to entice good businesses to come in," Miller said. "I think this is a rip-off and is gouging the tax payers. We can do enough with 6 percent - we can always take it up, but I don't think we will ever lower it."

Councilman Pete Lancaster also chimed in on the issue, stating the Council could make amendments on policy further down the road.

"We could rescind the 8 percent and bring back the 6 percent originally recommended," Lancaster said. "There is no reason to try and overcharge the citizens with the highest percentage tax in the Commonwealth. We are abusing our power as council members, gouging the pockets of our citizens."

Councilwoman Linda Cherry did point out the ordinances must be addressed every year, so if needed the council could raise or lower the tax percentage from year to year should this be necessary.

Jay Morgan, who serves as a City Council member and is the University's associate provost, said it could be as long as December or January before the first packaged liquor is sold in Murray, as regulations regarding zoning and construction of new establishments have not been completed.

Murray Chief of Police Jeff Liles acknowledged the future of at least three packaged liquor stores in city, while one 70/30 dining establishment is planning to apply for a tavern license. Businesses and potential owners can begin the application process today.

Though it is unconfirmed, businesses including Walgreen's, Kroger, Wal-Mart, Huck's and

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## Campus unsure about suicide-awareness posters

Staff Report

As a result of three student suicides in the last academic year, Murray State's Counseling Center has been restructured.

The center now hosts an increased staff, a new director, the capacity to see 80 clients in a week, on-call counselors, long-term therapy options and a directory for off-campus resources.

Angie Trzepacz, director of the Counseling Center, said the office was transformed and has been geared to push suicide prevention as a direct result of the student suicides last year.

"We want to bring awareness about suicide prevention," she said. "There are so many other options."

"Given the chance, this office can talk to the person, or friend of a person, thinking of suicide and we can get them

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Bonnie Higginson has announced her resignation after three years as Murray State's provost and vice president of Academic Affairs.

## Provost announces resignation for June

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Bonnie Higginson, provost and vice president of Academic Affairs, has announced her resignation at the end of her term in June 2013.

Under her original contract from two years ago, Higginson was to serve three years, with an optional fourth. She has decided she will end the contract at the end of the three years in order to return to the classroom, where she said her heart is.

Higginson said she has spoken with President Randy Dunn and they discussed a fourth year, but her final decision was to bow out of the position before beginning that year.

A national search committee will be selected or hired within the next few weeks, in order to seek a candidate to fill the position Higginson will vacate. While a national search will be conducted, the opportunity within that search is present for an in-

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# This week

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>3 p.m.</b> College Republicans; Curris Center, 2nd floor, open to all</li> <li>• <b>4 p.m.</b> Planetarium Show; Golden Pond Planetarium, Land Between the Lakes, open to all</li> <li>• <b>6 p.m.</b> Murray State Muay Thai; Carr Health Building, Martial Arts Room</li> <li>• <b>7:30 p.m.</b> Cinema International; "Pina Bausch," Curris Center Theater, open to all</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>9 a.m.</b> Festival of Champions; Roy Stewart Stadium, \$10 for adults, \$5 with Racercard</li> <li>• <b>2 p.m.</b> Volleyball vs. Jacksonville State, Racer Arena, free with Racercard</li> <li>• <b>5:30 p.m.</b> Laser Light Music Shows; Golden Pond Planetarium, Land Between the Lakes</li> <li>• <b>7:30 p.m.</b> Cinema International; "Pina Bausch," Curris Center Theater, open to all</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>9:30 a.m.</b> Sunday School; Winslow Cafeteria, open to all</li> <li>• <b>2 p.m.</b> Free Movie Afternoon; Traders Mall Family Theater, 6900 Benton Road, Paducah, open to all</li> <li>• <b>6 p.m.</b> Sunday worship; Ignite Student Ministry, Robert O. Miller Conference Center, open to students</li> <li>• <b>6 p.m.</b> Murray Choral Society auditions; Price Doyle Fine Arts Building, open to all</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Reading Experience View and Voice; Faculty Hall, Room 208, open to all</li> <li>• <b>5 p.m.</b> PRSSA meeting; Wilson Hall, Room 115, open to all</li> <li>• <b>5:30 p.m.</b> Cycling class; Wellness Center, open to all</li> <li>• <b>6:30 p.m.</b> Murray Adult Spelling Bee; Murray Women's Clubhouse, open to all, \$1</li> </ul>

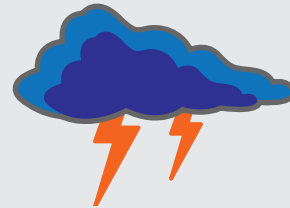
Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>5 p.m.</b> Ads Club; Wilson Hall, Room 213, open to all</li> <li>• <b>5:30 p.m.</b> Take Back the Night; Cutchin Field, open to all</li> <li>• <b>5:30 p.m.</b> Tennis Club; Bennie Purcell Tennis Courts, open to all</li> <li>• <b>7 p.m.</b> Volleyball vs. Austin Peay; Racer Arena, free with Racercard</li> <li>• <b>7 p.m.</b> Collegiate FFA meeting, Oakley South, open to all</li> <li>• <b>7 p.m.</b> Sci Fi Club meeting; Faculty Hall 208, open to all</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>3 p.m.</b> Major's Fair; Curris Center, Large Ballroom</li> <li>• <b>4 p.m.</b> High Intensity Cardio Class; Wellness Center, open to all</li> <li>• <b>5 p.m.</b> Politics and Society Research Colloquium; Faculty Hall, Room 500</li> <li>• <b>5:30 p.m.</b> Cycling class; Wellness Center, open to all</li> <li>• <b>6 p.m.</b> College Democrats; Curris Center, Mississippi Room, open to all</li> <li>• <b>7 p.m.</b> Wednesday Word and Worship; Curris Center Theater, open to all</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>11 a.m.</b> Barbecue on the River; Downtown Paducah, open to all</li> <li>• <b>5 p.m.</b> Kick Boxing Class; Wellness Center, open to all</li> <li>• <b>5:30 p.m.</b> Tennis Club; Bennie Purcell Tennis Courts, open to all</li> <li>• <b>7:30 p.m.</b> Cinema International; "Big Shot's Funeral," Curris Center Theater, open to all</li> <li>• <b>8 p.m.</b> Fencing Club; Carr Health, Room 209, open to all</li> <li>• <b>9:30 p.m.</b> Music Shows; Hart Coffee Shop, open to all</li> </ul>

If you would like an event to appear in the This week section of *The Murray State News*, email us at [news@the-news.org](mailto:news@the-news.org) or send a fax to (270) 809-3175.

Please submit events by noon on Wednesdays. We cannot guarantee all items received will be published.

## Weekend Weather


**Friday**



**Slight chance of thunderstorms**

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**Saturday**



**Mostly sunny**

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**Sunday**



**Sunny**

Information provided by the National Weather Service.

## Police Beat

### Sept. 13

**12:21 a.m.** A caller reported the theft of items from Fast Track. The Murray State Police took an information report.

**9:31 a.m.** A caller reported a broken window of a vehicle in the parking lot by Springer College. Officers were notified.

**11:35 p.m.** The Murray State Police were notified due to a group of people playing loud music in the parking lot of Regents College. Officers told them to turn the music down and took an information report.

### Sept. 14

**6:10 p.m.** A caller reported a

dispute between two people at the dorm circle. Officers were notified and the people were gone upon their arrival.

**8:17 p.m.** A caller reported a person being harassed at Regents College. The Murray State Police were notified at took an information report.

**10:54 p.m.** Racer Patrol reported an unsecured door at Wells Hall. The Murray State Police were notified.

### Sept. 15

**3:13 p.m.** A caller reported a theft of property at Winslow Cafeteria. The Murray State Police were notified and took a report for unlawful taking less than \$500.

**3:52 p.m.** A caller requested to speak with an officer concerning University policy at the dorm circle.

**11:36 p.m.** An outside decora-

tion light at the Biology Building was reportedly knocked over. The Murray State Police and Central Plant were notified.

### Sept. 16

**3:33 a.m.** A caller reported a black dog with no collar near Elizabeth College. Officers were notified and referred the case to another jurisdiction.

**4:39 p.m.** A caller reported a medical emergency at Hester College. The Murray State Po-

### Call of Fame



lice and an ambulance were notified and officer took an information report.

**11:44 p.m.** A caller requested to speak with an officer concerning a possible drug violation at White College. Officer were notified and took an information report.

### Sept. 17

**1:46 p.m.** A caller reported a small cow loose on College Farm Road. The Murray Police Department was notified.

**2:17 p.m.** A resident adviser contacted the Murray State Po-

### Sept. 17

**9:41 a.m.** An officer helped a student catch her dog by Faculty Hall. The dog was returned to the student by the officer.

lice and reported the smell of marijuana in Hart College. The smell was gone upon the officer's arrival. Officers took an information report.

### Sept. 18

**12:40 a.m.** An officer was requested at White College for possible marijuana in the dorm. Officers found no marijuana in the dorm. Officers took an information report.

**1:05 p.m.** A caller reported a paper towel on fire in the chemistry building parking lot. The Murray State Police and the State Fire Marshal were notified. The Murray State Police took an information report.

**5:03 p.m.** A caller reported theft of a backpack and textbooks from Waterfield Library. The Murray State Police were notified and took a report for unlawful taking less than \$500.

### Sept. 19

**11:08 p.m.** The Murray State Police issued a citation to Reyon Williams, sophomore from Chamblee, Ga., for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

**11:15 p.m.** A caller reported suspicious activity at Alexander Hall. Officers took an information report.

**11:35 p.m.** A caller reported the smell of marijuana at Regents College. The Murray State Police were notified and took an information report.

Motorist assists - 3  
Racer escorts - 6  
Arrests - 0

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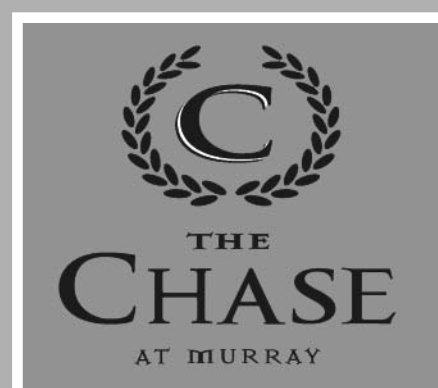
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# HIGGINSON

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house selection.  
President Randy Dunn said when he found out about Higginson's resignation, he informed the Board of Regents. "My anticipation is the University will do a national search," he said. "The search will include external and internal candidates and I imagine it would take a good part of the year to do the search properly."

Dunn said he did not know if a search firm would be hired for the process, as hiring a firm is costly. He said he wanted to talk to the constituency Regents and discuss the pros and cons of each possible approach.

"The University needs to have the new provost in position by July 1 of 2013," he said. "I think a position at this level would require the same kind of search that would be needed for a president."

He said a wide variety of groups on and off campus would be needed to look at the two to three final candidates for the position. He said it may require a two day set of presentations in front of many groups, to help in the decision making process.

Dunn said there were advantages to having a firm, but it had its setbacks as well.

"The advantages of having a firm is that they generally work at the front end of the search," he said. "Which means they may know who is ready, nationwide, to step into the role."

He said another pro was that the firm would do the initial collection and review of all the applicant credentials, which can be a timely process.

Dunn said even if a firm were hired to conduct the search, there would still be a campus based search committee, which would narrow the field of qualified candidates to determine which are most applicable. He said the final candidates would go before him and the

board for consideration.

The person chosen to fill the role of provost and vice president of Academic Affairs will be someone with the appropriate credentials, including external and internal candidates.

Jay Morgan, associate provost, an internal candidate has announced intentions to apply for the provost position, which will open in July.

Morgan said in the last few days, he has been pleased that several respected individuals on campus have encouraged him to apply.

"Given their encouragement and my interest in the position," he said. "And barring any unforeseen obstacles, I do plan to apply."

He said as a possible internal candidate, he feels support from those at the University.

"I feel like most people on campus know me, my leadership style and effectiveness, and also have a good feel of what type of job I would do based on my previous roles of supporting the faculty," he said. "I have had a long-running commitment to academics and the faculty body at Murray State, and not a flash and dash commitment."

Morgan said he thinks he has a good track record of working with the constituency groups on campus, the deans, chairs, faculty and others and believes he could provide some visionary advancement for academic affairs.

Rena Duncan, associate provost, said she was not going to apply for the position, as she did not feel she would be the right person for the job.

"The position of provost is vital at any university," she said. "That person is responsible for everything that falls under academics within the University. The search committee will look for the one best person suitable for the position."

Duncan said she could only describe hearing the news of Higginson's resignation as sad. She credited Higginson with much of the University's academic strength.

"It is because of Higginson the colleges and schools at this University

# BONNIE HIGGINSON

- spent 33 years at Murray State
- held several positions including professor, chair of department of elementary and secondary education, associate provost
- a proud University alumna



Provost & Vice President of Academic Affairs

have become stronger," she said. "Higginson has had a large hand in the restructuring and strengthening of the academics of this campus."

Duncan said Higginson had expressed her desire to return to teaching at the University.

Higginson said she has the option to return in a half-time teaching position in the College of Education, and said she plans on doing so.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed the (provost) position," she said. "In a way, I feel like I'm just getting started. What it boils down to are the students. Like I said, I've enjoyed the position, but I miss the day-to-day contact I had with the students in my first 27 years here at Murray State. I want to teach again before I really retire."

Higginson said the thoughts of resigning at the end of her three years began in the fall of 2011. She said she started thinking about the big picture.

"I thought about my life and what I've done," she said. "I thought about time and how much anyone really has, I don't want to regret working full time for so long. This job has been amazing, but it is very time consuming."

She said her husband, Cliff, would not take a stand on whether she should complete three or four years. In the end, she decided she wanted more free time to spend with him and the students she loves teaching.

Higginson has a few regrets leaving the position, but she said one of the big-

ger ones was leaving the administrators who have become her friends. She said she would miss the close connection the position brings with the other University vice presidents, deans of the colleges and with Dunn.

At the end of her term, Higginson will have been at Murray State for 33 years. She began her career at the University in 1979, and spent time as a professor, chair of the department of elementary and secondary education, White College Head and associate provost.

She held the associate provost position for three years before applying for the combined position of provost and vice president of Academic Affairs. Before starting her career at Murray State, Higginson received her undergraduate and graduate degrees here, receiving her doctorate from the University of Georgia.

The positions of provost and vice president of Academic Affairs coordinates the academic side of the University.

Jack Rose, Faculty Regent and professor, said he and Higginson had worked together for a long time and, in his opinion, she has and is doing an excellent job at her administrative post.

