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Local bank gets naming rights for \$3.3 million

Austin Ramsey
Assistant News Editor

The University Board of Regents accepted two donations totaling more than \$4.5 million at their quarterly meeting last Friday.

Regent Susan Guess, chair of the institutional advancement committee, introduced the first and largest gift — a \$3.3 million donation to the athletics department from Community Financial Services Bank.

With a unanimous vote to accept the gift, the University gave the regional banking chain full naming rights to the previously existing RSEC.

Representatives from the bank were present at the meeting to name the 8,600-seat multi-purpose arena and home to the men's and women's basketball teams the CFSB Center.

The Board of Regents also granted the bank with prominent display and exposure opportunities in and around the facility playing host to concerts, trade shows and conventions for the western Kentucky region.

Constantine Curris, chair of the board, remarked on the enormity of the gift, thanking CFSB for their contribution.

"We're very pleased for this philanthropic gift to the University," he said to generous applause at the close of the meeting.

Jeremy Rose, vice president and director of marketing for CFSB, said the mutual partnership between Murray State and the bank is not new.

"We spent three years working on this; we helped sponsor the new video boards that are in the CFSB Center, and from there we wanted to see how we could really help the Racers," he said. "It's an exciting opportunity for us to be able to reinvest and show a commitment into the community as well as to get our brand out to the entire region. We thought long and hard about how we wanted to make this work, and we can't wait for our vision to become a reality."

The gift made a substantial increase to the University capital campaign, Hold Thy Banner High: The Campaign for the Students of Murray State University, raising it to \$54 million, according to a public statement. The overall goal for the fundraising effort is \$60 million and continues through Dec. 31 of this year.

Randy Dunn, University president, remains astounded by the size and timeliness of the banking chain's gift.

"Usually we see 10 percent of the construction cost to buy the naming rights and here it's about what 15 percent of construction costs from 10 years ago. So to have this kind of success on a fac-



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ity that's 10 years old is something that speaks to the hard work that people put into getting the deal done," he said.

Betsy Flynn, president and CEO of CFSB shared the University's enthusiasm about to the gift.

"The entire team of CFSB employee-owners and directors are excited to partner with Murray State University in promoting this awesome facility, the CFSB Center," she said. "MSU is such an important economic and cultural factor in our region; we are proud to be a part of the vibrant Murray and Purchase region community."

Allen Ward, director of athletics, extended his own appreciation to the western Kentucky-based bank for the gift to his department.

"[The donation] is the largest gift in Murray State athletics' history," he said. "This is an exciting time for Racer athletics."

The commitment that CFSB has made will have a dramatic impact on our program."

Ward said a formal unveiling of the arena's new name will take place in conjunction with the men's basketball game against East Tennessee State University on Monday, Nov. 15.

The Board of Regents also voted to accept a \$1.38 million estate gift to the College of Education.

Dunn said the gift was from 1960 graduate of the University, Barbara Beasley.

At the board's request, Dunn proposed to accept \$60,000 of the donation not endowed to be used to offer scholarships unanimously. The board voted to accept the gift and included proposition unanimously.

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Preliminary numbers indicate enrollment increase

John Walker
Staff writer

A preliminary report from the Council of Postsecondary Education shows University enrollment is up this fall by 1 percent. The report shows growing numbers in freshmen, transfer and graduate students.

Director of Enrollment Fred Dietz said this type of growth is positive for the University.

He said there is not only a gain in freshmen and transfer students, but student retention is also increasing.

"We are optimistic about the new numbers," Dietz said. "Enrollment growth is a combination of everything. Retention is just as important as anything else when it comes to student growth."

Dietz's office is tasked with enrolling 12,000 students by 2012 as part of the University's 12x12 initiative.

Dietz said the University is attracting students from new areas. According to the CPE report, students from Illinois have increased by 9 percent.

Dietz said he is not surprised by the record growth. Illinois students have many reasons to want to attend Murray State, he said.

"We have good academic programs, and we are reasonably priced for those students," Dietz said. "We did a lot more advertising in those areas, and the fact that those students can come here on a regional tuition helps out a lot."

University President Randy Dunn said increased attention toward recruiting freshmen and transfers from Illinois is a main factor

in growing students from that region.

"Illinois is a state where we see a growing allegiance between our current students and our many alumni," Dunn said. "It is our intention to continue to grow and reach out to students in Illinois."

Lee Bush, transfer sophomore from Winchester, Ky., said he chose the school because of its obvious attractions.

"This school has a great location and a perfect size," Bush said. "There is a good atmosphere here and the campus is centrally located for everyone."

Bush said he does not want the University to be complacent with the growing numbers.

"I feel an increase in student enrollment should bring better facilities," Bush said. "If they want to have more students here we are

going to need more."

Dietz said student involvement plays a major factor in student retention.

"It's really important for students to get involved when they come to college," Dietz said. "That counts both academically and socially."

Dunn said the University is becoming a respected institution in areas outside of Kentucky.

"The growth we've seen to this point is probably attributable to several components that define our brand, with quality education and affordability at the forefront," he said.

The final enrollment numbers will be reported by the CPE at the end of October.

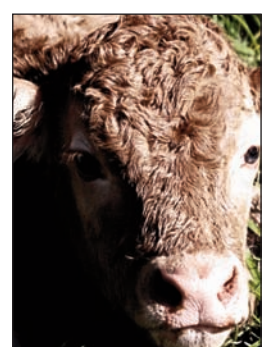
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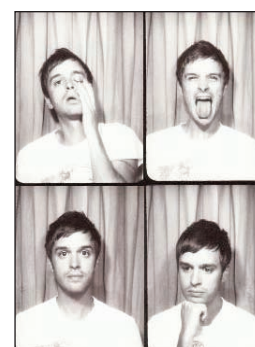
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'Because none of us are as cruel as all of us,' 5A.



Racers seek first victory of season, 4B.



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FORECAST

Friday 87/60
Thunderstorms

Saturday 81/56
Sunny

Sunday 77/56
Showers

This week

Today	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •8:30 a.m. Informational meeting on creating finance documents on Banner using myGate; Gate House, free •7 p.m. 29th Annual Mr. MSU Pageant; Lovett Auditorium, \$7 •7 p.m. "25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" play; Central Park; Playhouse in the Park •7:30 p.m. "Food, Inc." Cinema International; Curris Center Theater, free •All day Paint a shirt and bear witness against violence; Ordway Hall, free 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •8 a.m. Rifle vs. UT-Martin; Pat Spurgin Rifle Range •10 a.m. Residential College Brunches •Noon Volleyball vs. Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville; Racer Arena, free •6 p.m. Football vs. UT-Martin; Roy Stewart Stadium, free •7 p.m. "25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" play; Playhouse in the Park •7:30 p.m. "Food, Inc." Cinema International; Curris Center Theater, free 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •11 a.m. The Journey Church; Curris Center Ballroom •1 p.m. Softball vs. Wabash Valley Community College; Racer Field, free with Racercard •2:30 p.m. "25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee"; Central Park; Playhouse in the Park •7 p.m. Alltech Fortnight Festival Presents: Jason Mraz with Ben Sollee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •5 p.m. Study Abroad in Scotland Information meeting, free •6 p.m. Introduction to social ballroom dancing, Paducah Dance Academy, Paducah, free •All day Paint a shirt and bear witness against violence; Ordway Hall, free

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •1 p.m. Informational program on the monarch butterfly; Land Between the Lakes Nature Station •5 p.m. CAB meeting; Curris Center Tennessee Room; open to the public •5 p.m. Leadership Workshop Series on Creativity; Curris Center Barkley Room, free •6 p.m. "Take Back the Night" program on rape and sexual abuse; Quad, free •6:30 p.m. Murray State Tennis Club; Purcell Tennis Courts, open to all 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •11:30 a.m. Oakley Dining Room Luncheon; Applied Science Building, \$7 •12:20 p.m. Baptist Campus Ministries Luncheon; BCM Building, \$1 •5 p.m. SGA meeting; Curris Center Ohio Room; open to the public •5:30 p.m. Racer Alumni Social; Max's Brick Oven Cafe, Paducah 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •5 p.m. Murray Environmental Student Society meeting; Carr Health Building, open to all •6:30 p.m. Murray State Tennis Club; Purcell Tennis Courts, open to all •7:07 p.m. Worship; BCM Building, free •7:30 p.m. "The Secret in Their Eyes"; Curris Center Theater, free •All day "Maize of Grace" 2nd Annual Corn Maze; Locust Grove Baptist Church, \$3

Coming Up

- 7 p.m. Saturday, volleyball vs. Tennessee Tech



File photo

Sunday

- 7 p.m. Jason Mraz with Ben Sollee concert




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Police Beat

September 16

5:04 p.m. An officer checked a Murray Fire Department program. Everything appeared normal.

8:46 p.m. Racer Patrol reported the Crisp Soccer Building was unsecured. An officer assisted by Racer Patrol made sure the building was secured and notified the building coordinator.

10:27 p.m. A caller reported a noise complaint in Hart College. Officers were notified, and a report was taken for possession of alcohol by a minor.

September 17

12:37 a.m. A caller at Hart College reported alcohol found in a room on a room check. The caller was referred to housing after an information report was taken.

4:02 a.m. Officers arrested

Ryan Glenn, non-student from Greenville, Ky., for violation of a domestic violence order, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

3:14 p.m. A caller on the 500 block of College Courts reported a burning candle in an apartment. The Murray Fire Department, Murray State Police and the state fire marshal's office were notified about the incident.

September 18

11:53 a.m. An officer at Hamilton Field reported that a portable toilet had been overturned. A message was left for the owner.

8:15 p.m. A caller reported a problem with the washing machine in Hart College. Central Plant was notified.

11:31 p.m. An officer dispatched to check on a person near Oakhurst. Upon arrival, the officer arrested Kathryn Grigsby, senior from

Louisville, for alcohol intoxication.

September 19

9:33 a.m. A caller requested officers to unlock Carr Health Building for the athletic department. When an officer arrived, it was determined that the building was already open.

2:31 p.m. A caller at Regents College reported a person had fallen off their moped while driving. Officers and Emergency Medical Services were notified, and determined that the person was not injured. Officers issued a citation to Zhiwei Wang, graduate student from Shenzhen, China, for no registration and no operator's license.

8:06 p.m. A caller reported a person putting fliers on apartment doors on the 100 block of College Courts. Officers were notified, spoke with the person and requested that the fliers be removed.

September 20

8 a.m. The Grounds Department reported they were working on the sidewalk at the corner of North 15th Street and Racer Drive and a parked vehicle needed to be moved. Officers were notified, and the vehicle was moved.

10:02 a.m. A caller at the Hancock Biological Station reported damage to a vehicle window by a rock. The Calloway County Sheriff was notified. Campus police took an information report.

10:56 a.m. A caller reported debris in the rock garden next to the Old Fine Arts Building. Facilities Management was contacted to pick it up.

September 21

3:25 p.m. A caller reported a bunsen burner had malfunctioned and the hose had caught fire in the New Chemistry Building. Officers, Murray Fire Department and the

September 16

6:08 p.m. A caller at the Equine Center reported a vehicle in the parking lot with the lights on. An officer located the driver, who is a student, tending calves in the field.