"Higginson has a disposition and a desire to make sure the faculty are properly embodied," he said. "Her heart and soul is at Murray State and I think she has lead at a time when there have been many problems, especially with a lack of funding."

# SMOKE

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hurt a lot of people like me. It would take away our freedom."

Unlike neighboring Paducah, Murray is not smoke-free, and in fact has had its fair share of trouble enforcing no smoking policies throughout the city.

In 2011, the Murray-Calloway County Hospital discussed the possibility of reverting back to designated smoking areas following a 2009 ban on smoking inside or near the facility.

Discussion has since fizzled, however, and the hospital campus remains smoke-free.

Already some restaurants in Murray, including Sirloin Stockade and the recently closed Ryan's Family Restaurant had resorted to smokeless environments, tossing away their ashtrays and converting their smoking sections into large party rooms for extra seating.

Not all restaurants have removed their smoking sections, though, as Applebee's, Mary's Kitchen and all city liquor establishments maintain smoking policies and have designated sections for smokers and non-smokers to enjoy their meals and drinks.

Often blamed for the rising cost in health care, smoking and other tobacco products have been medically linked to multiple types of cancer and birthing abnormalities, launching a national debate as to the legality of second-hand smoke.

Director of Human Resources Tom Hoffacker said he would like to learn more about faculty and student concerns regarding smoking and current campus policies regarding tobacco use.

Said Hoffacker: "Smoking, along with obesity, is a significant problem that results in high costs for health care. I don't think anyone is eager to have either of those problems continue."

# POSTERS

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thinking about why to keep on living, to talk about their dreams and aspirations."

But some students have misinterpreted the posters, which are featured across campus.

Dylan West, junior from Benton, Ky., said he believes the ad is ineffective and might actually project the opposite of what was intended.

He said the text should have started by telling needy students to stop or prevent suicide. He said the cloudburst reminded him of a warm light at the end of a tunnel.

Another student, Rachel McKinley, freshman from Louisville, Ky., said, upon first inspection, the word suicide was most prevalent.

"It's a confusing message," she said. "I assumed it was a flyer suggesting you could get help somewhere, but I wasn't sure."

Trzepacz said the posters were meant to help promote awareness - something she said the University needed.

# ALCOHOL

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The Big Apple Cafe, among others, have all shown intent to apply for new or amended licensing, while many other potential business owners and investors are taking a wait-and-see approach.

For retail liquor drink sales, there can be one outlet for every 2,500 persons for cities of any size.

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# Opinion

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## Our View

### Traffic jams on campus

The staff editorial is the majority opinion of the editorial board of The Murray State News.

Finding a parking spot on campus can be a hassle if you are in a hurry. It can also be a hassle if you aren't – students, staff and faculty alike have had trouble finding parking spaces over the years and this semester is no exception as we are all aware.

What is exceptional about this constant headache for commuters and even those who live on campus is that whether consciously or unconsciously, the lack of available parking looks like its by design.

According to David DeVoss, chief of the Murray State Police, last semester there were 6,969 parking spaces across campus (all tags included) while 7,527 parking permits were issued to faculty, staff and students.

That's a difference of 558. While we understand that not everyone on campus is actually on campus at the same time, in theory if they were, we would be talking about a situation in which there simply were not enough parking spaces for everyone issued a permit by Public Safety.

That is a problem. It's not only a problem for those looking for a parking space, but fundamentally it raises questions about why so many parking permits are being issued when there are not enough parking spaces to go around.

Is it a cynical way of making

money from parking tickets? Enforcement is a big issue when it comes to parking on campus, especially as the number of students enrolled increases.

As anyone who has gotten a parking ticket on campus will tell you (and as far as the appeals process goes) there are a lot of instances in which parking in the wrong zone goes untouched while others are written tickets. This, combined with the confusion that can lead to visitors to the University being charged for parking in visitor spaces without having a visitor permit, creating yet another headache for students trying to find a parking space on campus.

What can be done? Short of printing fewer permits (which could cause even more problems for students who might attend class every other day), the only solution is to expand the number of parking spots available.

What about the cost associated with building a parking garage, or paving new parking lots? University officials might claim that the budget just wouldn't allow such an expenditure, but we shouldn't forget that just last year, University officials were pushing a library on campus that would in all likelihood have eclipsed the costs of another parking lot quite easily.

Short of new parking spaces, we would like to see some consistency in parking enforcement. Students, staff and faculty deserve fairness and due process, not confusion.

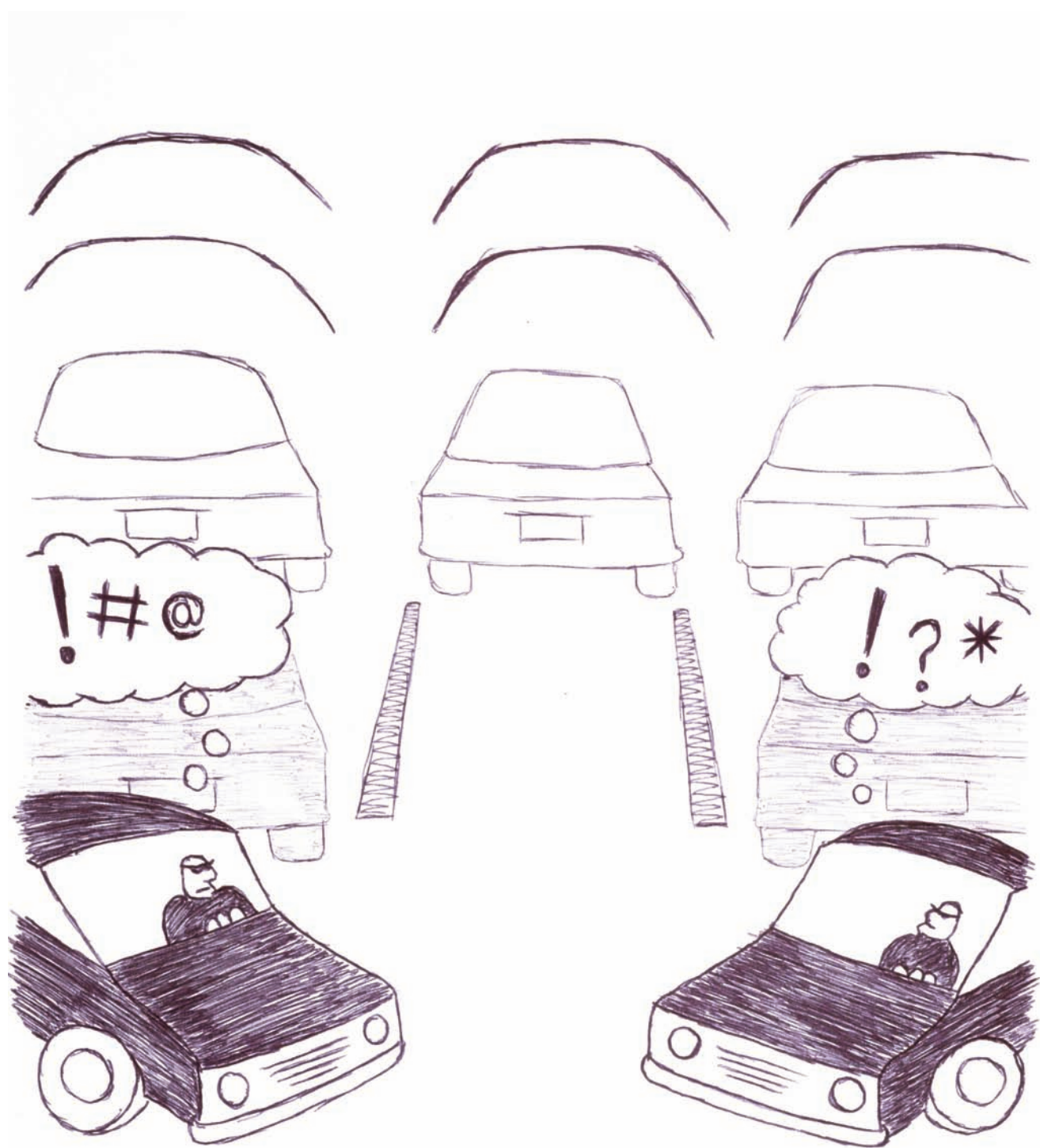


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## Should smoking be allowed on campus?



"I think there should be designated areas for people who smoke so that they know where to go and people who are affected by the smoke can avoid it."

Megan Nouvertne • Sophomore from Murray, Ky.



"I prefer it not to be. It just affects me and I don't want to get any disease or illness because of what others are doing."

Tom Via II • Senior from Mayfield, Ky.



"I like it as it is, where in certain places, people can smoke and if someone wants or needs to avoid it, they can. If it is all over campus it will bother people who are allergic or affected by the smoke."

Sally McIntosh • Lecturer, English department from Murray, Ky.

Caitlin Gannon/The News

## A Professor's Journal

### What children's books teach



Duane Bolin  
 Professor of History

It is a humbling experience to stand before a class full of students, some of you eager to learn and some of you not.

There is something very inspirational about an earnest search for truth.

Students don't want to play charades; you don't want to just go through the motions. You want to learn, most of you, and you want to experience reality in the classroom. An honest search for "The Real Thing" is what we are after. We, teachers and students alike, are tired of masquerading. We strive for the real, the genuine, not a cheap imitation.

As a professor, it is a constant struggle for me to shrug off the mask with which I attempt to cover my inadequacies, to reveal my true self to students, colleagues and even members of my family. Why should this be such a struggle?

Why is it a struggle to be Real? Margery Williams centers on the process of becoming Real in "The Velveteen Rabbit," one of my family's favorite children's stories. As is true of the very best children's stories (Kenneth Graham's "The Wind in the Willows" and E. B. White's "Charlotte's Web" come immediately to mind) the mother or father who faithfully reads the

stories to the daughter or son is rewarded as richly as the child. In our family, Evelyn has been the real teacher, the one who has been so richly rewarded in that way.

In "The Velveteen Rabbit," a conversation between the Skin Horse and the Rabbit is really about the moral and theological problem of becoming the person that we are meant to be in the company of those that we love: The Skin Horse lived longer in the nursery than any of the others. He was so old that his brown coat was bald in patches and showed the seams underneath, and most of the hairs in his tail had been pulled out to string bead necklaces.

He was wise, for he had seen a long succession of mechanical toys arrive to boast and swagger, and by-and-by break their mainstrings and pass away, and he knew that they were only toys, and would never turn into anything else. For nursery magic is very strange and wonderful, and only those playthings that are old and wise and experienced like the Skin Horse understand all about it.

"What is real?" asked the Rabbit one day, when they were lying side-by-side near the nursery fender, before Nana came to tidy the room. "Does it mean having things that buzz inside you and a stick-out handle?"

"Real isn't how you are made," said the Skin Horse. "It's a thing that happens to you. When a child

loves you for a long, long time, not just to play with, but *really* loves you, then you become real."

"Does it hurt?" asked the Rabbit. "Sometimes," said the Skin Horse, for he was always truthful. "When you are real you don't mind being hurt."

"Does it happen all at once, like being wound up," he asked, "or bit by bit?"

"It doesn't happen all at once," said the Skin Horse. "You become. It takes a long time. That's why it doesn't often happen to people who break easily, or have sharp edges, or who have to be carefully kept."

Generally, by the time you are real, most of your hair has been loved off, and your eyes drop out and you get loose in the joints and very shabby. But these things don't matter at all, because once you are real you can't be ugly, except to people who don't understand."

(And) once you are real you can't become unreal again. It lasts for always."

Surely, at least with the ones that love you and are loved by you, being real is worth the wear and tear and hurt of the effort. Surely, the same can be said for the teacher-student relationship.

What a liberating concept, to drop the protective mask and teach and live and behave genuinely. Becoming real. Perhaps such a concept would for teachers? And what, after all, are families for?

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# Letters to the Editor

Born in the U.S.A.

Everyone's a little bit racist, and I mean every one of every race. We are informed of such by Avenue Q in a delightful song. YouTube it. I know what you're thinking, "Impossibru!" While it's not good, you probably have control of it.

It's like the yin and yang. You have your good side with a dash of not so good. So, while that spot of racism on your shiny tolerance is unpleasant, you don't ever let it show through. Or do you?

Romney seems to show his. "No one has ever asked to see my birth certificate, they know that this is the place that we were born and raised." Who would have thought no one would ask the white guy with a common name about his birth certificate? But whoa! Throw a guy who is even just half African American with a name showing his heritage and he must be a Muslim commie terrorist.

Behold the "Birthers" we saw surface last presidential election cycle. They demanded everything: birth certificate, college transcripts, taxes, etc. President Barack Obama delivered it all to them and the only way he could have been more kind about it would be to deliver a custom decorated cake. Yet, it still wasn't enough and he was still a Muslim, a terrorist and a communist.

My big question is: who cares if we had a candidate that just wasn't Christian and instead a Muslim? This is America, where everyone is free to worship whoever or whatever they want. Would it be so terrible to have an atheist? Or perhaps someone who follows Judaism? I mean, the last 44 presidents were Christians - 43 of those 44 were white.

There isn't anything wrong with diversity. America could stand to have more. Yet, we still argue over Obama's religion, birthplace, etc. It's insane. Pure and simple insanity. The blunt ignorance of the facts in front of one's face. It'd be like running into a wall because, even though one is seeing it and others are showing, they just are not convinced it's there. So, one keeps running head first into it.

How would Obama even have made it to the State Senate without someone noticing that he wasn't born on American soil?

Also, does anyone think the Democratic Party is that stupid? Stupid enough as to put a non-American soil-born citizen as the candidate thus giving the opposition the perfect opportunity to strike them down? Clearly they aren't.

What's probably worse is that when America requests something legitimate like Mitt Romney's taxes, he refuses to fork them over unlike Obama who gave everyone what they wanted. Doesn't that make you think there is something Romney is hiding? Or do you assume "no" because he looks like you? I didn't think Obama should hide his. Instead I thought "show it to them so they'll shut up and we can get onto something that is actually important."

So, why should Romney hide his history if he wants to be a leader in our country? We should know about the practices and ethics, or lack thereof in Romney's case, of our presidential candidates.

Let's also consider Romney's "Keep America American" slogan. A slogan used by the Ku Klux Klan in 1922. What is not American about Obama? He believes in American workers/jobs unlike Romney who ships jobs overseas to make a penny on the backs of uninsured and underpaid foreign workers. Obama shows more American values than Romney. Yet, it is so easy to see Obama as the enemy because he looks different than what we're used to.

The African-American community turned out in more numbers than ever before for the 2008 election. True, this can be considered some form of racism if many were voting simply because they had a black candidate. I'm not sure how we should feel about it. Candidates should be decided upon because of their character and not their skin, but the chance to finally add diversity to our commander-in-chief is fantastic motivation. I was excited to see the first African American president, as we all should be.