12:07 p.m. A caller at the Public Safety Building reported vandalism to a vehicle. Officers were notified and reported no vandalism to the vehicle.


5:05 p.m. A person at the Main Street parking lot was locked out of their vehicle. An officer opened the vehicle.

Motorist assists - 1
 Racer escorts - 4
 Arrests - 2

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President plays diverse campus role



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University President Randy Dunn discusses the responsibilities of his position in his University office on the second floor of Wells Hall.

Elizabeth Johnson
Editor-in-Chief

**This is the last in a three-part series profiling top University officials.*

Whether he is playing trombone with the University jazz or pep bands, sitting in his own special box at sporting events, grabbing a bite to eat at Winslow Dining Hall or working in his Wells Hall office overlooking the Quad, University President Randy Dunn is a visible member of the Murray State community.

When Dunn arrived at Murray State as president in December 2006, he decided to make availability and accessibility to campus employees and students a top priority.

"A huge part of my job is a role related to communication and being a symbol for the University," Dunn said. "To fulfill those functions you can't hide in the office or be gone all of the time. You have to be present on the campus. If a president's not willing to do that, what's the point in being a president?"

While he does spend almost a third of his time traveling on the University's behalf, Dunn said he is on campus or near Murray the majority of the time, attending campus events, responding to e-mails and working through the piles of paperwork in his office.

"I do have a routine I start with each day as I'm drinking the first two of my typical six to eight cups of coffee a day before I start to enter into the schedule that's planned or emerges for me," he said.

His position as the top administrator of the University does lead to late nights, but he said it is pertinent to be timely and decisive to avoid delaying campus operations.

"That's a press that exists all day long and sometimes takes well into the evening to work through," he said. "The next day, it starts all over again."

In all his initiatives, Dunn said he is most proud of regional outreach and community development success.

"While our core mission is still teaching and learning and preparing students to go out as productive citizens in a global economy, there is a special defining role for regional state universities to elevate the area they're in and the state they serve," he said.

When Dunn is not in his everyday grind, he and his wife, Rhonda, who married in 2007, look to retreat.

While they often spend time in Murray, Nashville and Paducah shopping and attending events, they try to make a monthly trip to their condominium in Chicago.

Dunn, a native of northern Illinois, said having a residence in the city makes seeing his family easier.

"For me, it really is the home ground," he said. "We love the city. I know it like the back of my hand."

Although the Duns love their weekend getaways, he said he is happy to call Murray State home.

However, University business finds him even at his local residence at Oakhurst, but in a different way. Combined, Rhonda and Randy have four children. Rhonda's two are Murray State students.

Sara and Gavin Wanstreet, senior and sophomore, live their own lives on campus, but have dinner with Dunn and their mother almost every Sunday, Dunn said. Acting as a Murray State parent has positively impacted his presidency, giving him various points of views and an inside look at the lives of students and their parents, he said.

"It's interesting to hear about the University from their perspective as students and to be on the receiving end of policies and practices we have in place," he said. "It's helped me tremendously. Rhonda and I are parents like the thousands of parents of our students who have to work through the bureaucracy of things."

Lindsey and Erin, Dunn's daughters, are out of school. Lindsey works in Chicago and Erin is moving to the Orlando, Fla., area.

With the recent extension of his contract, Dunn is happy to continue balancing the roles of husband, father and University president.

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Quick facts about Dunn

- Began his presidency on Dec. 1, 2006
- Bachelor's and master's degree from Illinois State University
- Bachelor's in elementary education and reading
- Master's in administrative education
- Doctorate in administrative education from the University of Illinois
- Served in the educational system in seven different cities
- Published more than 29 professional articles and book chapters and made over 30 presentations at state and national conferences
- Has instituted commissions of diversity and inclusion, sustainability and retention
- 11th president of the University

Board renews Dunn's contract to July 2014

John Walker
Staff writer

The Board of Regents renewed President Randy Dunn's contract Friday, extending his tenure at the University through June 30, 2014.

"Of course I'm very grateful to the board for their confidence in me to extend the contract out almost four years," Dunn said. "One of the things that we wanted to ensure we accomplished was to get my contract on a fiscal year basis."

The president said he would not be given an increase in salary at this time.

"There was no change in salary. It's not something that I sought nor the board sought to do," he said. "That happens in conjunction with all the rest of the University employees, which I had requested so that I can accrue vacation days here at the maximum amount allowed by our policies."

Dunn said the board is starting to change some of its policies regarding the process of contract renewal.

"In the past there had been no provision for the board to take a vote of extension of contract and now there's the opportunity to do that," said Dunn. "Like most contract negotiations each side got a little bit and set the stage going forward. Both parties, the board and myself, are happy with it."

Dunn said his contract extension allows him to finish the projects he has started in his time at the University.

Said Dunn: "A contract extension provides security to a president to really push in certain areas and move the levers of the University to make some progress on initiatives where, without the security of that time, many people would be hesitant to do so."

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Our View

Get out the door, explore the world

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Attending university is a huge step forward in life, no question about it. Moving on to higher education and closer to an independent life are monumental. Going away to school, even just a few hours distance from home, is enough to separate students from their parents and begin independent lives. Yeah, sure, your parents probably still claim you as a dependent (and might even do your laundry), but you get the gist.

As you stumble around campus, getting used to the feel of a new environment and enjoying freedom from the parental leash, groups, clubs and student-run organizations are constantly trying to draw in new recruits, which means you. College provides a venue for new interests and exploration of your potential. Studying abroad also becomes an option, which, while dangled in front of you during high school, is now a possibility.

Universities worldwide welcome students from a variety of countries, providing specially designed courses and programs for the eager adventurer. Study the Spanish language in Spain or Mexico, learn about Korean culture first hand or visit the architecture discussed in art history courses; the sky is the limit (space camp, anyone?).

So where are you going to study abroad? Undecided? Want to know why you should pack your bags and hit the road? OK, let us break it down and help you make the decision.

For starters, there are multiple programs designed for college students that offer classes both nec-

essary for degrees as well as courses enhanced by the location. Languages are learned best when you're immersed amongst the native speakers (movies, music, literature galore).

Secondly, by adventuring to another country and jumping into a culture unlike your own, you begin to notice differences not previously apparent.

Have you ever been asked by an international student to point out differences between your culture and theirs? Were you stumped beyond the obvious? By stepping outside of your comfort zone and experiencing something new, you're able to make new observations.

Still not sure? There is a large body of students at the University from all over the globe. Take a few minutes out of your day, stop by Woods Hall and talk with an international student. Individuals from China, Korea, Saudi Arabia and parts of Europe, to just list a few, are all around campus and are likely more than happy to talk about their study abroad experiences.

Worried about money? There are many ways to procure funds for studying abroad. From financial aid to scholarships, there is money set aside exclusively to disperse amongst applying students.

Need specific courses to graduate? A number of programs offer a flexible course schedule and will help you get the course credits needed.

So what are you waiting for? Even if you cannot fit a trip to Europe or Asia this year, reach out and explore a new place. There are more than enough states to explore on the continent while you figure out how to get across the ocean.

Make plans, not excuses.

On the path of adventure



Campus Voice

Distance among departments



Cornelius Hocker
Junior from
Greenville, Ky.

of a swarm of wild honey bees. My Fridays are always quite interesting. To the informed population of Murray State University, thank you. Thank you for the reading *The Murray State News*.

It was right after my 9:30 a.m. Music History course. I had been approached by four people who were up in arms about some article in the paper. If you know me, then you know I'm not a morning person. With that being said, I hadn't even remembered the paper was coming out that morning.

As I made my way from the second floor of Old Fine Arts to the fifth floor of New Fine Arts, I passed by the elevators. This is a normal occurrence because I am deathly claustrophobic. Most people laugh at me when I tell them this, but being enclosed in tight spaces is seriously my worst nightmare. Cremation, anyone?

Anyway, I saw a sign as I passed by the elevators. It read "Take YOUR elevator as much as possible. As long as you pay tuition, take joy rides if you feel like it. Remember it is every

Fridays on Murray State's campus are always bustling.

The anticipation of the weekend can be likened to the distant roar

Students right to use the elevator."

After reading this, I immediately decided to head to third floor of New Fine Arts and look for a paper. When controversial things happen and the music department is mentioned, the third floor is the place to go (I know about this all too well).

As I opened the double doors leading to the actual third floor, I was immediately told I needed to write a response to this column written by some Casey girl. I smiled; Casey Bradley and I are friends (working with someone over your summer break makes that happen).

In the end, I didn't even have to pick up a paper: someone had cut the article out and taped it in between the elevators.

Let me preface this by saying I'm not going to bash Casey on this subject. In the grand scheme of things, it means nothing. However, I do feel the situation needs to be looked at differently.

Imagine this: instead of the art department being on the sixth and seventh floors of New Fine Arts, it's now on the third and fifth. With a massive portfolio in tow, an art student boards the elevator on the first floor, elevator crowded full of people and then get off on the third floor. All while inconveniencing music students on the sixth and seventh floors and broadcasting students on the eighth floor. Now back to reality.

Last Friday, I read the column and took no offense. Unlike many of my peers in my department and on campus, I'm rela-

tively fit. Even if I wasn't claustrophobic, I wouldn't take the elevator because I'm too aware of my health.

I chatted with a few music and art students about the whole ordeal and both are very misinformed about each other.

Each person I spoke with called the other major not real. Students said their major spends more time in the Fine Arts building and each claimed the other was rude.

I'm not trying to incite a riot. I love the music department. I also love the art department because they pay me to model nude.

To sum this up, Casey hit on a very good point. However, it must be taken as a suggestion and not her telling you what to do. I see many people in the music and art department that should be taking the stairs, as well as a trip to the gym.

I think the elevators should be reserved for people who absolutely need them. Elevators should not be for the person who is running late or the lazy individual who rants that their tuition goes toward it so they can use it. If that's the case, then I need to go to Sparks Hall. I need my account on myGate to read "Not Riding Elevator Refund."

Wise up, it's your body and your life. Take this moment to realize you're not going to have the metabolism of a 20-year-old in 10 years. Healthy decisions now affect the rest of your life. See you in the stairwell.

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What do you think ... What do you think about social networking on campus?



"I think social networking is good because you can find people that have groups and activities in common with one another."

Alex Nance • Murray
freshman



"Social networking on campus is important for career opportunities, but campus organizations seem to lack the incentive to make (it) a priority."

Josh Hyatt • Murray
senior



"(It's a) good idea if it's kept within its intended purpose: networking, not gossiping."

Justin Pace • Independence, Ky.
junior

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Reader reactions surprise student

Sunday evening I was at work and saw a group of people come into my workplace with newspapers. I asked where I might find a copy of the paper because a person I know had written an editorial. Little did I know that I would get such a hateful reaction.

They seemed very irritated with that week's opinion column. Upon asking about their aggravation, they informed me that the writer had a negative focus on music majors and they were angry about being singled out. They were happy, though, about the response of a professor, who had posted a notice by the elevator in the Old Fine Arts building, encouraging students to ride the elevators as much as they liked, because they pay tuition.

As an art major, I understand where the writer of the column is coming from. However, at the time, I did not want to be confrontational and avoided continuing with the subject.

I feel the people I encountered had a lack of common courtesy toward other tuition paying students that are from outside the music floors. In general, I feel people should consider how their actions affect others and not react to constructive criticism.

Let's be proactive, not reactive.

Amy Schluckebier,
senior from Benton, Ark.

Kentucky senator, 'Emperor of No'

In Kentucky we have a U.S. Senate candidate who is a Libertarian-disguised-as-a-Tea-Party-Candi-

date-wearing-a-Republican-face-mask. This candidate aspires to be our junior U.S. senator. He would replace a baseball card salesman who has been tagged in TIME magazine as one of five worst U.S. senators, an individual without a healthy legislative portfolio. A performance leaving Kentucky with only one U.S. senator.

Kentucky's other senator is a Washington insider striving to become known as the "Emperor of No" in leading the Republican Party against the best interests of the working middle class and poor of America. This drive in "No" gear, solely for political gain, suggests a near maniacal desire to become Senate Majority Leader.

All too often this one forgets America is not made of dirt, or corporate profits, or even laws: America is made of people. The actions of the "Emperor of No" forget the people of America and the people of Kentucky who run a distant second to his senatorial or higher Washington insider aspirations.

If Kentucky's disguised U.S. Senate candidate were elected with his agenda to eliminate social security, Medicare, farm subsidies and education aid, his senatorial future can be readily forecasted without regard to which political party is in charge: he would be selected to head a newly created chairmanship, such as Chairman of the One-man Committee for Oversight of Payments to Widows and Orphans of the French and Indian Wars of the 1700s.

His bizarre notions could mean that no political party would trust him and his legislative successes would likely mirror that of his predecessor. Kentucky would go another six years with only one U.S. senator.

Gene Nettles,
non-student from Hickman, Ky.

Randomly Penciled

The anti-social network



Casey Bradley
Opinion Editor

Wake up, roll out of bed (literally), stumble over my feet as I rub my eyes and the dog dances around me. Take dog outside, bring dog back inside, feed dog, feed self, start morning coffee. Next? Internet. As soon as all of the immediate concerns are taken care of, it's

time for a bit of social networking.

While not everyone in college has a pet to attend upon opening their eyes, I've no doubt we start our mornings off just about the same way: with a little Facebook fix. On just one website you can chat with a few friends, leave a couple clever comments on a photo or two and exchange messages between people you had forgotten even existed. This corner of the Internet is a community unto itself.

Being able to communicate with people non-stop is extremely attractive in a society obsessed with instant gratification. You can be social without even leaving your apartment or dorm room (talk about ultimate multi-tasking capabilities).

In Pennsylvania, the Harrisburg University of Science and Technology recently enforced a campus-wide social media blackout. Students were advised to reflect upon their lack of social networking during their week devoid of Facebook, Twitter and messengers. Can you imagine not checking your e-mail or cell phone once during a week?

Of course, nature beat Harrisburg to the idea. The 2009 ice storm was an electrical blackout that affected Murray and surrounding areas. AT&T users were unable to use cell phones without venturing to Tennessee. And only before portable computer batteries lost all charge could you check information online.

You know what I did during the ice storm? Read. I kicked back and enjoyed a few books, knitted some and played ridiculous games, taking comfort in human interaction around a fire place. It was a relaxing vacation from school and the commotion of the modern world (without even leaving town). We had the basics: food, shelter and human contact. And it was enough.

As soon as ice began melting from the branches and electricity flickered back to life, everyone was back on the internet.

Why not make the choice to walk away from social media? While Harrisburg mandated their week-long blackout, could Murray State students do it voluntarily? Instead of letting nature step in and wrench you away from the computer screen, take the initiative and get outside. Gather your friends and picnic in the Quad. Hold face-to-face conversations where you don't have to represent emotion with a cartoon face and you can actually smell what that person last ate (however unpleasant that may be).

Instead of tweeting your latest news, actually tell a friend (unless it's what you ate for lunch, which usually isn't as exciting as you think). There is a growing disconnect between people being filled with social networking. Do you really have 250 friends? You're not that popular, you just know how to request and accept. Don't think for a second I'm not also dependent upon social networking for a number of things (how else would I keep in constant contact with my international friends?), I'm just as bad as everyone else on campus. It's convenient and fulfills the want for instant gratification our generation craves.

Just consider for a moment what else you could be doing with your time when you find yourself on Facebook, browsing through photos, texting nonsense or tweeting about your last meal. There is so much more outside still to discover and people are everywhere, not just on the web.

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'Because none of us are as cruel as all of us'



Nolan Phillips
Thenews.org video anchor

action being condoned by this contributor, or the paper, it is simply a fact.

In the modern age of mass communication across the World Wide Web, "piracy," or more appropriately "file sharing" is commonplace.

For those of you out there who follow anti-piracy news, you may have heard of the website The Pirate Bay (TPB). TPB is a Swedish website that indexes BitTorrent (.torrent) files, allowing visitors to search through their archives and freely (although in some places illegally) download torrents.

Since its inception, TPB has come under attack by various anti-piracy groups, as well as the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) and the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA). Through distributed denial of service (DDoS) attacks, a form of massive flooding of bandwidth on the targets system, the MPAA, RIAA and their hired guns at AiPlex have previously attacked TPB, as well as had their home offices raided by Swedish federal agents. Despite the raids and attacks, TPB has continued fighting this digital war with American organizations through the courts and across the globe.

Beginning at an undisclosed time on last Sunday, an anonymous collective of Internet users appropriately named "Anonymous," organized through 4chan.org and began their own DDoS attack on the MPAA and RIAA's websites/servers. Claiming a need to "make them pay for their deeds" as their goal, according to techcrunch.com, the group successfully shut down the websites for more than 36 hours. With support from TPB in the form of online ads/"fliers," this collective succeeded in a form of digital protest previously unmatched in size, duration,

or efficiency. With websites and servers down, these organizations, at the very least, saw a drop in productivity. Entire divisions of businesses and organizations are dedicated to maintaining websites and online traffic. With said divisions inactive for a day and a half, how much work was pushed back? How many e-mails unsent?

Sit and take this all in for a second. For 36 hours individuals behind a veil fought back against what they saw as corporate greed and they did it without leaving their homes. They were people of all ages, genders and creeds joining together to fight against what they thought was wrong.

Am I the only one who gets a slight sense of empowerment out of hearing this kind of news? Certainly the participants in the attacks did. Certainly there was a sense of victory over evil: an overwhelming sense that they had fought and they had won.

Do not get pious on me now, though. While this is indeed impressive, this column is not to condone these actions, so do not condemn me. This is meant to cause you, the reader, to sit back and look at your own life.

What injustices do you see in the world? What problems do we as a group need to confront and creatively overcome?

For 36 hours a group of people with a shared knowledge, a chip on their collective shoulder and at least in some sense a desire to fight back against what they saw as oppression, united and creatively showed the powers-that-be they were not going to take it. People, we cannot be a society that sits idly by when we see things we do not agree with.

We are a nation built on revolution, and forged in change. All this contributor is trying to remind you is that when there are problems in our society, and social change is needed, we must act as a collective force to bring about that change. The petty differences of race, creed, background, gender, sexuality, et cetera do not matter.

We must put aside our differences, even if it means uniting behind the veil of monitors, through the channels of social networking sites and fight for the things we believe in.

We must stand for something, anything for God's sake, lest we let apathy rule the day.

Cheers to ... Blockbuster
filing for bankruptcy. Sorry about having to file, but come on, late fees? Netflix showed you up.

Cheers to ... Facebook founder and his plan to donate \$100 million to impoverished schools in Newark, N.J. Where can we find the 'Like' option?

Cheers to ... an office building comprised of shipping containers. Talk about creative recycling!

Jeers to ... College Publisher and its inability to allow a website to work properly after a number of attempts. Really, CP, shape up.

Jeers to ... the approaching end of the Murray Farmer's Market. Time for winter to begin.

Cheers to ... the 50 cents coffee deal at Starbucks in Waterfield Library. Thanks for making it cheaper to stay awake.

Contributions for next week's Fall Break edition must be submitted no later than 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 27.

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Which method of communication do you prefer?

Kids At Play

by Alex Lane





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Jody Cofer, far left, co-chair of the president's commission on diversity and inclusion, panelists and students discuss the military's 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' policy Sept. 16 at Richmond College.

Panel debates controversial policy

Reese Hawkins
Contributing writer

Richmond College hosted a 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' discussion panel Sept. 16.

"Seventy-three percent of the military are comfortable with serving with homosexuals," said Jody Cofer, co-chair of the president's commission on diversity and inclusion. "There is no empirical data that shows homosexuality inhibits unit cohesion in any form."

In 1993, former President Bill Clinton campaigned on the promise to allow all citizens to serve in the military, regardless of sexual orientation. Before, homosexuality had been deemed "incompatible" with military service.

Tuesday, the U.S. Senate blocked a Defense Department bill that would repeal the policy. All 40 Senate Republicans voted against the bill. Senate majority leader Harry Reid voted against the bill for procedural reasons, the Associated Press reported.

"Of the original NATO countries, only two still ban the open serving of homosexuals in the military," Cofer said, referring to

the nations of Turkey and the United States.

Ann Beck, associate professor of government, law and international affairs and member of the discussion panel, felt there was a generational divide in policy.

"The average age of a soldier in service today is 30," Beck said. "This generation is host to a much more open and understanding train of thought than previous generations. 'Don't Ask Don't Tell' has served its purpose, and now it's time to lay it to rest."

Beck echoed the sentiments of a recent California circuit court ruling.

"You cannot regulate people's thoughts, which in this case refers to homosexual activity, with the fear of removing them from their service to their country," she said.

Opposition to repealing the law was minimal, but the panel acknowledged the need for a gradual transition into new territory if the repeal was to take place.

"It's been a fairly significant policy since its establishment," said Joe Tarry, panel discussion member and veteran. "The need for long-term transitioning is there, we would need to be sensitive to everyone's timing."

Tarry expressed interest in starting good dialog between differing opinions.

"It's important to remember that which makes America special: freedom of speech," he said. "Discussion will always outweigh bickering."

Christopher Morehead, senior from Paducah, spoke freely about his want for the repeal of Don't Ask Don't Tell.

"I love our country and the freedoms I am allowed," he said. "Please don't ask me to be someone else and hide who I am to serve my country."

We are all equal and deserve the right to fight for our country as who we truly are."

Cofer encouraged students to learn more about politics and situations like "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," and to become informed before venturing out to the ballot box on election day.

"Whether you're blue or red, conservative or liberal, a man or woman, just be informed because uninformed voting is a scary thing," he said. "We need to participate and exercise our right to vote, but we need to do it the right way."

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Students learn fire safety techniques

Jake Wardius
Staff writer

Students were given an opportunity to interact with the Murray Fire Department and try out their fire-extinguishing skills.