It was history and it showed America is progressing for the better.

**Kyle Shupe**  
senior from  
Farmington, Ky.

On Aug. 31, *The Murray State News* published a letter from Kyle Shupe.

Mr. Shupe implied the CEO of Chik-Fil-A funneled money to pass a bill in Uganda calling for the death penalty for the crime of homosexuality. He wrote it in spite of the fact there was no proof of the charge. If there were any proof, the network news would have made it their lead story. The bill that was introduced in Uganda only covered the crimes of adult-child incest, sexual abuse of the disabled, and to deliberately infect people with the AIDS virus. The bill didn't even pass.

He wrote about homosexual teenagers who were killing themselves. The first report about that was in a Washington, D.C. homosexual newspaper, claiming the juvenile homosexual suicide rate is 3 times the national average, a claim that has never been confirmed by any national medical or health report, like the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, which keeps that information. (Note: I don't use the phrase "LGBT" since I don't speak political correctness.)

Mr. Shupe also wrote, "If you don't like gay marriage, don't get gay married." That's like saying, "If you look out your own window and don't like seeing pollution, then don't look out your window." It doesn't work.

Words like "tolerance" were used in the letter. If you take a look at the website of the Heritage Foundation for the 2009 report on the California homosexual marriage vote, "The Price of Prop 8," you will find the ideal of tolerance as seen by the homosexual rights movement includes death threats, vandalism, destruction of property, arson, hate mail, loss of employment and economic opportunities, racial slurs and anti-religious attacks, including vandalism and threats against churches and followers.

Mr. Shupe wrote, "This article may sound harsh, it doesn't make it wrong."

No, Mr. Shupe. The article is wrong, and you are wrong.

**Michael Skaggs**  
non-student from  
Murray, Ky.

I would like to respond to the disjointed letter sent in last week (Sept. 14) blasting the University's decision to play Florida State at the beginning of the season. Mr. Cooper starts by saying this decision embarrassed the alumni, current students and athletes, future students/athletes, athletic department and all that had a hand in making this decision. It seems to me that he thinks the decision to play FSU was a decision made outside the athletic department. As any good sports fan knows, scheduling is decided by the head coach and athletic director.

He goes on to state how broadcasters found this game scheduling to be pathetic. While I'll admit I don't watch a whole lot of college football, I didn't see anything written or spoken anywhere that would justify this. Did they think that Murray had a chance of beating the 'Noles? No, but that didn't mean they saw the game as "pathetic."

Mr. Cooper then states "we" collectively puked our guts out every time we saw the score on the bottom line and this game put our players at risk to injury. I would first ask Mr. Cooper to not generalize the entire fan base with how he felt. I knew we didn't have a shot at beating FSU and I knew the real reason why we were playing them. As for putting our players at risk; they were in no more risk than they would have been if they played a different opponent. Football is a contact sport and the players know the dangers and risks when they make a conscious choice to play.

He is right when he states this was about a pay day. Yet, while he wants to say this decision did more damage to the school, I'd argue the opposite side. Not scheduling this game would do damage to the school and athletic department. Playing in these games gives players an opportunity to play on a big

stage and compete against some of the elite teams. It also helps fund improvements in facilities and, more importantly, helps the athletic department's bottom line so other sports like tennis, soccer, volleyball, etc. can have the opportunities to better their programs, increasing the value of the University.

So Mr. Cooper, loyal supporter of the University of Washington and Pac 12 since '73, you are entitled to be disgusted by this decision. But know that your beloved Huskies do the same thing FSU did. And as far as my Murray State Racers are concerned, keep your opinions to yourself because I applaud Allen Ward (director of athletics), the athletic department, and all Racer coaches for striving to advance the quality of our sports and University.

**Nathaniel Hantle**  
alumnus from  
Franklin, Tenn.

**Cheers to ... USA Today!** While we aren't usually in the business of promoting other newspapers, the paper's redesign looks awesome! Too bad we don't get it free on campus anymore.

cheers & jeers



**Cheers to ... Constitution Day!** On Monday, students and faculty celebrated our nation's Constitution with panels, debates and lectures. Our Constitution is still kickin'. Can you say oldest Constitution in the world?



**Jeers to ... fall allergies.** We were pretty stoked about this entire seasonal shift thing, but this is something we wish we could skip over. Sinus infections, runny noses ... Fast forward just a few weeks. That's all we're asking here.



**Jeers to ... having to log into the Internet every time you go to a new building on campus.** Racer wireless? Give us a break. Wireless Internet was supposed to make things easier. Don't even get us started on phone signal on campus.



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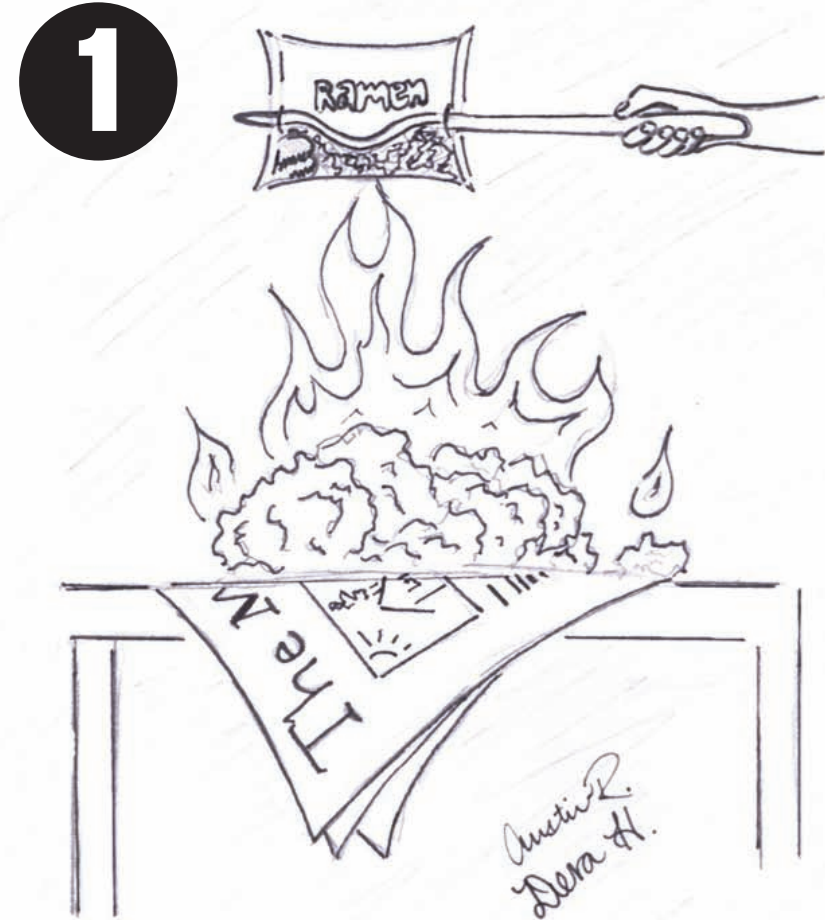
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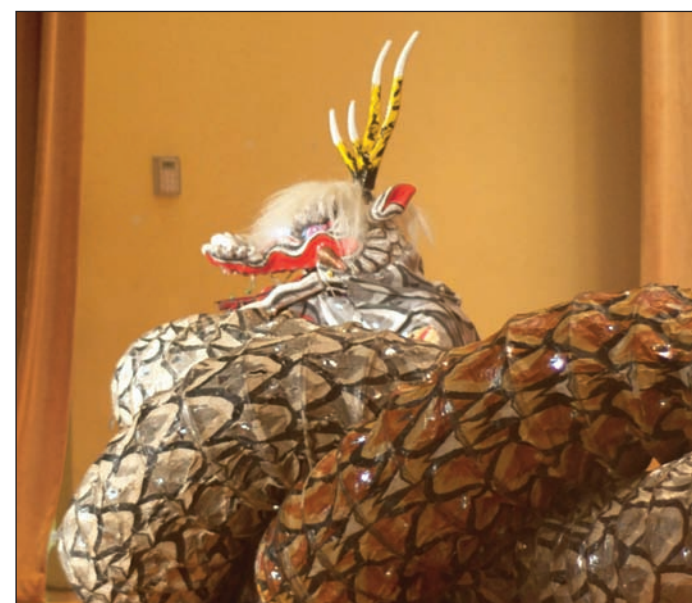






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The character of Susanou No Mikoto slays a giant serpent to defend princess Kushinada in the dance performance hosted in Wrather Museum Tuesday night.



One performer controlled an entire portion of the serpent.



This dancer performed as a fisherman at Tuesday night's event.

## Japanese dance troupe performs Iwami Kagura

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With standing room only and a faculty member trying to manage the crowd inside Wrather Museum, the Japanese dance troupe Iwami Kagura performed Tuesday night.

The Kagura dance originated as a religious service performed by Shinto priests as a sign of gratitude to the Shinto gods for giving them a plentiful harvest. The dances are considered religious. The Kagura dances portray the heroism of the Iwami people and tell a story.

Ted Brown, dean of the College of Humanities and Fine Arts, said this style of dance is known for its up-tempo drums and colorful costumes.

"It's very unique and nothing like this has been in Murray before," Brown said.

The performance started out with four men playing musical instruments that consisted of a large Japanese drum, a very small

drum, small cymbals and a Japanese flute.

Patricia Pringle, Kentucky consultant for the Japanese Intercultural Consulting organization, said the troupe is touring the United States as a way to show thanks for the help Americans contributed during the earthquake relief.

Prior to the performance Pringle encouraged audience applause throughout the dances.

"The more applause they get, the happier they are," Pringle said. "This is about joy, not sadness."

Brown said all of the men have trade jobs back in Japan and the dancing was a hobby in which they participate.

"The youngest member is around 21 years old and the oldest is 71," Brown said. "They are a part of a traveling dance troupe and Murray State is their second stop."

None of dancers spoke fluent English, so with the help of a translator, they spoke with members from the community and the University.

Tadamitsu Mihara was the eldest member of the troupe at 71

years old, still dancing with the troupe as it travels.

He said he began performing the ritual dances when he was 20. He is also the president of the dance troupe and said among the many traditional Japanese dances, the Orochi dance was his personal favorite.

The dancers were interactive with the crowd throughout their performance and candy from Japan was passed out to every audience member.

"The aggressive dance moves are fun," Mihara said. "I like the up-tempo beats."

He said they received a great reaction from the audience when they were in Atlanta and expected a great crowd in Murray.

The dance troupe also conducted a hands-on workshop for students in the Calloway County High School gymnasium before coming to perform at Murray State.

The event was co-sponsored by the Japan Foundation, the Consulate-General of Japan in Nashville and the College of Humanities and Fine Arts.

## Origami Night kicks off international events

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Getting off of the elevator on the fourth floor of Faculty Hall, otherwise known as the language floor, a student might expect to hear a foreign language and might even receive a taste of another culture.

This is the reason the International Cultures and Languages Association's (ICALA) and Japanese Student Association's (JSA) hosted Origami Night there on Sept. 13. The event attracted more than 35 people from the University.

Susan Drake, the adviser for the ICALA, said this year's origami event was the third to date and it all started with wanting to further education of the Japanese culture.

"At the time, we had a Japanese international student who was an expert in origami," she said. "Sakura could make the most amazing origami pieces. She has since graduated, but we continue the tradition with the assistance from the Japanese Student Association."

Drake said the ICALA hoped the students were realizing the importance of enjoying other cultures.

The goal of the ICALA, she said, is to provide activities that are engaging while learning about other cultures in an environment that brings students together. Murray State, Calloway County Middle School and Calloway County High School students all attended.

Drake said the ICALA, which was formally known as the Foreign Lan-

guage Club (FLC), was first created to spread interest and desire for international education. The ICALA and FLC have hosted several events in the past include the International Dinner at Winslow, the International Bazaar and The International World of Dance.

The event was designed not only to teach students how to fold origami but to also run the officer elections for the ICALA.

Origami Night is just the first of many ICALA events that Drake said are planned to happen, all with the intention of furthering international awareness.

She said some of the upcoming fall events include the bratwurst fundraiser at Tent City, Oktoberfest and a field trip to celebrate the Mexican custom of Day of the Dead.



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Students who attended Origami Night had the chance to learn the art form.

## Constitution Day marked by high student awareness, greater turnout

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Murray State commemorated the 225th birthday of the United States' Constitution Monday with a day-long series of lectures from primarily Murray State faculty.

Constitution Day is celebrated each Sept. 17, and celebrates not only the document itself and the freedoms it grants Americans, but also the men who risked their lives by creating and signing it in 1787.

The U.S. Constitution is renowned as being the supreme law of the land. It established the three branches of government, legislative, executive and judicial. It also frames the principles of federalism and confirms its federal powers.

Presentations kicked off at 9:30 a.m. in the Freed Curd Auditorium, the location where all but two of the programs were held, and lectures continued all day.

The Office of the Provost, College of Humanities and Fine Arts, Criminal Justice Program, department of government, law and international affairs and the department of history organized and sponsored the day's activities.

The faculty who spoke came from the sponsoring departments, and all spoke free of charge on the topic of their choice relating to the Constitution.

The subjects of the lectures were diverse: how the Constitution was



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Constitution Day at Murray State featured faculty members who spoke about the U.S. Constitution and how it impacts daily American life.

interpreted in recent court cases, religion and the Constitution, how the upcoming 2012 presidential elections are influenced by this document and how, in general, the Constitution affects daily life.

Martin Battle, assistant professor of humanities and fine arts, was a key part of making the events of Constitution Day possible for Murray State and said when organizing the event, they strove to make it much more academic than the previous year, because last years events were more exclusively focused on the legal aspects and the impact of the Constitution on laws and court rulings.

An estimated 700 students and residents attended the Constitution Day lectures Monday, the number bolstered by the addition of approxi-

mately 150 high school students from both Murray and Calloway County high schools. This is the first year students from the high school were invited to the event.

Battle said it is important for people to study the Constitution and learn all they can because of how influential it is in our everyday lives.

Battle called the Constitution the cornerstone of American democracy. He said despite the Constitution being such a talked about and present force in citizen's lives, it is misunderstood and not everyone who talks about it understands its purpose. Due to this, he said there is a definite need for a day like Constitution Day.

A total of seven presentations were made throughout the day, each exhibition lasting roughly an hour with

some time left over for questions.

Two to three faculty members spoke together at each exposition, the last faculty speaker ending around 4:30 p.m.

James C. Clinger, associate professor and director of humanities and fine arts spoke Monday morning in a presentation entitled "Political Science Examinations of Constitutional Issues," and along with Battle, was responsible for organizing the event.