In recent years, the Department of Public Safety on campus has set up booths and informational kiosks for students to interact and learn proper procedures in case of a fire. This year, however, the folks at Public Safety stepped it up a few notches.

"We (had) fire extinguisher training, a smokey house simulator, a fire hose shoot, an informative video and a fire tower," said Jeff Steen, assistant director of public safety and emergency management. "The smoke house simulator is from the Calloway County Fire Department, students can crawl through and learn how to escape in the event of a fire and obscured vision due to smoke."

This year's expanded event is in response to recent legislation from Gov. Steve Beshear declaring September as Campus Fire Safety Month, Steen said.

Campus Fire Safety Month corresponds with the 12th anniversary of the Hester College fire that left one student dead and others injured.

"On a national scale, September is traditionally fire safety month," Steen said. "Other universities are conducting similar events, but we wanted to step ours up a few notches."

Steen, a former paramedic with some fire training, said the focus was to raise student's level of awareness and respect for the process.

"We have a fire extinguisher training simula-

tor, for instance," Steen said. "You can learn the proper method of grabbing an extinguisher off of the wall and know enough about it to put out a fire."

Some students might have noticed the fire engine with the ladder extended several stories into the air.

"Students (were not) allowed to climb on the ladder but they (saw) in person how far it can extend and what it looks like in real life."

The event was not all business. Students were offered free popcorn, cotton candy, sodas and water. Students were also given a chance to win a raffle after completing three stations.

"It's a great education opportunity and we make it fun," Steens said. "It's something students can do between class. It's in a good location on the pedestrian mall by the Curris Center."

Some students were excited to hear about the renewed focus on fire safety for the campus.

"I think this will be a good thing," said Brittany Phelps, junior from Owensboro, Ky. "There's a lot of fire drills at Hart (College) and there are fires from the kitchens and microwaves."

Other students commented about the fire drills on campus.

"The alarms are always going off at like 11 (o'clock) at night," said Anna Walters, junior from Okeana, Ohio. "It's usually from folks cooking in the dorm rooms and turns out to be a false alarm, but I'm glad to know that the University is concerned with our safety."

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Fire extinguishers lined up on campus await use by students trained by the Murray Fire Department for campus fire safety training.

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Across campus

University surveys employees

A survey on racial identity, ethnicity, veteran status and disability status will be conducted to fulfill the new reporting guidelines and race/ethnicity categories. The University is required by law to collect and periodically report certain data on its employees.

In order to fulfill reporting responsibility to the government, University employees will be surveyed in the cited four categories.

Murray State asks its faculty and staff to please complete this one page survey. The survey will be on the employee tab on myGate. It will be available today and must be completed on or before Oct. 8.

More seats for Lambert show

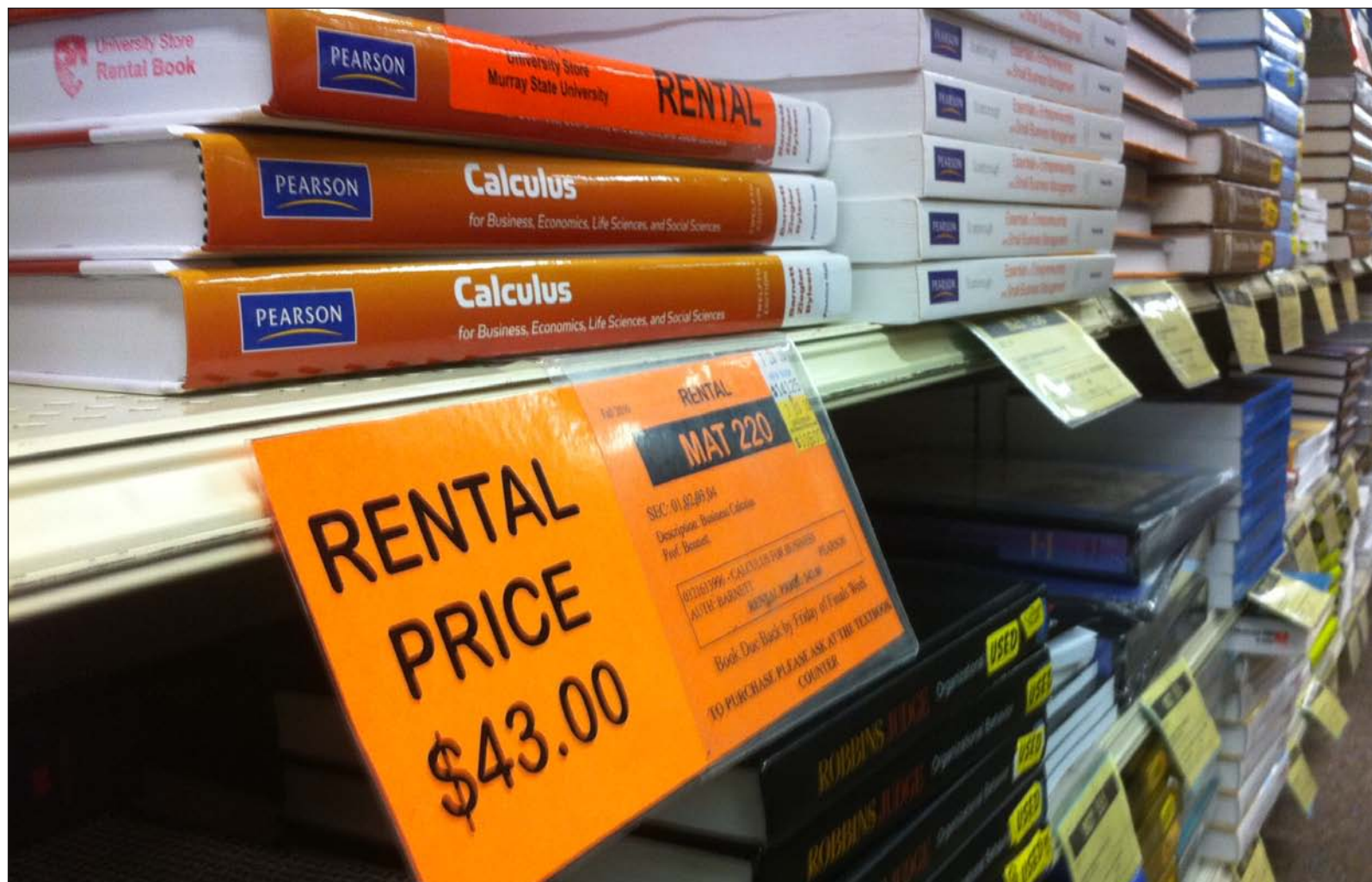
Officials from Miranda Lambert's Fall Revolution Tour have released some previously held production seats.

The seats are usually not sold to the public until tour officials can determine that guests won't be subject to any sightline obstructions.

The seats, however, are in prime locations in the CFSB Center, according to Joe Santiago, the facility's general manager.

The concert, including performances from Eric Church and Josh Kelley will be at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 8 the center.

Tickets are being sold at the box office.



Derek Miller/The News

The University Bookstore is one of many bookstores across the country to implement a textbook rental program.

Bookstores across country adopt textbook rental program

Austin Ramsey
Assistant News Editor

The University Bookstore began offering textbook rental services this semester in an effort to relieve high costs for students.

The program, which allows students to rent textbooks at a decreased price, has been a goal of staff members. But time and money have been majorly preventative factors until now said Don Klukan, textbook manager at the University Bookstore.

"We kicked it around for a while, but it took a financial investment on behalf of the University, so some key administrative officials had to become interested in it," he said.

Jack Vaughn, special projects coordinator for the store, said investment by Murray State was crucial, as the store is owned by the institution and would not be able to pay back or bring in revenue from the program immediately.

"The investment will have no return for a year and a half," he said. "But eventually, it will bring in money for the University."

He went on to explain that the rental program was based on a 30 percent renting basis.

"We are here to serve the students and keep their interests at heart," he said.

Klukan added that 30 percent was the lowest percentage they could offer under the University's standards.

Vaughn said there were important factors that played a role in book selection for the program's first semester.

"We like to use new editions because they basically have a three-

year life," he said. "So, we're asking for a three-year commitment from the faculty. We definitely want books to be used for fall and spring courses,"

Vaughn added because of those factors, the store is offering 20 titles this semester.

University bookstores across the country have been implementing textbook rental programs due to the current economy.

Vaughn said he has personally seen an increase of a select few universities that had programs three years ago to nearly thousands this year.

Vaughn said the advertising was limited this fall, but next semester, more time and effort will be put into an advertising campaign.

Klukan said little thought has been given to the store's competitive impact on local bookstores that provide selling or renting services.

"They don't play into any of the considerations into the way we do business," he said. "Obviously, we want students in here."

Andrew Meade, assistant manager at University Book and Bean, said there should be little conflict with their rental program.

"Although we have no set percentage off of the original price for our rentals, we've had a lot of students this semester, and we guarantee buy back at 50 percent," he said.

Meade also said their rental program extends to almost all books required by the University.

Chris Bradley, manager of Bradley Bookstore, said their business does not have a rental program, but are working on one for next semester.

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ACLU asks zoning board to reconsider Mayfield mosque

Associated Press

MAYFIELD, Ky. - The American Civil Liberties Union is asking Mayfield's zoning board to reconsider its rejection of a Somali man's request for a permit to build a mosque in the western Kentucky city.

In rejecting the permit on Aug. 24, the board cited concerns about fire safety, building capacity and parking. The ACLU responded with a letter Wednesday that said the rejection was based on false assumptions and violated constitutional and statutory protections for freedom of religion, *The Courier-Journal of Louisville* reported.

It also said the board approved two similar permits for churches in the same zoning district in central Mayfield.

The ACLU said the applicant, Khadar Ahmed, prefers to resolve the issue outside of court but reserves the right to a court appeal.

The city zoning board initially voted on Aug. 10 to approve Ahmed's application for a conditional use permit for the mosque. An overflow crowd applauded the vote to reject the permit, the ACLU wrote.

Women's Center production kicks off BE SAFE week

Nick Reside
News Editor

'Are You Afraid of the Dark?', a theatrical production designed to raise awareness about rape and sexual assault, was held in Mason Hall auditorium Wednesday.

The event, sponsored by the Women's Center, is the first in BE SAFE (Be Educated about a Sexual Assault Free Environment) week.

The production consisted of 12 readings about rape, sexual assault and abuse. The readings were from the perspectives of victims, attackers, as well as friends and relatives from both groups. All of the readers were either Murray State students or faculty.

Jane Etheridge, director of the Women's Center, said while some of the readings were based on true stories, none of the readers experienced them.

True to its name, much of the program occurred with minimal lighting, only what was necessary for the actors to read their scripts.

"A lot of why we do this show in the dark is because it is emotional," she said. "So we feel like we don't want people getting up and going out, but by having so much of it in the dark, it allows people to emote. If they are struggling with one of the scenarios, they can at least not feel exposed."

Etheridge said this is the seventh year 'Are You Afraid of the Dark?' has been held. She said the event has evolved since then, as the first production only consisted of four readings.

"Rape is a sexual form of aggression not an aggressive form of sex," Etheridge said. "I just think that education is the key to keeping oneself safe, not hurting another person and keeping those that matter to you safe."