He said calling the events of Constitution Day at Murray State a "celebration" is misleading.

Clinger said Murray State had been furnishing students with programming on Constitution Day, and holding special events for the day, even before it became required by law.

The law establishing the holiday

was passed in 2004. Before the amendment, the day was a holiday, but was known as Citizenship Day.

In the past, however, Constitution Day at Murray State has meant apple pie contests, opportunities to dress up like famous Americans and has not been necessarily education oriented. The original event was built to build student interest in a fun way.

Clinger said the purpose of Constitution Day at Murray State this year was not to inform attendees about the origins of the document, or about what the original purpose of the Constitution was, but to show how prominent it still is in 2012.

He said the Constitution is one of the most used documents in history.

The main event of the day did not come from the faculty presenters, but was a presentation from Murray State alum and Kentucky Supreme Court Justice, Bill Cunningham.

Cunningham spoke to more than 250 audience members, mostly students, in a crowded Curris Center Theatre at 7 p.m.

While Cunningham did speak primarily about the 4th and 10th amendments of the Constitution, he also touched on what he called, "the miracle at Philadelphia," the drama and struggles behind the drafting and signing of the Constitution.

Cunningham ran through the details of several cases, those both national and that fell into his own lap at the state level, and showed how the Constitution was called into use.





Brian Barron/The News

The high school students in FFA who attended Racer Roundup worked in pairs to develop skills vital in their future as FFA members. There were 535 high school participants at the event.

## FFA event develops leadership

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The Hutson School of Agriculture hosted Racer Roundup, an annual leadership conference, on Sept. 14 in the CFSB Center. The conference was held for high school students in Future Farmers of America (FFA). Murray State has been a collegiate member of FFA since 1998.

The conference included 535 FFA members from 27 different schools, most of which are in Kentucky, but also included students from schools in Tennessee, Illinois and Missouri.

The conference was created to build leadership skills for high school freshmen and to give seniors a chance to learn more about college and life after high school.

The students who attended the conference went through a rotation of four different workshops covering time management, professional dress, gender equality and team work, all of which were designed to teach students the skills they will need in their future as FFA members.

Kimberlie Moore, sophomore and collegiate FFA reporter from Hampton Ky., said the conference was not only a great way for freshmen to meet other people in their regions and gain leadership experience, it was also where they first got their renowned blue jackets.

Moore said the number of high schools and FFA members who attended the conference was higher than they expected. She said she was surprised everything ran smoothly.

Senior high school students who attended Racer Roundup also attended a senior seminar intended to prepare them for their college majors and give them the opportunity to ask questions about the University.

Matt Papineau, sophomore and collegiate FFA vice president from Marion, Ky., said every year the conference requests a national FFA officer to come speak to the students. This year he said the seniors and officials were very fortunate to have the speaker who came.

"This year we were lucky enough to have Seth Pratt, National FFA Western Region vice president, who came all the way from Idaho to speak at our leadership conference," Papineau said. "This is a very big deal and we were blessed to have him here."

Jeremiah Johnson, Student Government Association president, attended the Racer Roundup, and said Tony Brannon, dean of Hudson School of Agriculture, also spoke to the high schoolers at the leadership conference.

Johnson said Brannon was influential in inspiring and encouraging the students to be the best they can be and to take what they have learned at the conference back to their FFA chapters.

Luke King, sophomore State FFA officer from Burkesville Ky., said the leadership conference is also a fundraiser for FFA officers.

Said King: "The conference usually funds the national convention trip for collegiate FFA members and funds their professional development throughout the year."

## Across campus

### Murray State named military friendly school

One week after top rankings by U.S. News & World Report's Best Colleges on Sept. 12, G.I. Jobs magazine has named Murray State as a "2013 Military Friendly School".

The veterans affairs office serves as a liaison between University student veterans and dependents and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and provides resource information to students.

Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps students who would like information about the organization can contact the Veterans Affairs Office at 270-809-3754.

### Racer Academy of Agriculture enhanced by NIFA grant

The National Institute of Food and Agriculture awarded \$136,138 to expand the Racer Academy of Agriculture by developing new courses and increasing the number of secondary partners.

The award will also be used to improve instructional procedure and gather data for evaluation, analysis and refinement.

For more information about the project, contact Tony Brannon, dean of the Hutson School of Agriculture at tbrannon@murraystate.edu.

## Fraternity bid acceptance day



Jordie Oetken/Contributing photographer

Brothers of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity celebrate bid acceptance day on Monday afternoon in Lovett Auditorium. Bid day comes after a week-long recruitment process. Pike had 26 men accept bids into its fraternity. For the complete story visit thenews.org.

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# Sports

## Football

# Down the stretch he comes

## Wild Horse chases records in final season

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When senior quarterback Casey Brockman took the field against Florida State to start the season, it marked the beginning of the end for the highly-decorated hometown hero.

A Calloway County native, Brockman was a four-year letterman under then-Head Coach Josh McKeel at Calloway County High School, garnering All-State honors in 2008 after passing for 3,417 yards and 41 touchdowns as a senior en-route to an 11-3 season and a deep run into the playoffs.

Opting for a five-minute drive covering 1.3 miles, Brockman left Calloway County High School and, in 2009, chose the college to which he'd been accustomed and watched play football his entire life.

"It's pretty neat knowing probably 75 percent of the people in the crowd, having grown up here and watching games," Brockman said. "That's pretty special and pretty neat. It just means a little bit more to me just being able to play in front of people I know and my family knows. It's kind of a dream to play in front of this crowd and a little more meaningful."

Brockman started the final three games of the 2009 season, the last year under Head Coach Matt Griffin, winning his first official start in Blue and Gold by beating long time rival Austin Peay.

In three games, he passed for 543 yards, three touchdowns and had seemingly locked up the starting job for 2010 as he closed the season as the starting quarterback on the depth chart.

However, Griffin was fired following another losing season, and current Head Coach Chris Hatcher, who was hired in 2010 to give a quick turnaround to the Racer tradition, gave the reins to his powerful "Hatch Attack" to incumbent senior quarterback Jeff Erhardt.

Through persistence and continued dedication, Brockman had to once again prove himself to a new coaching staff and a new system.

He finally got his chance to shine in one of the biggest games of the season for Racer football: Homecoming.

Only three words can describe what was witnessed on that day: what a game.

He and the Racer offense went point-for-point with the Missouri State Bears offense, and when the dust settled, Brockman had thrown for school records of 570 yards and seven touchdowns in the 72-59 victory.

The starting job hasn't ever been in question since the self-proclaimed "Wild Horse" took over.

Now Brockman faces his final gauntlet—run through the OVC schedule, and it is make or break for the Racers as they are looking to finish strong and come away with the ever elusive OVC Championship.

"Anytime you start conference play now is when it really counts," Brockman said. "You want to get in the playoffs and make a name for yourself. We have to get down to the nitty-gritty and focus harder than we were before."

Every college football player likes to do battle with an old nemesis, and Brockman is no different. One of his favorite players to watch and go up against is conference foe and Eastern Kentucky senior quarterback T.J. Pryor, who leads the Colonels as one of the top FCS teams in 2012.

"They have beaten us for three straight years," Brockman said. "I generally like what they do at ECU and he's a fun guy to watch."

For all of the seniors, not just Brockman, this is an important season, as most of them were around when Griffin was fired in 2010. And while the pedigree and culture of winning has long been instilled during Hatcher's tenure, expectations and hopes are as high as ever for the Racers to bring it all back home.

"One more championship would mean the world to everybody," Brockman said. "We want to get Murray State back and relevant again in our division and on the FCS level."

If ever there was a man suited for the job, it would be Casey Brockman.

## Swing and a Drive

### Sit down and shut it

I hate to say it, but I love to complain. It's something I've been working on for the last year or so, as I sincerely know and believe I am far too blessed to have any complaints. Yet, I still love to do it.

I'm not exactly sure why I like to complain so much. Maybe it's just human nature or maybe I'm just whiny.

Either way, I'm going to take a short break this week from my ongoing battle against complaining, and write about one thing in particular I truly hate.

According to dictionary.com, the definition of a coach is as follows: a person who trains an athlete or a team of athletes. Also see the verb form, coaching: to give instruction or advice.

Nowhere in either of those definitions does it describe a coach as someone who should A. give his personal opinion on Fidel Castro (see Miami Marlins manager Ozzie Guillen), B. crack less than hilarious jokes about how he looks like Tom Brady (see NY Jets coach Rex Ryan) or C. generally act like a jerk/idiot/crazy person in front of the media just for the sake of drawing attention to himself.

I believe a coach should actually coach; not spend their time thinking about what media stunt they can pull in their next press conference.

My victim of choice this week is New York Jets head coach Rex Ryan. It seems every time I turn on Sports Center, Rex is saying something stupid or vulgar in front of a room full of press. Take for example, his comments in November 2010 comparing himself to Tom Brady.

As you may know, Rex has a larger gut. He's not exactly the model type. Yet in the November

press conference, Rex thought it would be funny to bring out a picture of Brady and compare himself to the Patriots quarterback. "I never realized how similar that I am to Tom Brady," Ryan said. "I mean, the obvious physical appearance would be the first thing. The fact that he's married to a super-model? Hello?"

Why is that funny? As a journalist, I am not going to go to a press conference after a basketball game and tell Coach Prohm a knock-knock joke. That is not what he nor the 50 members of the media are there for. So why then is it not only acceptable, but apparently hilarious when Rex does it? The joke was neither clever nor humorous.

I just don't get it. Do your job and answer media questions. Then get back to coaching your mediocre football team, which you've guaranteed will win a Super Bowl each of the past three seasons. Stop wasting everyone's time.

I suppose I was spoiled growing up, watching coaches like Bobby Cox (Atlanta Braves), Jeff Fisher (Tennessee Titans), Mike Krzyzewski (Duke University), and Pat Summitt (University of Tennessee).

These coaches found ways to show their passion and love for their game and athletes without making themselves look like complete fools. First and foremost, they simply did their job. And, it's no coincidence that three out of these four won multiple championships (Fisher fell one game short, but his chance may come).

Any coach who draws attention to him or herself isn't the type of coach I would want to coach my son or daughter. In my opinion, a good coach is one who gives all credit to the athletes who risk their health and well being each time they step onto the field of play. A good coach is one who cares about his player's development as people more than he cares about his own publicity.

Call me old-fashioned, but I believe a good coach is one who always puts the athletes before himself.

If the coach is the focal point of the team, something is wrong. The players need to play and the coaches need to coach. Nothing more, nothing less.

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Hometown quarterback Casey Brockman is playing his final season in a Murray State uniform. The Calloway County High School graduate threw for 3,276 yards last season, the second highest total in OVC history. The self-proclaimed "Wild Horse" ranks seventh on the OVC all-time list for completions at 577. With seven games remaining, Brockman is set to continue rewriting the OVC record books.

## Soccer

# Last-second thriller completes weekend sweep

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Murray State soccer swept the state of Alabama in its final non-conference games of the season over the weekend at Cutchin Field.

After starting the season 0-5, the Racers defeated Alabama A&M (0-9-1) 5-0 for their first win of the season Friday afternoon. Senior defender Veronika Pribyslavsk led Murray State to victory with the ninth hat trick in school history.

Pribyslavsk put the Racers on the board six minutes into the game as she took junior midfielder Shauna Wicker's pass and beat the Lady Bulldog's goalkeeper near post. She would score again in the 78th minute and finish off her hat trick five minutes later.

Wicker netted her first goal of the season in the 47th minute after a corner kick from freshman forward Jenna Finke. Freshman forward Megg Hudson scored her second career goal as well.

"Obviously for us it's something we've been fighting for since the beginning of the season," said Head Coach Beth Acreman. "We're happy to see a lot of the young ones score goals and then obviously one of our seniors scoring a hat

trick is just really great to see."

The Racer defense shined in the contest, only allowing one shot the entire game. Freshman goalkeeper Latesha Stevenson earned her first start, win and shut-out of her career against the Lady Bulldogs.

The Racers added to their success by defeating Southern Alabama (5-4-1) Sunday afternoon.

Freshman forward Taylor Stevens was the hero for the Racers as she put away her first career goal with 1.3 seconds left in overtime giving her team their second win and a weekend sweep.

**"We're just trying to get them to understand you've got to fight for 90 minutes."**

**-Beth Acreman**

Head women's soccer coach

"We were just fighting it out (in overtime)," Stevens said. "We got it in the corner and it was just bouncing around and everything and I just struck it and it went in the net. No one really knew that it went in."

Stevens received a pass from Hudson inside the box and blasted it into the back of the net as the

clock struck zero. When the ball hit the back of the net the crowd, players and coaches for both teams were stunned and confused. It got quiet on the field for a few long seconds then the Murray State bench and fans erupted in celebration when they realized the goal counted.

"I was like, 'did it go in?'" Wickers said. "I think the fans were even confused; we were all like, 'what just happened?' We were all so excited to get that win and go into overtime and play hard."

Acreman said it was a great momentum boost going into OVC play and it showed the team's mental toughness.

"We're just trying to get them to understand you've got to fight for 90 minutes and going into an extra time game and getting that goal was really pretty big," Acreman said. "It showed that we are mentally tough enough now to withstand what's coming in the OVC."

Stevenson recorded her second career start, win and shut-out against the Jaguars and a career high in saves with seven.

The Racers also swept the OVC Player of the Week awards announced Tuesday. Pribyslavsk won offensive player of the week,



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Freshman forward Megg Hudson kicks the ball in Sunday's victory.

freshman defender Halle Pinkman won defender of the week and Stevenson received goalkeeper of the week. Stevens was named College Sports Madness' OVC Player of the Week for her overtime game-winning goal.

Murray State begins OVC play Sept. 23 as it hits the road to visit Austin Peay. Kick off is 1 p.m. The game is the first of three road OVC games for the Racers; they will return home Oct. 5 to face Belmont.

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## Rifle

## A winning legacy



Above: Pat Spurgin aims to take a shot. Spurgin won two National Championships as a member of the Murray State rifle team. She went on to win the gold medal at the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles, Calif.  
Middle: Ernie Vande Zande was on the Murray State rifle team from 1968-71, before the sport was recognized by the NCAA. He was inducted into the Murray State Hall of Fame in 1988.  
Right: Head coach Elvis Green shows off the National Championship trophy with Murray State's first female president, Kala Stroup. Green coached both the 1985 and 1987 National Championship teams.

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# Murray State rifle program boasts proud history

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Underneath Roy Stewart Stadium, past the housing and athletic offices, past the entrance to the football offices, there is a door that almost always stands open. The Pat Spurgin Rifle Range is home to the most successful sports team on Murray State's campus, with six U.S. Olympic team members, two NCAA championships, seven NCAA individual champions and six OVC championships to its name. Its legacy began before rifle was a recognized NCAA sport, and continues today, with a team laying the groundwork for its next big win.