Megan Ewing, senior from Benton, Ky., was one of several students to participate in the theatrical production.

"I think that a lot of times, people don't take (rape and sexual



Jane Etheridge
Director of the Women's Center

assault) seriously unless they know someone who has been in that situation," she said. "Once you hear stories from actual people, your perspective changes completely because you don't realize how harsh it is until you hear it up front."

Sarah Lawhead, senior from Glen Carbon, Ill., coordinated the production.

"This is my second year coordinating the event and it's very difficult and rewarding at the same time," she said. "They are such specific issues and such emotional issues that it can be hard to find the right people to fill the spots. If you put someone who's too emotional about it, it'll touch too close to home and they can't get through it and it can actually risk traumatizing (him or her). If you get someone who has no experience and no passion for the issue, it shows."

An information booth by the Women's Center was set up with fliers and t-shirts made by sexual assault victims.

BE SAFE week will conclude with Take Back the Night, a candlelight march for victims of rape and sexual assault. The event will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Cutchin Soccer Field.

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Winfred Ross, sophomore from Memphis, Tenn., tries out the interactive driving simulator in the Curris Center rocking chair lounge Tuesday. The simulator tested students reaction time while texting behind the wheel.

Simulator shows danger of texting while driving

Katy Holmes
Contributing writer

Students experienced an interactive driving simulator Tuesday in the Curris Center rocking chair lounge. The simulation promoted safe driving practices.

Simulator experiences have been popular among schools and corporations across the state. The college of engineering asked the Kentucky Office of Highway Safety to come to Murray State.

James Gray, representative of the Kentucky Office of Highway Safety in Frankfort, said many people who participate in the program walk away with a different outlook. He said students respond better to hands-on experience than a lecture.

"It really has a nice impact," Gray said. "Statistics and just preaching gets old sometimes and they tend to respond, especially high school and college kids, to the hands-on, visual and that's where this tool has really made a big difference."

The representatives from the Kentucky Office of Highway Safety worked the simulator, which demonstrated the dangers of texting and driving. Participants are placed in a closed course that tests stopping distance. They go about 75 mph down the

highway with no other traffic, then are requested to send a text, while looking for a stop sign and hitting the brake as quickly as possible. The stop sign in the simulator represents objects on the road like deer, another vehicle or even a small child, Gray said.

John Dudinskie, another representative, said many participants are surprised by how much their driving skills and reaction times are affected by texting.

"They get out and say 'I never realized that it took that much of my attention to send a text,'" he said.

This simulation experience was intended to be a fun and informative experience for students. Dudinskie hopes through the simulator, participants will change their texting and driving habits.

"We want to get across to people that we know there are all types of distractions with driving," he said. "There's eating, drinking, turning on and off the radio, other people in the car and children in the backseat. What we talk about over and over is we're in a fast-paced society. You're never going to eliminate every distraction you have, but the two that you can limit that will substantially decrease your risk of being in a car crash are cell phone usage and texting."

There was a steady flow of students and faculty members trying the simulator.

Kellie Reno, junior from East Prairie, Ill., said she was surprised by her results from the simulator.

"It was a wake-up call definitely," she said. "It definitely got to me when he pointed out that stop sign could be his four-year-old son."

Danyelle Day, junior from Mayfield, Ky., was impressed by the simulator and said her view on texting and driving has changed. "It was awesome," Day said. "I always wanted to do one of these in high school. This really opened my eyes to the dangers of texting and driving."

The Kentucky Office of Highway Safety was also asked to do a powerpoint presentation for engineering students.

Day said she hopes people will recognize the dangers of texting and driving. She said she thought she was actually good at texting and driving, but trying the simulator made her want to change her habits.

"I know I can't for sure say that I will quit texting while driving completely," she said. "But I am definitely going to try."

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Just a Bit Outside

I have a problem

Hi, my name is Greg Waddell, and I'm addicted to soccer.

It started a little over six months ago, when I got my first real taste of the game, and through my highs and lows, I've found some peace in revealing my problem to the world.

The only problem with that, though, is the more I think about this addiction, the more I'm convinced it's not much of an issue and definitely not a habit I'll be able to shake anytime soon. Yes, it's that bad.

But how did it get to this point?

Thank you for asking. I'd love to tell you my story.

I haven't always been this way, mind you. Once, long ago, I was normal. Like every other red-blooded American, the only football I really cared about was the one in which you don't really use your feet.

Saturdays and Sundays were dedicated to watching my favorite teams play and with each bone-crunching hit and long touchdown pass, my love for the game grew and grew.

I was the guy soccer fans loved to hate. In my eyes, it was a second-class sport with too many theatrics and not enough action. I remember sitting in P.E. class, watching other kids run up and down the field, and making jokes about how unmanly they were.

I can now look back at conversation upon conversation in which I put soccer down for my own enjoyment and had many laughs at its expense. That was me, and I was happy to be that way.

But then something happened.

I actually watched the game. I've been a fan ever since.

It started slow, like a cold, but before long I was hooked. At first, I would catch myself checking ESPN for scores and occasionally watching a YouTube clip or two, but as time passed, it grew into a different beast entirely.

Gone were the days of my mild interest, instead replaced by mild obsession. I was spiraling out of control, but the strange thing was, I was loving every minute of it.

I consulted my friend Drew Hursey, who now oddly enough is the assistant sports editor, and we talked about my new-found vice, what had happened and what my next move would be.

After much debate, and long conversation we decided finding a favorite team would be my top priority.

I had originally wanted to follow my heart to the land of my forefathers, Deutschland, but a lack of domestic TV coverage of the Bundesliga and F.C. Bayern Munich, made my choice that much easier.

After quickly ruling out Major League Soccer (because once you've had a taste of the hard stuff like the English Premier League, other things just don't cut it anymore), I settled on Chelsea F.C.

Then the World Cup began.

For a newly acquainted addict like myself, it was the equivalent of throwing Lil' Wayne the keys to a NyQuil factory. Bad things were bound to happen.

My love for the sport grew daily and the beautiful game became that much more beautiful to me. With each pinpoint pass from Mesut Ozil, leaping header by Miroslav Klose or long rip from Lukas Podolski, I became much more entangled. Yes, I am a Germany fan if you haven't figured it out, and yes, it was bad.

Things were complicated more by the fact that I was headed to Orlando for 10 weeks with Campus Outreach for the Orlando Project, and there would be little to no TV coverage for me.

But where there's a will, there's a way, and believe me there was a will.

I would strategically plan my breaks at work to fit in with my soccer schedule. I remember taking my hour-long lunch break at 10 a.m. one day so I could catch the second half of the Germany-Argentina game. After watching Das Mannschaft's 4-0 shellacking of La Albiceleste, I happily skipped back to work to rub it in the face of my co-worker and friend, Janier Matos. And for the record, yes, Janier, it wasn't a fluke and Germany is still better than Argentina at futbol.

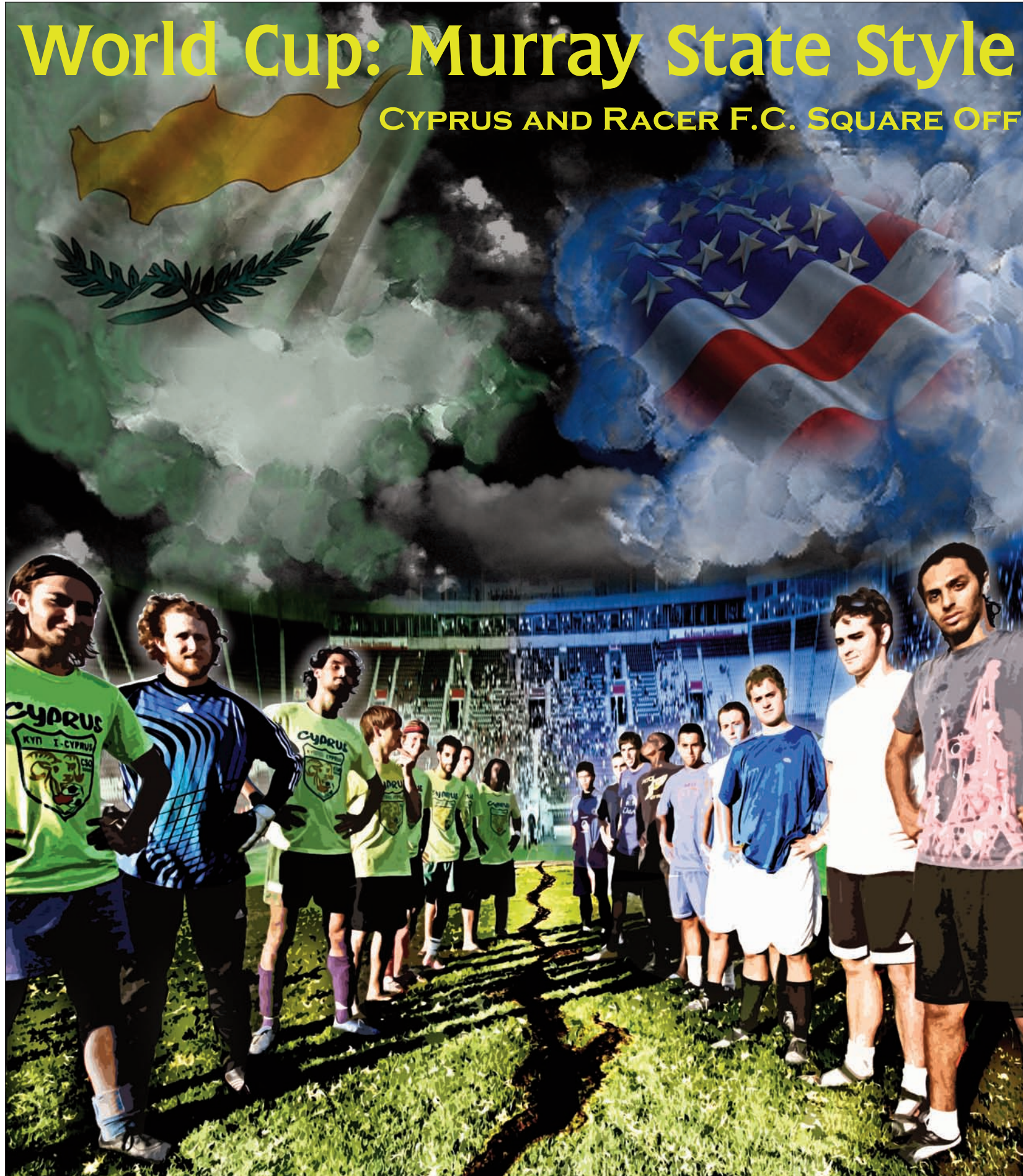
So how have these experiences changed my life?

Not much really. I still tune in to watch football on Sunday afternoons but instead of field goals I see a lot more goal kicks. I couldn't be happier.

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Greg Waddell
Sports Editor



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Sophie McDonald
Staff writer

When you mix international students with athleticism, add some fun and a sprinkle of competition, the outcome is sure to be full of excitement and passion, as was the case this weekend for the Murray State World Cup.