Rifle was not an official NCAA sport until 1978, meaning the Racer rifle team was operating for more than 20 years as a varsity sport through the ROTC, organizing its own season of matches and taking on some of the biggest schools in the nation.

Ernie Vande Zande was a member of Racer rifle from 1968-71, making the All-American team all four years. During his tenure at Murray State, the rifle team claimed four National Rifle Association National Championships, all of which he remembers fondly. "My freshman year we won two national championships," Vande Zande said. "At that time there was one championship called international, which was Olympic-style shooting, and then there was a different championship using different rules, which was called American. We won national championships for both those styles of shooting my freshman year. We were used to winning."

"Our goal was to be the national championship team and we were. After we won the two national championships that year it was a great honor for all of us that Dr. Sparks, the president of the University, invited us over to Oakhurst to have dinner with he and his wife. And that's something I'll always remember."

After that first year, Racer rifle hit a rough patch, losing its coach to military service. His replacement was less invested in the program, leaving the motivation and drive needed to compete at the top level to the shooters. The team came in second; an outstanding achievement for some, but not to the Racers who had so recently tasted victory.

Despite struggling through the adjustment, there were bright spots; moments that made it clear that despite not making their goal, Murray was still a force to be reckoned with.

"The trips to West Point (N.Y.) and Annapolis (Md.) stick out in my mind because you think of the great universities that those two are and the people who have graduated from there and gone on to do great things, and Murray State went there and dominated the match," Vande Zande said, laughing. "That was fun. There's no rubbing it in to those people, but when you think that a little school like Murray State, coming from Murray, Ky., with one theater, going up to the Naval Academy or to West Point and really dominating the competition; that was a cool thing."

In 1988 Vande Zande was elected to the Murray State University Hall of Fame after winning a gold medal at the Pan-American games in 1975, two silver medals at the Pan-American games in 1979 and setting two world records at the Championships of the Americas in 1981. He also won five gold medals. Despite his international

honors, Vande Zande's heart is still in Murray, saying "It's still great to be a Murray State Racer."

By the time Vande Zande received his hall of fame honors, Elvis Green was seven years into his 18-year tenure as head coach of the rifle team.

Though he claims no personal credit, the Racers won both of their NCAA championships under Green and had 17 top-five finishes. In addition, two of Murray State's six Olympic shooters were coached by Green. Green was himself inducted into the MSU Hall of Fame in 2004 and the Ohio Valley Conference Hall of Fame in 2008.

In 1978 Green was a senior enlisted advisor to the ROTC department, where he worked until 1981 when Racer Rifle lost its coach mid-season, and needed a replacement immediately. Green was recruited to fill his shoes.

"We just had some great kids, some great student athletes," he said. "They worked hard for all that. That wasn't me. That was them that made the program. I'll take very little credit for what they (the team) did."

When asked why he stayed on for nearly two decades, Green again referred back to the shooters, as both the reason the program was successful and the reason he didn't leave.

"The youngsters," Green said. "I was gonna quit a couple of times and they asked me to stay. I tried to take care of them. I tried to support them with what we had."

Pat Spurgin Pitney was one of many on the team that felt that support. Earning the bulk of her accolades during her freshman year in 1984, including claiming gold in the Los Angeles Olympics for her performance in air rifle, she still counts the two national championships she was part of as dearer than her gold.

"Winning individually and winning as a team is totally different, and it's so much more satisfying to win as a team," Pitney said. "So just getting to bring that first national championship home. Elvis Green was our coach and he'd do anything for anybody. So it was really nice for the team to bring home a win for him."

Pitney earned her degree in four years and ended her shooting career not long after. Today Pitney is the vice chancellor for administration at the University of Alaska, which she described as being a sort of city manager to the university. Though she now works for some of Murray State's stiffest competition, she wishes nothing but the best for the Racer rifle team.

"I think there's such great opportunity in Murray for anybody who wants to be serious about shooting at the college and in the international scene and there's such a nice campus environment and community that really embraces this rifle team," Pitney said. "I think just having really serious shooters who make the most of their student careers at Murray defines a level of pride at being a Racer. I hope the shooters do well. It's time to bring home another national championship."

Head Coach Alan Lollar couldn't agree more. Now in his sixth season, Lollar has tried to build the program toward realizing its full potential, with a constant faith in his shooters and their ability to regain the gold.

In his six years, Pat Spurgin Rifle Range has seen a number of updates including the addition of electronic targets, providing in-



The Murray State rifle program is the most successful team on campus, with a number of NCAA and OVC championships.

stant feedback to shooters and also to rifle fans during matches. Lollar also tried to give the program a coach that could be there for the team.

"I just didn't want Murray to rush into anything and to make sure they found the right person for the job," Lollar said. "We had been through several part time coaches, and they had other jobs they had to do. They weren't always around and what we were trying to do was get it back to the feel of a full-time coach like when Elvis was here."

"Over time we're just trying to get the program back into the top four, with a chance every year to compete for a national championship and then if it's our year, hopefully everything will fall together."

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Football

# Focus shifts to conference schedule

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Brandon Wicks made sure the Racers secured their first win of the season.

With the Missouri State Bears driving for the win this past Saturday, the junior defensive back snatched a pass for an interception, sealing a hard-fought 28-23 victory on the road.

Senior quarterback Casey Brockman completed 41 of 59 attempts for 313 yards and two touchdowns and scrambled for another to give the Racers a brief 21-17 lead late in the third quarter.

The lead wouldn't stick, however, as Missouri State junior quarterback Ashton Glaser scampered in for his own rushing touchdown just seconds before the third quarter expired. The Racers would block the extra point, making it 23-21 heading into the final frame.

After tweaking his hamstring before the season started, junior running back transfer Jamaal Berry finally got to showcase his skills in a blue and gold jersey.

The OVC Newcomer of the Week finished the game with 41 yards rushing on eight carries and caught the 15-yard game-winning touchdown early in the fourth quarter.

"I was pretty hyped about going in and getting to play," Berry said. "On that first snap I was pretty hyped to get the ball in my hands and show everybody what I can do. I'm just excited to play football again."

Bears junior wide receiver Dorian Buford led all receivers with nine catches and 112 yards, while Racer senior wide receiver Walter Powell continued to be Brockman's go-to-guy, snagging 12 passes for 90 yards.

Junior linebacker Jarius Williams said the Racer defense re-

sponded this past weekend, coming out and tackling better and having a better nose for the ball, helping lead Murray State to its first victory of the season.

"We didn't really change anything," Williams said. "We just buckled down and started playing ball. We had a great team meeting before the game, and we came together and played as a team."

The defensive turnaround could not have come at a better time, as the Racers once again hit the road Saturday to begin conference play at Eastern Illinois University.

In his first year as head coach, Dino Babers has the Panthers averaging more than 40 points and 458 yards of offense in the first three games of the season.

Splitting carries in the backfield is senior halfback Jake Walker and sophomore tailback Taylor Duncan. Both are averaging more than 50 yards rushing per game.

Leading the team is junior quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo, who is throwing for 327 yards per game, mostly going to junior slot receiver Erik Lora for 125 yards per contest.

The Racers will try to counter the Panther's mobile defense with the backfield trio of senior Duane Brady, junior transfer Jordan Morrow and junior transfer Jamaal Berry, as well as senior signal-caller Casey Brockman guiding the chains for quick first downs.

Head Coach Chris Hatcher said the momentum from a tough road win would help with this weekend's battle, but warned of the tough matchup ahead for his team this weekend.

"They're very quick on defense, and they move around a lot more than what we've seen out of teams the past couple of weeks," Hatcher said. "They see our offense every day in practice because they run pretty much the same thing we do."

Kickoff is 6:30 p.m. at O'Brien Field in Charleston, Ill.



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Quarterback Casey Brockman looks to Ohio State transfer running back Jamaal Berry as the Racers practice this week in preparation for their first OVC game Saturday at Eastern Illinois. Berry had a break out game last week at Missouri State as he rushed the ball eight times for 41 yards. He also had four receptions for 44 yards and a touchdown.

Tennis

# Men's team gets underway against Louisville

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The Racers will be landing in the bird's nest Sept. 20-23 to take on the Louisville Cardinals in their first match of the season.

The men's tennis team ended its season last spring with a 4-0 loss to Eastern Kentucky University in the first round of the Ohio Valley Conference Championship. They finished with a final record of 5-13 overall, 3-5 in the OVC.

In its last match against the Cardinals, Murray State lost 0-7. The closest game was played by freshman Aleks Mitric with a 6-2, 7-5 loss against Luis Elizondo.

Mitric, a sophomore from London, England, will be playing his second year for the Racers. Last season, he had a singles record of 2-5 and a 0-3 doubles record. This fall, he is joined by his

brother, freshman Nik Mitric, who will be playing his first season at Murray State.

Alongside Nik, the team has one other new player. Junior Adam Taylor will be playing his first tournament as a Racer, transferring from Tyler Junior College.

Head Coach Mel Purcell said the new players are going to fit in well with the team.

"These new kids are going to be really good players," Purcell said. "And it's always a good thing to see your freshmen grow to be more experienced players."

In his last season at Tyler, Taylor had an 8-6 overall record, 5-1 away from home.

Purcell said he is confident in the fitness of his team, which could give them a potential edge against Louisville.

"We've been doing a lot of running," he said. "And we've been seeing the conditioning coach.

It's really important for us to be in shape. That's our main focus right now."

Even with high fitness levels, the Cardinals pose a challenge, with a 16-8 overall record last year against teams like Clemson, Virginia Tech and Xavier.

Their team is composed of eight freshmen and six returners, making them a young and potentially inexperienced roster.

Purcell said this tournament will be a chance for players to get the experience they need to move on to conference competition.

"It's really hard to tell at this point how the tournament will go down," he said. "They get to play a few matches and some doubles against other schools. We're just trying to really prepare and use this as an experience. We have our sights on the OVC."

Having a bigger roster than Murray State,

Louisville can send half of their players to one tournament while another half plays the Racers, making it difficult to know if they will have a similar singles and doubles strategy from last year.

Purcell said only time will tell what and whom they are playing against.

"You have a lot of new players and some division," he said. "So it's really hard to strategize on how to play based on the year before."

This is a chance to get the new players acquainted with the swing of college competition and for the returners to get warmed up for future tournaments and the OVC championship.

Purcell said he just wants to show up as a good team.

"We're just going to go up there with our Racer shirts on and just play hard," he said.

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Club Sport

# Club team begins second season

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The Murray State club baseball team hopes to get into the swing of things in its second season as it opens against Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville on Saturday.

Sophomore Trevor Engelke from Worden, Ill. is the club president and said he looks forward to beginning the team's second-ever season this week.

"Last year was the first season we became recognized as a club," Engelke said. "We got people together, and we were able to play four games. They were two doubleheaders, and we ended the season 2-2."

Engelke said he hopes to see improvement and growth from the team's inaugural season and believes a mixture of returning and new players will boost the team.

"Right now our roster is at 15," Engelke said. "We are still looking to grow and take on anyone who is interested in playing. We've lost a few players just to school, or switching schools, and a couple graduated but we've also gained a few freshmen and other players that were interested this year."

Engelke said he thinks it's important for schools to have a club baseball team.

"I think baseball is still a big sport in a lot of places, especially around southern Illinois where I am from," Engelke said. "I figured this place has a lot of clubs already so a baseball club wouldn't hurt."

With an extensive background in baseball, Engelke brings experience and skill to the field. Beginning in tee ball at age 5, Engelke has played the majority of his life.

"I enjoy the game and like how laid-back it is," Engelke said. "I've just grown up with it."

Engelke said he believes teamwork is the most important quality a baseball team can have.

In preparation for the upcoming season the club team has begun practicing a few times a week.

"We practice over at the softball intramural fields," Engelke said. "They have cages over there so we can hit in those. Some of us also play during the summer so that definitely helps with conditioning. We usually try to have 3 practices a week until games start."

Although scheduling practices and games can be difficult, the relatively new club faces several obstacles.

"Our main challenge right now is fundraising," Engelke said. "The next step is to join the National Club Baseball League. That's the league all of the teams are in and they help out with a lot of scheduling and all that stuff."

Club baseball consists of two different seasons. The fall season tends to be less competitive and shorter than the spring season Engelke said.

As the fall season kicks off the club baseball team will travel around the region to play schools such as SEMO, SIUE and SIUC.

"I know there are some other teams in the region; Vanderbilt and University of Kentucky have teams," Engelke said. "We haven't traveled that far."

Although they aren't in a league yet Engelke said



Photo courtesy of the club baseball team  
**Junior catcher Brad Holloman from Louisville, Ky., prepares for a pitch during a team practice.**

he hopes to be incorporated into the league in the near future.

"We aren't in a league right now, but that's what we are working towards," Engelke said, "we are just pretty much independent. We schedule all of our own games. We have to do pretty much everything on our own right now."

Engelke said one of the major differences between high school and college club baseball ball is the lack of coaches.

"It is all player run; a lot of the teams in the national club league don't have coaches either," Engelke said. "I don't really know why exactly, I guess it's a little different than high school; everyone plays who's on the team. Everything is player run."

The team held open tryouts and is prepared to begin their season Saturday.

## 2012 Club Baseball Schedule

Sept. 22: at SIUE

Oct. 20 at SEMO

Oct. 27 at Vanderbilt

That's What He Said

# Letting go of the hate

It is a terrible feeling having to admit an athlete is good, especially when they do a fantastic job of making your team look bad.

It's even worse when you've spent years hating their existence.

I know, I know, "hate" is such a strong word. But when discussing sports rivalries, hate can easily be tossed and thrown about like a beach ball, justifying the emotions of the game as the tide turns in favor or against our beloved teams.

We've all heard the excuses. "That was such a lucky shot!" "Where was the foul?" "Why wasn't holding called?" "Should've been a strike called."

I'm learning every day to face the music and just accept the fact some players are good, have always been good and will always be good. It doesn't matter how much I don't like them; they're going to keep succeeding despite my feeble attempts at hating them.

Here are a few guys I'm still coming to grips with, trying every day to release the hate and anger I feel towards them and realize I'd be better off without the stress.

In doing this, I've come to realize you can even have a change of heart about an athlete, perhaps finding an appreciation in the talent and granting acceptance.

**Peyton Manning - Denver Broncos**

For years, I watched this guy terrorize my Tennessee Titans, and for years I hated it. It seemed like no matter what, the Indianapolis Colts were going to be atop the AFC South, and leading them was always Manning and his armada of strong receivers.