Organized by the International Student Organization (ISO) for the last seven years, this international soccer tournament held at the intramural fields is a tool for local and international students to bond beyond the classroom.

Stelios Hadjiloizou, senior from Cyprus and president of the ISO, said involvement in the World Cup increased this year to an all-time high with 11 teams competing and participants numbering more than 120 students.

"We have 600 international students here," Hadjiloizou said. "And the only soccer tournament we get is when the intramural teams play at the end of spring. International students love soccer and here we have a structured tournament and you get rewarded if you win."

Diversity is what makes this competition special.

"Almost every country in the University is represented by at least one person here," Hadjiloizou said.

The three-day tournament takes place every fall. This year, Hadjiloizou and Georgios Giannakkas, senior from Cyprus and sports director for ISO, organized the competition without the help of the Wellness Center.

"They used to give us referees and line the fields," Hadjiloizou said. "But last year they said they wouldn't do it for us so we took it upon ourselves to organize it."

Giannakkas structured the teams, found the referees and arranged the time for competitions, Hadjiloizou said.

Burak Duraksoy, senior from Turkey and public relations director for ISO, said the World Cup is

more than a game, but rather an opportunity for athletic growth and making connections.

"Soccer, or football as we call it in the European world, is a very unifying sport and the ISO always

male and female. Friday and Saturday group stage games took place, with the first two teams from each group going through to the quarterfinals Sunday afternoon. Three games were playing simultaneous-

half of the final, Cyprus succumbed under the Racer F.C.'s challenging defense. Duraksoy said time was a contributor to the team's success.

"After Cyprus scored three consecutive goals in the second half, making two comebacks and quickly making the score 8-7, they had hope," Duraksoy said. "But the Racer F.C.s had time on their side as well as a goal. They were counter-attacking Cyprus, but if the game was longer, everyone agreed Cyprus would have won."

In addition to being in a competitive environment, students are able to establish diverse culture in relationships through the World Cup.

"When these teams are getting set up, you don't have one team with one nationality playing against another team with another nationality," Duraksoy said. "You have teams formed with mixed nationalities where they have to learn to communicate with each other and understand each other much better."

According to Hadjiloizou, building communication skills is just as important as building relationships.

"International students have the ISO but at the same time this tournament gives them the opportunity to meet new people," Hadjiloizou said. "I met so many people from the soccer tournaments and you'll see teams where you have five Americans, two Koreans and one Chinese guy."

We mix it up and it gives international students a chance to be involved in a group where they belong with no pressure, just having fun playing the sport they like."

Opening the doors to cultural diversity and stimulating an atmosphere of student involvement, ISO succeeds in creating communication between students through events such as the Murray State World Cup.

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Two players battle each other for possession in a semifinal match up.

tries to find opportunities for international students to meet with the local student body," Duraksoy said.

The key point, he said, is interaction among students.

"When it's a timeout or we take a break and start talking, we learn about each other," Duraksoy said. "You meet out here in a physical environment where there is a goal you want to establish and accomplish."

It forms better grounds for the students and that's the feedback we're getting. Everybody seems to like this activity."

Rosters have a maximum of 12 people and are filled with competitors from all over the world,

ly all weekend, right up until the quarterfinals on Sunday.

In the quarterfinals, Cyprus faced Antarctica, coming from behind to win with a golden goal, a draw-breaker no longer used in professional leagues. A golden goal is used when the time runs out and the game is still in draw. The game ends when the first team scores a goal. Cyprus won with a score of 4-3.

In the other quarterfinal game, the Saudi Student Organization battled the Racer F.C. team and lost with a 4-2 score, leaving the Racer F.C. and Cyprus to duel in the finals.

After an intense matchup and two comebacks during the last

The Great Outdoors

Stripers save the day



Steve Miller
Outdoor columnist

Smallmouth and largemouth bass seem to get all of the attention around the lakes. Postseason tournaments from surrounding states make Kentucky Lake and Lake Barkley their destination for fall classic tournaments and for a good reason. Fall bass fishing on Kentucky Lake is usually fast, furious and fairly cooperative.

But there is something off about the fall bite this year, and I cannot quite put my finger on it. It could be the spring floods which washed away all the grass. The grass flats are the preferred habitat for forage in the fall, but they are simply not there this year.

It could be the extended summer conditions. Water temperatures still hovering around the 80s may be keeping the bass deep.

All I know is the fish are in a strange mood out on Kentucky Lake. Normally, I would be frustrated and disheartened, but surprisingly, my feelings are not hurt because the "other bass" in Kentucky Lake are cooperating.

The hybrid striped bass and purebred striped bass have not missed a beat in their fall routines. I have heard good reports of numbers and size being caught both above and below the dams on Kentucky Lake and Lake Barkley.

An attraction of striped fishing is the cause of the sheer numbers of potential catches. The striped bass is not a loner like its cousin, the largemouth or smallmouth. Very rarely will you catch just one or two in an area. The striped bass is a schooling fish and fill areas where there is bait and current Kentucky Lake by the hundreds.

This time of year the striped bass will follow the bait. They will jump out of the water as they ball up schools of gizzard and threadfin shad.

Catching them is as easy as watching for surface activity and casting towards it. And these are not the scrawny striped bass "accidentally" caught during the summer.

These fish have been ferociously feeding and resemble fat torpedoes this time of year.

Threadfin shad are the main diet of the striped bass. Hungry striped bass will often pursue schools of shad, causing the shad to jump and "boil" the surface of the water in their frantic efforts to escape.

Productive lures include jigging spoons darted through the school, jerk baits, tight wobbling crank baits, large top waters and spinner baits. You can get a decent idea of what to throw by looking at the bait-fish around the boat. Try to match the size, shape and movement of the forage.

They may not taste as good as crappie, fight as intense as smallmouth or win you notoriety or money like big largemouth, but on light tackle, a day of catching white bass can wear you out. The frenzied action can save the day when the other species of bass are fickle.

Nation to celebrate hunting, fishing

More than 100 years ago, hunters and anglers were the earliest and most vocal supporters of conservation and scientific wildlife management.

They were the first to recognize rapid development and unregulated uses of wildlife were threatening the future of many species.

During the next half-century, in addition to the funds they contributed for conservation and their diligent watch over the returning health of America's outdoors, sportsmen worked countless hours to protect and improve millions of acres of vital habitat - lands and waters for the use and enjoyment of everyone.

In the 1960s, hunters and anglers embraced the era's heightened environmental awareness but were discouraged many people didn't understand the crucial role sportsmen had played.

On May 2, 1972, President Richard Nixon signed the first proclamation of National Hunting and Fishing Day, writing, "I urge all citizens to join with outdoor sportsmen in the wise use of our natural resources and in insuring their proper management for the benefit of future generations."

I'm sure I do not have to give any readers suggestions or motivation on how to celebrate this great day.

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Pick 'em

Each week, *The News'* Drew Hursey, Sam D'Souza, Addison Price, Will Cartwright, Dylan Stinson plus a guest face off in a heated round of Pick 'em.

NCAA Football Week 4



Drew Hursey
Assistant Sports Editor
Last week: 4-2
Season record: 14-4



Sam D'Souza
International Soccer Liaison
Last week: 4-2
Season record: 12-6



Addison Price
Head of Sports Operations
Last week: 5-1
Season record: 13-5



Will Cartwright
Chief Baseball Analyst
Last week: 4-2
Season record: 11-7



Dylan Stinson
Football Correspondent
Last week: 4-2
Season record: 10-8



Guest: Don Robertson
VP of Student Affairs
Last week: 3-3
Season record: 11-7

UT-Martin at Murray State						
No. 12 South Carolina at No. 17 Auburn						
No. 24 Oregon State at No. 3 Boise State						
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Soccer

Conference play set to kick off



Freshman forward Shauna Wicker battles a Western Michigan player.



Junior midfielder Rachel Wright brings the ball up the pitch.

Sam D'Souza
Staff writer

The Racers returned home last weekend to play two non-conference opponents, before a four-game conference stretch. They were looking to rebound after coming off a 3-0 loss to Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville and an overtime heartbreaker against Indiana University- Purdue University Fort Wayne last week.

Murray State looked to utilize home field advantage against Louisiana Tech last Friday. After a scoreless first half, in the 52nd minute, the Lady Techsters gained the lead when Kiva Gresham sent in a shot off a corner that slipped past senior goalkeeper Tara Isbell.

The Racers brought the score back to 1-1 when freshman forward Shauna Wicker scored her first collegiate goal in the 58th minute. Wicker sent a header in from 12 yards out to beat Louisiana Tech's goalkeeper into the upper-right corner of goal. Senior defender Rachel Longley sent the cross into Wicker from the left side for the assist.

Murray State could not capitalize on the momentum, and Louisiana Tech answered back with a goal in the 67th minute. The goal from 25 yards by Olivia Lukasewich skirted under Isbell.

The Lady Techsters scored again in the 87th minute to put the match beyond reach for the Racers. The match looked within reach for Murray State but ended 3-1 in a disappointing loss to a formidable (8-2) Louisiana Tech team.

"We were disappointed with the results today after the things we had

worked on in practice coming into today's match," Head Coach Beth Aceman said in an interview with Sports Information. "I was really happy for Shauna to get a goal, but we didn't build off the momentum from that and silly mistakes cost us again."

Murray State took on Western Michigan Sunday at Cutchin Field. Sophomore goalkeeper Olivia Hemme was given the nod over Isbell. The Broncos took the lead in the 18th minute when Brittney Pavlica sent a shot to the top right corner of goal from the center of the 18-yard box. The score became 2-0 when in the Stephanie Skowneski put a shot from 20 yards into the upper right corner.

However Murray State brought the match within one point in the 36th minute when Wicker sent in a header from seven yards out for her second goal in as many games. Senior midfielder Laken Dirkes sent in the assist on a corner.

The match took a turn for the worse just seconds before half time when senior Katie Wilson was sent off. Wilson was dismissed from the pitch when she collided with Western Michigan goalkeeper Julia Francy. Playing with only 10 and the bench riddled with injury the Racers were at the mercy of Western Michigan. The match finished 6-1, with three goals going against the short-handed Murray State.

The Racers take to the road this week to open their conference schedule. Murray State will be traveling to Eastern Kentucky today and Morehead State Sunday.

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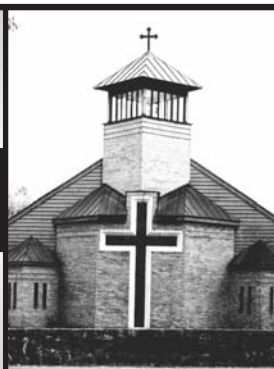
Sophomore goalkeeper Olivia Hemme deflects a shot in the game against Western Michigan.

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Football

Racers improve, still looking for first win

Dylan Stinson
Staff writer

Murray State was one point away from winning their first game of the season last Saturday in Conway, Ark., but a blocked kick at the end of the game caused them to fall short for the third time this year, losing 21-20.

Head Coach Chris Hatcher said he thought it was the team's best performance this season.

"I thought that our defense played great. They played a tremendous ball game other than the last drive," Hatcher said. "Offensively I thought it was our best performance of the season, but there were many opportunities for it to be a lot better than it was."

Senior duo Jeff Ehrhardt and Daniel Ard continued to put up big numbers for the Racers. Ehrhardt completed 35 of 46 passes for 247 yards and two touchdowns. Ard caught seven passes for 72 yards and two touchdowns. Freshman Arthur Brackett caught nine passes for 52 yards.

On the defensive side, junior cornerback Nathan Brinkley led the team with 10 tackles while senior linebacker Zach Kutch and junior safety Erik Fennell each had eight tackles of their own.

Hatcher said he was pleased with the team's improvements each week, but small fundamentals of the game keep them from reaching their full potential.

"If you win the ball game and you do the little things, then they really shine and that's something we got to do. We got to get better at just doing the little details and get better in our fundamentals of football," Hatcher said. "We got to get back to work and try to get a little bit better this week."

Murray State plays OVC opponent UT-Martin at 6 p.m. Saturday at Roy Stewart Stadium.

UT-Martin beat Eastern Illinois last Saturday for their first win of the season. The Skyhawks had a strong defensive performance against Eastern Illinois, with four sacks and eight tackles for loss. The Skyhawks gave up 222 total yards of offense, 138 passing yards and just 84 rushing yards.

Hatcher said he believes this could be the week Murray State will get its first win. He said the Racers are making small improvements each week in every aspect of the game, and he is excited to play UT-Martin.

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Junior running back Dexter Barnett shakes off a defender during a 30-17 loss to SEMO on Sept. 11. Murray State hosts UT-Martin Saturday.

Rifle

UT-Martin offers unique challenge for home match

Sophie McDonald
Staff writer

The same day the football team faces OVC opponent UT-Martin, the rifle team also takes on the Skyhawks in the first shoulder-to-shoulder match of the season at the Pat Spurgin Rifle Range.

The teams will compete in two disciplines, smallbore rifle, which is .22 caliber, and air rifle, .177 caliber, shooting different positions and different distances for each.

"We've been working on drills and position work until the last week or so," Head Coach Alan Lollar said. "Now we're putting it back into a match format, shooting everything. We'll keep working, emphasizing the things we can improve on."

Focus, Lollar said, is at the heart of the precise sport.

"What I ask of the team is two things: to work on consistency and to shoot the best mental and technical shot they can every time," Lollar said. "If we do that then our shooters are good enough to compete with most people on any day."

The Racers won both shoulder-to-shoulder competitions against the Skyhawks last season in addition to clinching the OVC title, but Lollar said the team cannot take anything for granted.

"UT-Martin always has a good



File photo/Nate Brelsford

Junior Ashley Rose looks on after firing in a round last season.

fundamental team, Bob (Bearden, head coach at UT-Martin) does a good job getting them ready and we expect them to come up here and do their best," Lollar said. "If all of his people post their best scores on one day they can be very formidable. They have some

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- Alan Lollar

Rifle Head Coach on what he expects from his team in each match

potential down there."

Despite the potential of their opponent, Lollar said the Racers are capable of handling their own.

"I'm really happy with where we are right now," Lollar said. "I think we're competing real well with ourselves and learning to do the best we can each shot."

Shooting seven home matches this season, the rifle team needs the support of the Racer community and encourages spectators to watch and learn about the highly technical and competitive sport

being played Lollar said.

"What most people don't know is when you come in the range, you're behind Plexiglas windows," Lollar said. "You're not walking into the middle of the range, so no one needs to be worried about disturbing anyone."

With the use of electronic targets, spectators will watch scores being posted on monitors in the range as shots are fired.

This year the team unveils a new way of watching, hoping to stimulate interest in the sport.

"We're expecting to have our electronic targets streamed live online," Lollar said. "There will be a link on the GoRacers website and you can either go to the rifle page from there or click on 'live stats' and then 'rifle.'"

Lollar said this advanced technology is rare among colleges.

"We'll be the second or third school to debut this, and it will be nice for parents to watch their kids shoot from back home," Lollar said. "It's a work in progress, but we think we have it set up pretty well."

Saturday's match against UT-Martin begins at 8 a.m. and is expected to conclude around 1 p.m. in the rifle range in the lower level of Roy Stewart Stadium.

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Volleyball

Disappointing start looms over conference play

Kyra Ledbetter
Staff writer

One loss and one win later, the Racers trudge forward into the conference season, 4-8 record in tow and their first home match-up in sight.

Last Friday, Murray State kicked off its conference season by falling 1-3 to Austin Peay State University. APSU currently holds an 11-1 record, the best by far in the OVC.

"The first set we fought pretty strong," Head Coach David Schwepker said. "Again we were up, and then we lost the lead and ended up losing that first set. Then our girls really struggled the second set. It was like they got deflated again. They came back and won the third set and then the fourth set was pretty close. All in all it wasn't bad for our first OVC match."

The following match went considerably better for Murray State, with the Racers felling the Tennessee State University Tigers 3-1.

"TSU's a strong team, and I was very proud of the girls," Schwepker said. "We ended up getting to use a lot of people, and they all did an outstanding job. It's good to know that we've got people sitting on the bench who can go in and play and get the job done. It makes our team a lot stronger."

This week the Racers contend with Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville and Eastern Illinois

University in hopes to better their record and continue improvement.

Murray State plays its first home game against SIU-E, a new OVC team as of last year. Thus far, the Cougars have managed a winning record of 6-5. However, the Racers maintain the advantage, having beaten SIU-E 3-0 in their only previous match last year. Regardless, the Cougars have their strengths, and may spell trouble for the Racers Schwepker.

"I think they're going to be a very strong team," Schwepker said. "I've known Todd (Gober) for a long time and he always develops strong teams, too. It'll probably be a battle this Saturday, but we'll see."

As for Tuesday's match against EIU, history supports a win. The Racers have dispatched EIU in every match, starting in 2006 and continuing with last season in which the Racers beat the Panthers 3-1 at home and 3-2 on the road.

Currently, the Panthers are hitting at .205 with SIU-E not far behind with a hitting percentage of .198. The Racers surpass them both with .232

Defensively, the EIU has a total of 585 digs on the year. SIU-E currently totals 606 and the Racers far surpass both with 712.

The first home match of the 2010 season is at noon Saturday in Racer Arena against SIU-E.

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Cross Country

Twilight Invitational next up

Addison Price
Staff writer

Senior Katelyn Jones paced the Murray State women's cross country team to a ninth place finish last weekend as the Racers traveled to Percy Ward Park in Nashville to run in the Commodore Classic hosted by Vanderbilt University. Jones completed the 5K in 19:40.50 finishing 36th.

Fellow senior, Asenath NaAman and junior Kayla Crusham followed closely behind finishing in 44th and 45th place with times of 19:49.94 and 19:51.97, respectively.

Junior Bridget Stichtnot was the next Racer to finish, coming in 79th place with a time of 21:24:40. Junior Jami Kloenne completed the team finishing with a time of 21:59.07 and taking 86th place.

"Kayla Crusham had a great race. She ran a minute faster at this meet than she did at the same meet last year," Head Coach Jenny Severns said. "I was happy with the turnout we had at the Commodore Classic. We beat two schools in our conference, SEMO and Tennessee State. Once we get everyone racing together, we will be a stronger team."

Although the Racers traveled to Nashville with a short roster, Severns said the team is still healthy and ready to go.

"I think we are starting to look really fit," Severns said. "When I first came to Murray, a lot of the team had natural speed but lacked strength."

"They need strength to endure the long race and have a good finish. They are getting a lot stronger now and once they learn to use that strength in a race, then big things are going to happen. At this point of the season, a lot of runners get very tired, but with every workout we do, I see a lot of improvement."

The men also traveled to Nashville last weekend and competed in the 8K race. Freshman Ryan Johnson was the top finisher for the men, coming in 101st place with a time of 29:37.47. Sophomore, Jordan Althoff finished closely in 109th with a time of 30:41.44. Junior, Andy Pack completed the Racers squad with a 31:24.78.

"The new guys, (Johnson and Althoff) were a little timid in the race because they were worried about the race being so long," Severns said. "It was a learning experience but I think they were both pretty pumped for their next 8K race now that they know what to expect and know what to do. Both of them are very competitive, so we will see improvements come very quickly."

The women were picked to finished 3rd

in the OVC annual preseason coaches poll posted before the season started. The Racers haven't had a chance to race many conference teams, but will be facing them at various meets throughout the season. Severns said, they will use those experiences to figure out what they need to do to win the OVC title.

"It is so hard with cross country because all courses are so different," Severns said. "It is hard to compare teams in the conference unless your at the same meet. It was good to beat SEMO in Nashville last week because they are usually a top team."

More teams from the conference will be in Memphis this weekend so we will get a good look at some more OVC teams."

The Racers travel to Memphis, Tenn., this weekend to compete in the Memphis Twilight Invitational.

"I am looking forward to this weekend," Severns said. "It is a good meet and a fast course. It will be a great meet to see where we are at as a team. Vanderbilt had great competition but since we didn't have our full team, it was hard to see where we really were. That being said, I think we can do really well this weekend."

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File photo

Senior Katelyn Jones holds off an opponent last season.

The Penalty Box

by Trevin Holder



The week in sports

Each week, *The News'* Greg Waddell and Drew Hursey decide who in the world of sports deserves an award and a penalty.



Man of the Match goes to: French athlete Philippe Croizon for becoming the first quadruple amputee to swim the English channel.

Yellow Card

The yellow card goes to: Andy Reid for benching Michael Vick after leading the Eagles to a win, only to recant three days later and make him the starter.

Red Card

The red card goes to: Cynthia Cooper-Dyke of UNC-Wilmington for disciplining her player by making her do log rolls up and down the court for 30 minutes.

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WELCOME TO THE FREE HUG REVOLUTION

Photos by Derek Miller/The News

Students march across campus offering hugs to students and employees they meet. Jake Forbus (second from left), freshman from Steele, Mo., started the group last week after waking up in a good mood.

Group promotes free love through hugs

Anna Taylor
 Staff writer

A single music video for Dave Matthews Band's song "Everyday" inspired a Murray State student to give free hugs to anyone he passed in attempt to change outlooks around campus.

The Free Hug Revolution was started by Jake Forbus, freshman from Steele, Mo., last Wednesday morning when he woke up feeling gleeful. After a few simple hugs, this student's idea grew into a group of students dedicated to changing moods at Murray State.

"I just woke up in a really good mood," Forbus said. "I had seen a music video the night before by Dave Matthews Band called 'Everyday.' The video involves a guy (waking) up one day going out into the city and giving out free hugs to everybody."

The seven students have already given hundreds of hugs and will continue until they have reached out to all students or think their hugs are no longer needed. After just two days, Forbus estimated he had already hugged 350 people.

Staging at various locations on campus such as the Elizabeth College amphitheater, Winslow Dining Hall and the Bursar's office, the students have been covering most of campus carrying signs and ready to embrace anyone who needs a little love.

"One (reaction) I keep getting is 'why are you doing this?'"

Forbus said. "It's the same answer every time. People just need a hug and some kind of love in their life."