The 6'5", 230-pound laser-rocket arm quarterback from the University of Tennessee consistently picked apart not only the defense of the Titans, but pretty much every defense he came across.

His methodical offense and cerebral offseason regimen made him the best in the business, culminating in multiple MVP awards and the 2006 Super Bowl Championship.

After Manning's four neck surgeries and his ceremonious release from the Colts in 2012, I found myself not only moved by his desire to return to the game, but downright rooting for him to come back, perhaps in a Titans jersey no less.

It didn't happen, as Manning took up the Denver Broncos offer of 5 years and \$90 million in search for another title and another chapter in his legacy.

**Derek Jeter - New York Yankees**

His style. His choice in classy women. His unparalleled defensive play and plate discipline. It has never mattered to me, for Jeter plays in the pinstripes. Oh, how I loathe the pinstripes. For years I have painted my views very clearly about the New York Yankees.

The lavish offseason spending. The blatant disregard for the luxury tax. The very idea that a team can just buy up all the skill



**Edward Marlowe**  
Sports columnist

positions and leave nothing for the other teams makes me sick to my stomach.

Yet, through it all is Jeter, the stable leader and face of the Yankees. At 38 years old, he could become the oldest shortstop in history to bat above .320 in a season, surpassing Honus Wagner's 100-year record.

His 3,000th hit, a homerun off Tampa Bay Devil Ray ace David Price, simply coronates his undoubted first-ballot entrance to Cooperstown. During the free-agency era, Jeter has done the unthinkable by spending his entire career with one team, opting to stay loyal to the fan base and front office and not head for greener pastures (if there were any).

He's always been above the scandal and pressure of being a Yankee, and yet, while my disdain for him is slowly fading out as I wise up with years, I still can't shake the fact he plays for New York. Maybe if he played for another team (like Peyton Manning), I'd truly appreciate him a little more.

**PF LeBron James - Miami Heat**

As a Cavalier, I must admit I was one of his biggest fans.

The last of the great high school players to make it in the NBA Draft, LeBron has all of the tools to become one of the greatest to ever play the game.

Behind Head Coach Mike Brown and a young, talented roster, James and Co. were destined to bring great things to Cleveland. Championships, and multiple ones at that.

In Game two of the 2009 Eastern Conference Finals, LeBron James hit one of the best buzzer-beaters I have ever seen against a good Orlando Magic team.

It wasn't to be, as the Cavs would eventually lose to Orlando, and after an early exit in the playoffs in 2010, LeBron changed jerseys and, well, you know the rest of the story.

Miami went absolutely insane after landing not only LeBron James, but Toronto Raptors center Chris Bosh. Combined with Dwayne Wade, it seemed the 2011 Miami Heat would be the NBA Champions.

Everyone thought so. The media. The fans. Even the analysts, who were already predicting a 70-win season and what not.

Bosh, LeBron and Wade even got in on the fun; famously predicting not four, not five, not six championships ... the arrogance was everywhere.

The Dallas Mavericks had something to say for the 2011 NBA Championship, and after one year of waltzing through a season, LeBron James changed his outlook entirely.

He kept his head down, perfected his game, added new moves to an already lethal arsenal.

He trimmed down the trash talking and stayed focused, and when D-Wade went down with an injury, he took over as a team leader.

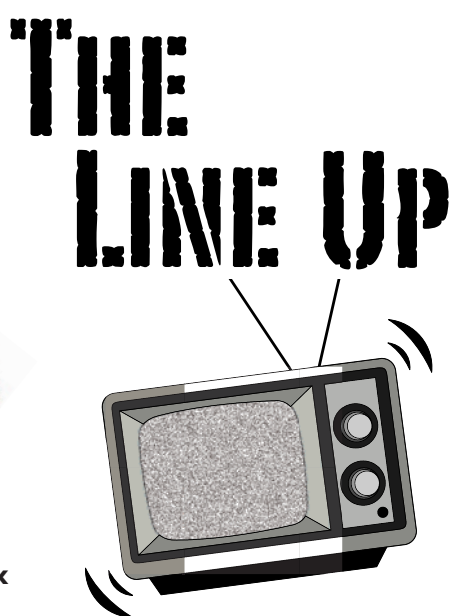
This year's Eastern Conference Finals between the Heat and the Celtics will go down as one of the greatest series ever played, but at the end James just played one step ahead. He did it again against the Thunder, and finally brought home his first elusive world championship.

For a minute, he has silenced me as a critic.  
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Local

**Friday:**  
**Volleyball**  
vs. Tennessee Tech (2-10)  
7:00 p.m. Racer Arena

**Saturday:**  
**Football**  
at Eastern Illinois (1-2)  
6:30 p.m.  
Racer Television Network



National

**Sunday:**  
**National Football League**  
Detroit Lions (1-1) vs.  
Tennessee Titans (0-2)  
1:00 p.m. FOX

**Sunday:**  
**Major League Baseball**  
Los Angeles Dodgers  
vs. Cincinnati Reds  
8:00 p.m. ESPN



## #Racertweets

6 new Tweets

**Ty Stetson** @TyWoooo37  
Gonna watch TV and play my gameboy all day  
Baseball

**Julie Mooney** @Moon\_slice  
I spend way too much of my parents money on food! Sorry guys but I love to eat  
Soccer

**Kelsey Emme** @KelseyMEEmme  
Success must be felt within, before it can be seen on the outside.  
Rifle

**Chris Hatcher** @HatchAttack1  
The team that is the most excited wins the game...let's go have some fun. #RacersReady  
Football coach

**Casey Brockman** @realWildHorse  
Calloway County Little League Football Refs > NFL Replacement Refs  
Football

**Erik McCree** @ErikMcCree14  
If my homie could speak down from heaven.. He'd tell me stay on my grind!  
Basketball

the best restaurant  
got even better  
join us this friday at 6pm  
for our grand re-opening

open until midnight with live entertainment  
this friday's featured musical artists are:  
Lew Jetton & 61 South at 8:30 pm

it's even better **JASMINE**  
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# How good is your social media etiquette

## Students share what works on Facebook, Twitter

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Fingers fly over keyboards, statuses are updated and students' minds leave campus to tune in to the world of social media.

Students work and study, memorize and analyze. They even debate philosophy and politics. However, today's great debate is much simpler than that: to friend or not to friend?

"Everyone handles their social media differently," Demi St. John, sophomore from Edwardsville, Ill., said. "What annoys one person on Facebook might not phase someone else when they're looking at their newsfeed. For Twitter, (some people) might tweet a lot and some people might just follow celebrities or large organizations like NASA. Although it is with everyone you know, social media is still a really individual thing."

One of the biggest questions when it comes to social media is what is appropriate to put out for everyone to see. Timothy Tucker, freshman from Garfield, Ky., points out social media is a reflection of who you are as a person.

"I don't like when my friends (on social media) are acting like a totally different person," Tucker said. "Or if they get to posting things that I don't like, pictures that aren't appropriate for Facebook or sayings like putting too much profanity."

Laura Boden, sophomore from Louisville, Ky., said students have been using social media outlets as a personal information dumping grounds.

"I think people just post too much stuff about their life," Boden said. "My rule (for social media) is not to post anything offensive to certain groups of people—certain races or gender, anything like that."

Students say the leading reasons that cause them to unfriend or unfollow people on Facebook and Twitter range from overposting and posting political rants to using incorrect grammar or text message tendencies.

"If someone writes in all caps, that's super annoying," Mariah Bradley, freshman from Evansville, Ind., said. "If they constantly (wrote in all caps), like nonstop, seven posts like that in one day? I would probably unfriend them, I'm not going to lie."

For some students like J.R. Adams, a junior from Marion, Ky., it does not take much to decide someone needs to be unfriended.

"If you send me Farmville requests every other Monday you're going to get unfriended," Adams said. "Usually if I don't know you I'm going to unfriend you after awhile. If we've never talked, we have no relation toward each other, and I don't know how the heck you got on my friends list, you're probably going to be unfriended. If you just bug me in the digital world at all? Un-friended."

Students agreed political rants were one of the worst offenses when looking at annoying social media habits. Boden said to remain on her friends list, politics and oversharing are not recommended.

"When people post remarks about political things that are just really one sided, and if some-

one keeps posting annoying statuses about political stuff or their personal life just because they want attention I would unfriend them," Boden said. "(Some people) haven't figured out the whole social media thing. They constantly post every single minute of their life and what they're doing and who they're hanging out with and what song they like and it's just too much."

Although students have strong opinions on what is annoying on social media, they also have insight into what makes a post on Facebook or tweet enjoyable.

"(Statuses) that are just straight up funny," Bradley said. "Like if anybody who reads it even if they weren't there would think it was funny? That's a great status."

Humor helps when trying to come up with a status or a tweet, but Murray State students seem to agree that a sentimental tweet here or there fits expectations.

"The best type (of status is when) people (are) being thankful for things they have," Tucker said, "Being thankful for their family or being blessed with a wonderful day."

Boden agrees with Tucker that pleasant posts are the best ones to find on a newsfeed.

"I prefer happy things (in my newsfeed)," Boden said. "If someone had a good day, or if they got a lot accomplished, if they got an award or scholarship. Even happy quotes, things like that."

From freshmen to upperclassmen, students agree that genuine statuses are the all-around favorite.

"I like things that are about life, maybe even a Bible verse, you know, anything that will strike a cord morally or have a purpose and not just be writing on the Internet for people to see," Adams said. "There's a reason for it."

Social media allows grandparents to keep an eye on their grandkids and students to get the word out about the latest party. It gives high school friends the chance to keep in touch throughout college and roommates to share pictures of the cute girl or guy behind them in Organic Chemistry.

Murray State students are even given the ability to know virtually everything about our their local celebrities through websites like Twitter and Facebook.

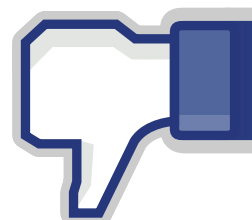
Basketball player, Isaiah Canaan (@SiP03) sends out a nightly tweet informing all of his followers that he is sleeping, "Fighting Sleep #smh #imgone."

Football player, Casey Brockman (@realWildHorse) also tweeted to his 797 followers, "That awkward moment when you realize your fantasy team is awful and the first game isn't even over yet," and let the campus know about his post-game activities.

Perhaps what makes the experience with social media so interesting is it reveals a different side of people and it's a new experience every single time.

Said St. John: "Social media is so unpredictable. You never know what someone is going to post or tweet or comment, I think that's why (we all) just keep logging on."

## 10 Facebook Turnoffs



Compiled by Maddie Mucci, Staff writer.

- 1 **Maria Brown** freshman from Sturgis, Ky  
 "Whenever people post pictures that say 'like' if you like One Direction, 'share if you hate them. Or if you're against war in Africa 'share' this, and it's really not going to help." ✕
- 2 **Kelsea Thomas** freshman from Hopkinsville, Ky  
 "Narcissism: guys and girls that believe they are too good, but really they're the same as everyone else." ✕
- 3 **Dustin McCaslin** freshman from Calhoun, Ky  
 "What annoys me on Facebook is when large corporations such as Sonic and Applebee's post promotions that clutter my newsfeed." ✕
- 4 **Lindsey Chamberlain** freshman from Owensboro, Ky  
 "The general idea that just because you don't repost something you're a devil worshipper." ✕
- 5 **Shelbey Williams** freshman from McHenry, Ky  
 "Open fighting over Facebook statuses is really annoying. You should really just take it to private messaging!" ✕
- 6 **Tori Twidwell** sophomore from Cape Girardeau, Mo  
 "I hate those Air Jordan ads that are on there. They're shoes and you get tagged in them when someone's Facebook gets hacked." ✕
- 7 **Khayla Anson** senior from Louisville, Ky  
 "I'm annoyed by ugly babies. When people post 1,400 pictures of their ugly babies - I mean, if it's a cute baby, by all means post the pictures, but if it's an ugly baby please don't." ✕
- 8 **Adam Lucas** sophomore from Hudson, Ky  
 "I hate girls doing the duck face." ✕
- 9 **Reece Holt** sophomore from Paducah, Ky  
 "Random stuff like 'I'm going to shower, I'm going here' - I hate when people give constant updates of their life." ✕
- 10 **Mathew Madden** sophomore from Irvington, Ky  
 "When people use hashtags on Facebook." ✕

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## Featured Tweets of the week

A weekly compilation of Tweets that made us laugh, cry or scratch our heads

See a tweet cool enough to be featured in The News? Tweet us (@MSUNewsFeatures) and see if your tweet makes it in.



**Mia Farrow** @MiaFarrow  
 I'm kind of a Snookie fan. look how tiny's she's gotten. She's lost weight. - Just her spark-plug personality is kind of fun." -Mitt Romney  
 9:34 p.m. Sept. 14



**John Mulaney** @mulaney  
 Can you use a flat iron as a panini press??? This is an emergency!  
 2:02 p.m. Sept. 15



**Ezra Koenig** @arzE  
 The DOUBLE 20s start in less than 8 years. Do you think they will be extra-roaring and jazzy?  
 4:35 p.m. Sept. 16



**Mike DiCenzo** @mikedicenzo  
 "Your move, Bynes." - Lindsay Lohan.  
 12:01 p.m. Sept. 19



**Nancy Jew** @NancyJew  
 If I show you a picture on my phone, please don't scroll through looking at the rest. Not your business how many Nic Cage pics are on there.  
 2:24 p.m. Sept. 19



**Colin Hanks** @colinhanks  
 this goes out to all the people that lick under the lid of yogurt containers for that extra little bit of yogurt.  
 7:19 p.m. Sept. 19



# Racer Band warms up for annual competition

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The region's oldest high school band competition, Festival of Champions, is coming to Roy Stewart Stadium Saturday. Starting at 9 a.m., the 36th annual festival will begin with class performances.

Festival of Champions is a competition hosted by the Murray State Racer Band every year and sanctioned by the Kentucky Music Educators Association.

Preparing for the festival is a huge project that begins months in advance.

"It's a big checklist of things we have to get ready, from reserving the stadium to making sure they turn the sprinklers off," John Fannin, assistant Director of Bands said.

One unique characteristic about the festival is every member of the Murray State Racer Band works for the festival.

"Everybody in the band helps with some job," Fannin said. "Whether it be assisting with parking, taking tickets, selling concessions, every member works about an hour to two hour shift."

This year, 24 bands from Arkansas, Illinois, Tennessee and Kentucky will be participating in the competition. Some 1,500 students will be unloaded from 67 buses, not to mention the 20 to 30 U-Haul trucks, and 24 semis loaded with band equipment.

"My day starts at five in the morning, blocking off parking. If you look out there at Roy Stewart Stadium right now, there are signs that say not to park in the north parking lot," Fannin said. "I bring a tow truck that morning at 6 o'clock and that's where we park all of our equipment trucks."

In addition to the many buses and equipment trucks, the parking lot will be filled with food service trucks and audience members' vehicles. Nearly 4,000 people are expected to attend the Festival of Champions, not including those competing.

Festival of Champions also includes two performances from the Racer Band. Its first performance is after the preliminary com-

petition and the second just before finals awards.

"Our prelims show this year is a combination of well-known disco tunes from Saturday Night Fever as well as Bee Gee classics like 'Stayin' Alive,'" Ryan Knight, president of Racer Band, said. "For our big finals show, we are performing an arrangement of 'Firedance,' a challenging Latin piece with a jazz flare coined by the one and only Allen Vizzutti."

Each show is unique and incorporates 3-4 individual numbers.

"I'm really excited about performing the disco show in prelims because it's really catchy and the crowd will definitely get into it," Emma Hanranhan, freshman from Lexington, Ky., said.

Also, this year Kentucky Education Television will be featuring a program with a 90 second coverage of each band. The program will be accessible later in the fall.

"I'm really excited about performing for a TV audience on Saturday," Katherine Hollar, freshman from Mt. Vernon, Ind., said. "I'm a little nervous, but hey, it will be fun!"

Awards will be given after the Racer Band performance at 4 p.m. for the preliminary contest. The sections of awards will be: best in class, overall percussion and overall color guard.

The final awards will be announced after Racer Band's second, 9:30 p.m. performance. These awards will include best visual performance, best music performance, best general effect, best woodwinds and best brass.

The band scoring highest overall will receive a trophy and the title of Festival of Champions winner.

Tickets are available for the preliminary session at \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12.

Also, tickets for both sessions are available at \$15 for adults and \$7 for children during finals.

Murray State students qualify for a reduced price of either \$5 or \$6.



Kylie Townsend/The News

Craig Taylor, senior from Russellville, Ky., practices his mellophone during a Racer Band rehearsal earlier this week. The Racer Band has a record-breaking 310 members this season including 185 returning members.



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## LOHAN STRIKES PEDESTRIAN

Actress **Lindsay Lohan** was arrested early Wednesday for striking a pedestrian in New York City with her vehicle.

Lohan hit the pedestrian as she was leaving a night club at 2:54 a.m. Police said alcohol was not involved.



## OSCAR NODS SET FOR JAN.

Organizers for the Academy Awards announced Tuesday that the nominations for the 85th Academy Awards will be presented Jan. 10.

The nominations are typically announced after The Golden Globes on Jan. 13.



## SHAUN WHITE ARRESTED

Olympic snowboarder **Shaun White** was charged with public intoxication and vandalism in Nashville, Tenn., on Monday.

The athlete was seen destroying a phone at Loews Vanderbilt Hotel by an employee. Police responded to the hotel at 2 a.m. after a drunken man, identified as White, pulled a fire alarm.

White was at the hotel celebrating with friends and family. He has since publically apologized to his friends, family and fans.



## VEREEN FILES FOR DIVORCE

Tony Award-winning actor **Ben Vereen** has filed for divorce after 36 years of marriage with wife **Nancy Bruner Vereen**.

The pair have been separated since March. They claim they have irreconcilable differences.

## Health

# Sleep deprivation common among students

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Maintaining good health is important to be successful in college and after, but many students jeopardize their health by not getting enough sleep, according to Murray State Health Services.

Judy Lyle, health educator, encourages students to get plenty of sleep.

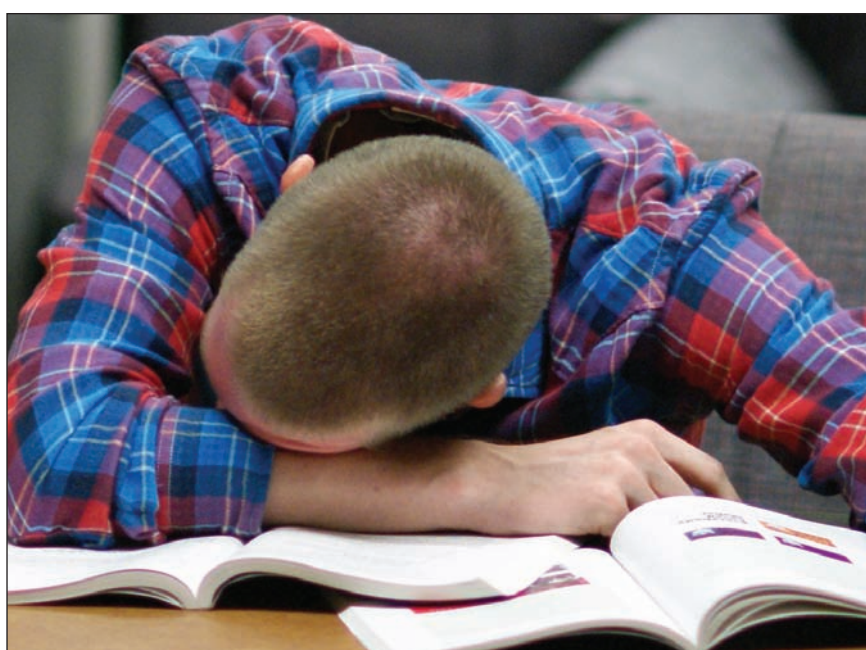
"Most students don't get enough sleep, I mean that's really the bottom line," Lyle said. "It is really recommended that even a young adult gets 7-8 hours of sleep, but that's going to vary from person to person. Some people never require that amount of sleep, but others in order to function well definitely need that much."

A health survey of Murray State students shows most students felt like they are getting adequate rest. Almost half of the students who participated in the National College Health Assessment from last spring said they felt like they were getting enough sleep to feel rested in the morning most days. 46 percent said that on 3-5 days they felt tired, dragged out or sleepy during the day.

"I encourage college students to get (enough sleep) because it affects their immune system," she said. "If they're not getting adequate rest, it affects their ability to concentrate, to remember things, so it can definitely affect your academic success."

Rebecca Raj, senior from Murray, said she has gotten adequate sleep this semester while staying actively involved on campus.

"Well lately, I have been (getting sleep) because I've been sick and so I've been getting at least 8 to 9 hours



Andy McLemore/Contributing photographer

The annual National College Health Assessment reports 46 percent of Murray State students feel tired, dragged out or sleepy on 3 - 5 days each week.

of sleep a night and I've been maintaining that thankfully since I've gotten better," Raj said.

In previous semesters, Raj said she got an average of 6-7 hours of sleep per night.

"I think always around finals week and midterm week, I'd feel kind of sluggish because I'd be staying up late studying or getting done with assignments. I would feel very groggy in the morning and not very alert through my classes," Raj said.

Michael Martin, senior from Florissant, Mo., said on average he only gets 5 and a half hours of sleep a night.

"Right now, I'm not getting enough hours of sleep because I start my day around 6:45 in the morning and it does-

n't end until about 10:30 at night," Martin said. "I currently have (show) rehearsal, I'm trying to get ready for another show and I'm trying to practice for grad school auditions and do applications along with my class work (while) also trying to work a part-time job at Franklin. So, I'm not really getting enough sleep."

Martin said he wants to go to graduate school. He said sacrificing sleep is necessary to accomplish his goals.

"I want to succeed and I feel that to be successful I have to stay above the average and stay on my game," he said. "I need to do a lot of activities and be in multiple shows and do everything that's possible to get into grad school."

Lyle suggests going to bed at 11 p.m.

and sleeping in a dark and quiet room to get a good night's sleep. She said students should use white noise, such as a fan, to block out any outside noises.

"I'd say to get more sleep you've really got to set yourself a schedule and pretty much stick to it because your body operates on what's called circadian rhythms and some people are night people and some people are day people," Lyle said. "You've got to listen to those rhythms and set yourself a schedule so that you can get the rest that you need."

Lyle has also taken notice of problems students have that occur when sleeping at night.

The 2011-12 American College Health Association National College Health Assessment shows about 6 percent of Murray State students suffer from either insomnia or other sleep disorders.

"If you're finding that you are waking yourself up snoring or you're waking up feeling draggy even after what you consider a full night's sleep where you didn't wake up and everything, maybe you're having some issues with snoring or sleep apnea and if this is an ongoing issue, then you need to (seek help)," Lyle said.

Lyle said students should also consider getting help for depression, anxiety or stress because these issues can also affect sleep habits.

The assessment showed 31 percent of students have sleep difficulties, 13 percent have depression, and 15 percent have issues with anxiety.

When students do not receive the recommended amount of sleep, Lyle said, they are more susceptible to colds, gastrointestinal sickness and other illnesses.

# Line dancing classes now offered

## Staff report

Murray State's Wellness Center is now offering line dancing classes. Those interested can attend either the basic line dancing class at 5:30 p.m. every Friday or the couples line dancing at 6:30 p.m. in the auxiliary exercise room in the Wellness Center.

The class is open to anyone and is intended to encourage a healthy lifestyle while also being enjoyable for everyone involved.

"My goal with the MSU class is to get people to move, laugh and enjoy the moment," Donna Witherspoon, University Store Assistant and class instructor, said. "I would love to teach a class for students for a course credit. I think it would be great for teachers."

The class is not meant to be challenging for students, Witherspoon said.

"If you can count to four and are willing to practice just a little, everyone can dance just four steps at a time," she said. "Come move with us, we all start this way."

The class is doing well with its numbers as it steadily at-

tracts new people each week. Students attending the class will learn some basic steps then slowly build upon their skills in order to prepare them to go to a line dancing event, Witherspoon said.

"Every year our goal is to learn several dances and then just go somewhere to dance," Witherspoon said. "So far we have danced together at some of the dances in Tennessee and I still dance with some of my students that have graduated. It would be nice to have a dance event here."

Class participants look forward to the class every week, and continue to come back year after year.

"I really do enjoy the class, I've been going every semester since she started teaching the class I think five years ago, and I look forward to it, it really is just a good time," said Pat Horsford, business administrator of the Health Service Center.

Students aren't required but are encouraged to wear clothes they are comfortable in when they attend the class. Music is provided during the classes.

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# Killers deliver anticipated fourth studio album

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I was first introduced to the band The Killers in the eighth grade. I don't know how anyone could not know who they are after they released their single "Mr. Brightside" off of their first studio album, "Hot Fuss."

Believe it or not, I was not a big fan in the beginning. You really couldn't turn on the radio without hearing that song. But now, nearly 10 years later, as The Killers release their fourth studio album, "Battle Born," my love for them has only grown.

This will be the band's first album together since 2008's "Day & Age." It was announced in 2010 they would take an indefinite hiatus to work on solo projects and take a break from touring.

Since 2003 when they first released "Hot Fuss" I've really grown to love them. But lead singer, Brandon Flowers' solo work is what really drew me to the band and had me dying with anticipation for Battle Born to be released. (Side note: "Flamingo," Flowers' solo album, is well worth the download, listen, or purchase.)

In July they released their first single off the album, "Runaways," about escaping from a troubled world with only your loved one by your side and what may result from that.

"Let's take a chance baby we can't lose/Mean we're all just runaways/I knew that when I met you, I'm not going to let your runaway/I knew that when I held you, I wasn't letting go."

Easily one of the best tracks on the album, the video for "Runaways" features Flowers reminiscing on what seems like a fairly personal story. Whether it's his own or a personal story or another band member's is hard to tell.

The opening track on the album may drive some listeners away. "Flesh And Bone" isn't the best, but it allows room for The Killers to grow throughout the rest of the album, which is fitting, considering it's the story behind the band themselves. They're a band of misfits coming together to create music.

The Killers, who hail from Las Vegas, Nev., can't seem to shake their home turf from their latest album let alone their music.

Many critics have compared the groups work for this particular album with Bruce Springsteen and his ability to write lyrics based on his home of New Jersey. I have to agree and disagree to this comparison.

The Killers have a style of music much different from the Boss. Their music is more modernized which allows for the use of synthesizers and other such instruments.

However, both artists have the capability to write music based on their hometowns by using references to actual places, creating characters and telling a story by painting a picture in the listener's mind.

A notable song off of the album that shows the true Vegas lights behind the Killers is brought to you by the time the third song, "The Way It Was," begins to play.

"Somewhere outside the lonely Esmeralda county line/The question of my heart came to my mind."

Flowers sings the song in a way that allows the listener to be there, in the moment and get completely swept away by the song.

"I remember driving/In my daddy's car to the airfield/Blanket on the hood, backs against the windshield/Back then this thing was running on momentum, love and trust/That paradise is buried in the dust."

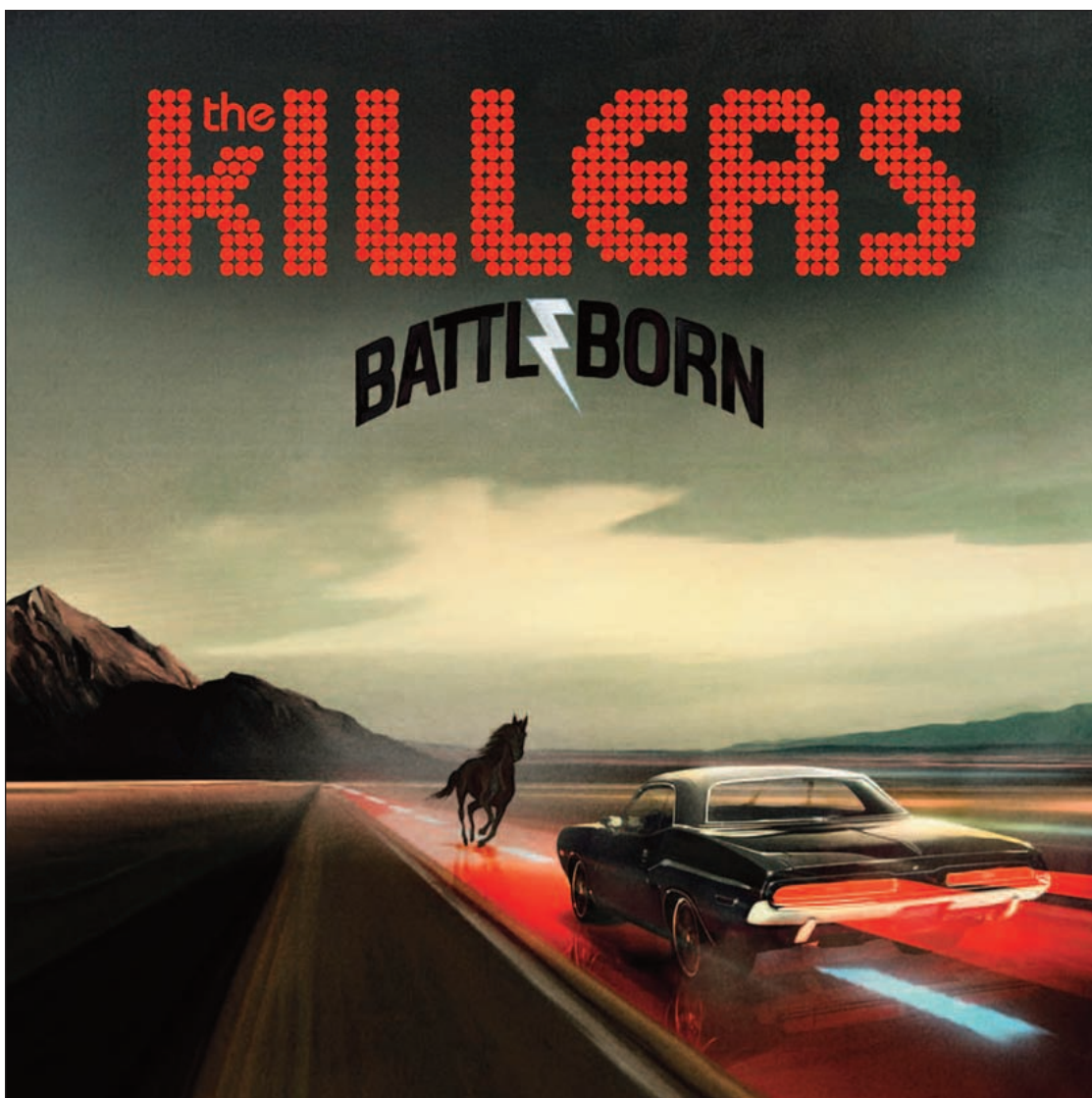
The song certainly keeps the album going leaving any listener eager to hear more.

"Here With Me," is where the lofty pitches of Flowers' voice are showcased and show his full vocal range.

The character in the song is reflecting back on a lost love, one that he or she will always be holding out for.

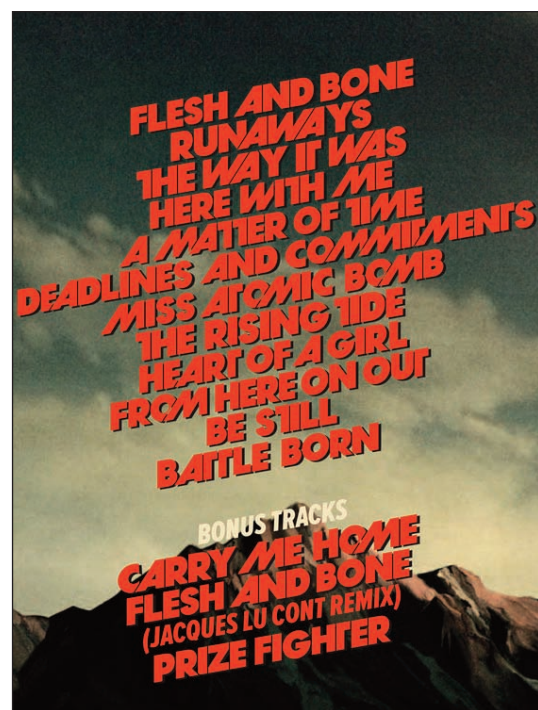
"Falling in love filled my soul with fright/You said 'Come on babe, it'll be all right'/I must have been a fool to the bitter end/Now I hold on to hope to have you back again."

"A Matter Of Time" and "Deadlines And Commitments" seem to just be time fillers until reach-



Photos courtesy of fanpop.com

The Killers released their fourth studio album, the first in four years on Tuesday. Download the tracks "Runaways," "Miss Atomic Bomb" and "Heart Of A Girl" for a great preview of what the album has to offer.



ing "Miss Atomic Bomb," another song on the album that showcases the band's background.

"When I look back on those neon nights/The leather seats, the passage rite/I feel the heat, I see the light."

From there on out the album only gets better.

The record ends on an excellent note with the title track, "Battle Born."

They don't leave anything to chance on this song. The Killers lay it all out on the line expressing how faith can easily be lost and hopes and dreams can be destroyed.

"You lost faith in the human spirit/You walk around like a ghost/Your star-spangled heart/Took a train for the coast."

The song goes on to explain through all the bad, eventually there will be good.

"You never know/If you never learn/You never shine/If you never burn/The rising tide/The undertow/The venom and/The overflow/You turn away/Welcome home."

The bonus tracks are available by purchasing



- One note: Only if you're bored
- Two notes: Borrow it from a friend
- Three notes: Worth the money
- Four notes: A future classic

### Similar to:

The Strokes, Franz Ferdinand, Kaiser Chiefs, Muse

### Review Rundown:

Rolling Stone: 3/5  
Entertainment Weekly: B

the deluxe edition of the album or through the individual purchase of the songs on iTunes.

A song worth taking a listen to is the last featured track, "Prize Fighter." The song will make any girl swoon in hopes that the song is about them.

"She's always on my side, rich or poor/And she's with me all the way to the Golden Door/My li-oness, my pièce de résistance/My only way."

The album as a whole showcases the creativity of the music and lyrics behind The Killers.

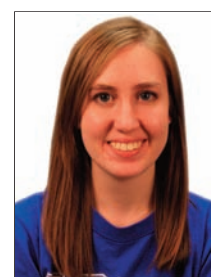
Although it's not their best work, the continuity of their album is similar to that of their previous works.

Not yet a fan of the band? Check out their first record, "Hot Fuss" and listen to the track "All These Things That I've Done," for a better understanding of their work before delving into this "Battle Born."

However, any Killers fan will more than likely enjoy this album. Splurge and purchase the deluxe edition. The album is well worth the buy.

### Liner Notes

## Judging songs by their video



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You know that saying "never judge a book by its cover?" The same concept could be applied to judging a song by its music video.

I've noticed regardless of what the lyrics of a song are about, the music video doesn't have to relate to it at all. Music

videos are more or less created just for fun anyway.

Earlier this week in the newsroom, some of my fellow editors and I watched Gotye's "Somebody That I Used To Know" video. Having watched the video before, I knew what to expect. Even though I understand the symbolism of the singer being camouflaged by the paint, I still found it to be artistically weird - but in a good way. It made me think the goal for this video must have been to out-weird every other music video out there.

On another note, Michael Jackson's "Thriller" video used to frighten me, and I'm probably not alone on this - if you ever watched it as a child, you were probably a little frightened by it, too. Something about the dancing zombies and that evil laugh at the end of the video gave me nightmares.

My oldest sister knew how I felt about the video and she once called me into her bedroom, turned the lights out and played the song - volume high - to purposefully scare me. I remember begging her to turn the lights on and turn the song off (Note: I also used to be afraid of the dark, but who wasn't when they were young?).

That was an awful thing for someone to do to a younger sibling, but I forgave her.

I'm also happy to say I can watch the complete video and listen to the entire song without feeling scared. It's just makeup and grape juice after all, right?

There are some music videos that take the acting thing a little too far.

I'm not a Justin Bieber fan but after hearing his new song, "As Long As You Love Me," I watched the video out of complete curiosity. Literally the first 1:30 minutes of the video is him and actor Michael Madsen ("Free Willy") discussing Madsen's stage daughter and how Bieber is in love with her. Blah blah.

I guess if the whole music thing stops working, Bieber could always have a career in acting.

The kind of music videos I like are the creative ones. Some of my favorite videos weren't even made with a big budget.

One music video that is extremely popular and known for its simplicity is Beyoncé's "Single Ladies." It's just three women in black leotards in front of a solid white backdrop. The video is also filmed in black and white, which adds a lot more to it, I think. Not only is the particular song super catchy but the dance is fun to try out too - not that I've tried it.

OK Go is a band known for their music videos, maybe even more than their actual music. It's literally as though they just make home videos of them doing ridiculous things and then they lip sync to their songs and call it a music video.

Their first big music video, "Here It Goes Again," is just a video of them doing choreography on treadmills.

They also have a video of them driving a car and striking pianos and homemade instruments as they pass them in an abandoned field.

I'm not sure what the method is for making their videos but it probably has something to do with being as random as possible while keeping a straight face.

There are tons of unique music videos out there that I could have mentioned.

View these videos and others at [thenews.org](http://thenews.org).

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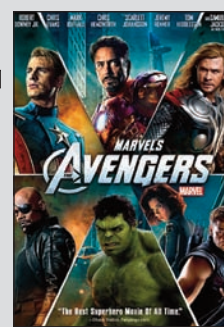
## Out This Week

### See It Today



Stephen Chbosky's novel "The Perks of Being a Wallflower" will make its big screen debut. The film stars Logan Lerman, who plays Charlie, the main character. It's about growing up, being in high school and all the trouble along the way.

### Rent It Tuesday, Sept. 25



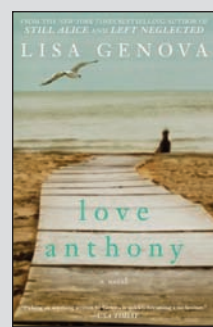
The summer blockbuster "The Avengers" will finally be released Tuesday. The film brings together some of the favored Marvel comic book characters in this epic movie starring, Chris Evans, Robert Downey Jr., Mark Ruffalo and Scarlett Johansson, just to name a few.

### Hear It Monday, Sept. 24



Mumford & Sons will release their second album on Tuesday titled, "Babel." This is their next album release since their 2009 break-out album, "Sigh No More." The band will be performing on Saturday Night Live this week to promote their latest work.

### Read It Tuesday, Sept. 25



Lisa Genova will be releasing her latest novel titled, "Love Anthony." The book tells that story of a young boy who is diagnosed with autism at a very young age. The novel shows the world from his point of view.

### Play It Tuesday, Sept. 25



FIFA Soccer 13, the newest soccer video game from EA Sports, will feature special tricks such as attacking intelligence, new passes and free kicks. The game is currently pending a rating.

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# Thrifting through the years

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Angels Attic Thrift Shop sells clothes, furniture, books and other unique items donated by businesses and community members in order to produce funds to support Murray, Calloway County Angels Community Clinic.

## Angels Attic celebrates 10 years of giving back

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Coupon books and discount fliers litter campus. Tacked to bulletin boards, stacked on random tables and tucked in every pamphlet in sight, discounts grab students' attention. Murray State is addicted to good deals.

Angels Attic Thrift Shop is aware students, along with the rest of Murray's population, love a deal, and it has been using that awareness for 10 years to benefit the local Angels Community Clinic.

"Our main purpose is to raise funds through donated items to fund the Angels Community Clinic," Mike Crook, store manager from Memphis, Tenn., said.

This year Angels Attic celebrates 10 years of helping Angels Community Clinic register more than 27,527 total patient visits for the working uninsured. In celebration, Angels Attic took a day in July to throw what some would call a party.

"We had Froggy 103.7 here," Crook said. "We had two cakes, food, punch and that kind of thing. We really dressed up the whole deal by doing some PR, handing out gift certificates and all kinds of stuff. We had fun with it."

The celebration was not just for the

16 full-time and part-time workers, 35 active volunteers or even the short-term volunteers from Murray State or local high schools. This 10-year celebration was for the entire community of Calloway County, and everything they have done over the past decade.

"Most of what we sell is all donated by the good people here in Murray and Calloway County," Crook said. "We've had a great opportunity to do a lot of different things, and Murray and Calloway County have been very supportive of the attic. They continue to be supportive."

Angels Attic finds support from all over western Kentucky, but Murray State plays a big role for local nonprofits, as well.

"This past month we had a lot of (Murray State students) come in and buy our rugs and furniture," Crook said. "We have a lot of students come in at the end of the semester that want to donate their stuff. We are even set up with the Youth and Non-Profit Leadership program, and they send students here to do service projects all the time. We have a team of three that will be coming in Saturday to put together over 200 Christmas trees."

Selling everything from furniture and clothing to seasonal items like Halloween costumes and Christmas trees, Angels Attic is another place to

look for dorm room accessories and toga party sheets.

"We sell just about anything," Crook said, smiling. "Furniture, appliances, clothing, shoes, belts, purses, toys, books and all other media, household items, and other knick knacks."

This thrift shop is not solely a place to look for 80s costumes and ugly Christmas sweaters. Angels Attic avoids being deemed a "junk store."

"The thing is, we are very meticulous about what we put out there. We want to be as near as we can to upscale. We have a lot of new stuff with labels, we have a lot of brand names—Aeropostale, Abercrombie and Fitch, you name it. Even for guys, Brooks Brothers suits and shirts brand new. We've got some pretty good deals out there," Crook said.

Henry Rogers, sophomore, has lived in Murray for as long as Angels Attic has been open.

"I can't really remember it not being there," Rogers said. "I usually will go there maybe once a month or more because it seems like that gives them plenty of time to process the 'new' used things that people are bringing."

Rogers and Crook agree the items people donate to Angels Attic can be pretty amazing.

"We had a 1923 player piano that (someone brought in) and that was

awesome," Crook said. "And as a musician and someone who used to restore furniture, I almost bought it myself to restore. It was so nice, and that shocked me. Two weeks ago I had someone who gave me a minivan, I mean, it had 200,000 miles on it, but to be that old it was nice! We even got a boat one time."

Walking into Angels Attic is a different experience from week to week, from the clothing in the front to the couches in the back of the store, Crook said.

"When I go out there, I'll say, 'I can't believe someone donated that!' I've said that a thousand times and that's what makes it so fun. There's always something different, and I love it," Crook said.

Some of the Angels Attic customers know exactly what they are looking for when they walk through the doors. Rogers has even developed his own system.

"The first thing I always check out is to see what suits they have in because something about vintage suits and stuff like that is really cool to me," Rogers said. "I've bought seven suits from there now, and they sell them for all of five dollars, or three dollars if you just get a jacket. That's the first thing I go and look at, and for whatever reason, every suit I've bought

there fits me absolutely perfect, they're just perfect suits. Then I look at their ties because they have ties for ten cents, which is crazy, and I love ties. Another one of the big things I'll look at is their book section."

**"I've never seen a place like this, and what I like about it is that it's always different. Something's going on all the time."**

**- Mike Crook**  
Angels Attic store manager

The system Angels Attic has works for local Murray residents, Murray State students, volunteers and staff members that work there, Crook said.

"We sell so cheap, and people know it," Crook said. "That's why they're lined up here every day to get bargains. I've never seen a place like this, and what I like about it is that it's always different. Something's going on all the time."

Said Rogers: "I would recommend everybody appreciate the stuff they do. Go check it out every once in awhile. It supports Angels Clinic, it's local, and it's an awesome place."

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