Although new to Murray State, there is a national campaign called the Free Hugs Campaign dedicated to giving free hugs. The national campaign strives for unity and improving people's days. The campaign's website, freehugscampaign.org, shares the story of Juan Mann, a man who had a mission to hug strangers to brighten up their lives.

"To see someone who was once frowning smile even for a moment is worth it every time," Mann said on the website.

The free hug revolution at Murray State shares the same goals and reasoning. According to the free hugs revolution, a hug can help make someone's day a little better, due to a bad test grade, a bad hair day or even the death of a pet.

"We just want to tell (people) that they're important and are special and are loved," Forbus said. "We share that through hugs."

Other students involved in the revolution, sharing various roles such as photographer and webmaster are D. Andrew Porter, John Garnett, Caitlyn Wilson, Lisa Marie, Megan Sisco and Emily Caldwell.

"I hug people and they say 'I really needed that,'" Forbus said. "That makes me feel happy."

For more information, or to join the revolution, fan "MSU Free Hug Revolution" on Facebook.

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Forbus embraces a student in Waterfield Library.



Derek Miller/The News

Marshall Shank, senior from Owensboro, Ky., and Youngjin Kim, international student from Seoul, South Korea, eat bowls of bibimbap outside of the Carr Health Center. Bibimbap is a Korean dish featuring rice.

Students try Korean dish

Staff Report

The Korean Student Association sold an authentic well-being dish in front of Carr Health Center Wednesday to celebrate the Korean thanksgiving, known as Chusok.

Bibimbap, a word which means "mixed rice," includes rice, vegetables, meat and a pepper sauce, or "gochujang." The meal is typically served in a hot stone bowl, though plastic bowls were used for Wednesday's sale.

Bowls of the dish, along with a bottle of water, were sold for \$7 to raise money for the association and for the Korean church. Students sat on the lawn enjoying the food and talking about the Korean holiday.

During Chusok, one of the biggest holidays in Korea, friends and family members gather to view the largest full moon of the year.

Gun Jun Yoon, international student from Seoul, South Korea, said friends and family

make wishes on the moon and play games including one in which they grip hands and talk about their wishes.

"For me, I (wished) that I would do well here at Murray State and to please keep my family healthy and help in everything that they do and my final one was that my mom (would) send me a lot of money," Yoon said.

Yoon said he was happy he could share his food and culture with American students. He answered questions as students asked them. He also said that having the dish helped ease some of the homesickness he felt.

Yoon said he liked that many cultures celebrate a Thanksgiving holiday.

"Even though we were raised differently and have different cultures, basically we are the same humans," Yoon said.

Korean church activities are held at 2 p.m. every Sunday at First Presbyterian Church. Korean meals are served at 3 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend both activities.

The Water Cooler

National news, gossip sure to spice up your lunch conversation

Information and photos from the Associated Press Compiled by Charlotte Kyle

Phoenix apologizes to Letterman

Actor Joaquin Phoenix returned to David Letterman's "Late Show" Wednesday to apologize for his wacky appearance last year that turned out to be an elaborate piece of performance art.

Phoenix was clean-cut and shaven Wednesday, without the shaggy beard, unruly hair and sunglasses he wore on Feb. 11, 2009, when he told a befuddled Letterman he was giving up acting for a rap career. Describing that appearance on Wednesday, Letterman said it was "like you slipped and hit your head in the tub."

Instead, Phoenix was playing a role for filmmaker friend Casey Affleck. The fake documentary on Phoenix's "career change," called "I'm Still Here," just hit theaters.



Joaquin Phoenix

Judge dismisses 'Disturbia' lawsuit

A federal judge in New York dismissed a copyright lawsuit that claimed the 2007 thriller "Disturbia" ripped off Alfred Hitchcock's classic "Rear Window."

Federal Judge Laura Taylor Swain tossed out a lawsuit late Tuesday in which Steven Spielberg and others were sued by the estate of the literary agent who owned the rights to the short story on which "Rear Window" was based. The short story was written by Cornell Woolrich in 1942. Woolrich died in 1968.

"Disturbia" stars Shia LaBeouf as a kid who spies on neighbors, including a man he suspects is a serial killer.

Swain said similarities between the story and "Disturbia" were not protected by copyright. She said they were similar only "at very general levels of abstraction."

Messages left with lawyers on both sides were not immediately returned.

Twain to write autobiography

Shania Twain is ready to talk about her recent divorce — and she'll do it in her autobiography.

Twain will discuss more than her recent split with music producer Robert "Mutt" Lange. The country star announced Wednesday that her book will talk about her difficult childhood, including the death of her mother. She'll also chart her rise to become one of the top-sellers in music.

Twain said recent struggles created a "sudden urgency to document my life before I ran out of time."

The Grammy winner shot to fame in the 1990s with hits like "Man! I Feel Like a Woman!" She has spent the past few years out of the spotlight.

She's due to have her own show on Oprah Winfrey's new OWN network.

Twain's book, which is untitled for now, will be published by Atria Books in the spring.



Shania Twain

Director's sister charged in NYC

The sister of "Precious" director Lee Daniels has been charged with removing guns and cash from her California house following her husband's arrest on drug smuggling charges.

Leah Daniels-Butler, a casting associate who helped discover "Precious" star Gabourey Sidibe, was charged Tuesday in Brooklyn with obstructing a federal investigation.

She was ordered to wear an ankle monitoring bracelet and released on \$50,000 bail.

Her lawyer, Jim McMillan, declined comment, the Daily News reported.

Alumna premieres locally-filmed movie

Jamie Booth
Staff writer

Have you ever wanted to see a movie that spotlighted the place you live and the people you know? If so, you cannot miss out on the opportunity to attend the public screening of Angie Gregory's "Goodbye Wendell," Monday in the Curris Center Theater.

The short film, written and directed by Murray State alumna Angie Gregory, is based on a short story she wrote for a creative writing course in 2001 at Murray State and revolves around the main characters, Wendell Harper and Ava Lee Carter.

"The movie is basically about two trailer park youths who find inspiration from each other to get out of their bad situation," she said.

Gregory, who moved to Los Angeles in 2004 and resides in Louisville, shot the film last summer in Murray and Henry County, Tenn., which is the setting of her story and her native region.

Not only was the location authentic, the cast and crew were locals as well, Gregory said. All this adds to the connection between the audience and the film.

"There's talent everywhere," she said. "There's a gem in every hometown and that's what I wanted to show in this film. It's very neat to see somewhere you see everyday in film and it's always cool to see people you know."

Local audience members who are not familiar with the cast members can still relate to the characters, Gregory said.

"The film really shows the complexity of human nature in an area like this," she said. "Even if they don't know the actor, locals will know someone just like them. The landlord in the movie is named Fat Bob. He is just so many people I know in Calloway County."

Gregory's goals in making this film are plentiful, including the realization of her story in film, but her main priority is getting the film's themes of perseverance and hope across to her audience.

"There's a subtle hint in the film that no matter what your circumstances are you can get out," she said. "This story needs to be told. I really wanted to inspire people with my work."

The film, which has been added to IMDb and was recently showcased in the Glen Rose Neo-Relix Film Festival, in Glen Rose, Texas, is beginning to gain popularity, Gregory said.

"It's really shined a light on the people involved," she said. "We've gotten a lot of nods. Keeping in mind that this is low budget, I feel very pleased with what it's done."

Caleb Campbell, Murray State alumnus, plays Wendell Harper, the film's main character, who is not unlike many people from this region.

"Wendell is someone who is trapped by his



Photo courtesy of Ken Andrus

Murray State alumna Angie Gregory directs a barber shop scene for her film, 'Goodbye Wendell.'

own life, his own upbringing," Campbell said. "Through his emancipation, he learns to celebrate life."

Campbell said "Goodbye Wendell" gave him the opportunity to live out a childhood dream and do something rewarding and fulfilling during his summer.

"I had always had a passion for filmmaking since an early age, and making this film was my first glimpse into how it all really came together," he said. "Developing these characters on the page into living, breathing examples of real life has a level of excitement attached to it that isn't comparable to anything else."

Participating in the movie allowed Campbell to grow as an actor and a person, as well as introduce more opportunities for the young actor.

"As an actor, it opened me up more than ever. I watched myself on a screen and I could see all the negative aspects of my performance," he said. "Playing Wendell allowed me to play several roles afterwards that I maybe wouldn't have been prepared for otherwise."

The film is not just a relatable story about the area, Campbell said. It is a local story that needs

the support of the community and the University.

"People at Murray State should go to this screening because it's a helpful piece of art," he said. "Supporting other people's passions is what keeps this art form alive. It's someone's heartbreak, someone's triumph, wrapped up in a presentation for anyone to come see. There is great truth and knowledge in performance art. It's our responsibility, especially my generation, to keep it alive and well."

Gregory said she hopes the film will receive the support it deserves. If things go well, this may not be the last we hear of her.

"This is my first stepping stone for bigger things to come," she said. "I've developed a working relationship with people in the area and when I get money for bigger films I want to return to this area."

For more information on the film check out goodbyewendell.com. The public screening will be held at 7 p.m. Monday. Please arrive 15 minutes early. The film is 37 minutes long and Gregory will talk before and after the film.

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Students compete in 29th annual Mr. MSU pageant

Abby Horrell
Staff writer

He has beauty and grace. He is elegance and taste. He reigns over all he sees. Hold your crown up high. He is Mr. MSU.

For the past 28 years, Murray State has celebrated the most elite men on campus. Tonight, the celebration continues with the 29th annual Mr. MSU Pageant.

The pageant is hosted by Alpha Omicron Pi to raise money for their philanthropy, the Arthritis Research Foundation.

"Every dime we make goes toward Arthritis Research," said Kristen Hall, senior from Benton, Ky. "Normally it's a fairly large donation."

Mr. MSU is like any other pageant in that it has a special theme. This year's theme is Amateur Night at the Apollo Theater.

"We have a Miss MSU pageant so it is only fair that we have a male pageant as well," Hall said. "The event is a fun time and supports a good cause. But in reality, the pageant is significant because it is important to find a guy to represent the MSU campus."

This year there are 17 men in the running for the title of Mr. MSU. All the contestants are nominated by different organizations on campus. The organizations are given notice of the pageant and each nominates one man.

Some of these competitors have actually seen this competition before so they know exactly how this particular pageant works.



File photo/Jordie Oetken

Participants smile at the end of last year's Mr. MSU pageant.

"This is actually my second time being a part of Mr. MSU," said Alex Kursave, senior from Paducah. "Last year, I really enjoyed the environment all week with the other guys. So, when I was nominated by the Racer Girls this year, I

was honored and excited to get to be a part of it all again."

Once nominated for the pageant, the contestants have to submit an essay for three judges to critique. The men are also scored on their interview, talent and formal attire.

The pageant always has a panel of three judges. This year the judges are Kim Moody Crouch, Stephen Crouch and Robyn Ryan, said Hall.

"We don't just select random people to be the judges," said Kelsey Dublin, senior from Murray. "Normally, they are former philanthropic chairs of Alpha Omicron Pi who have been the director for the event. And we always try to get at least one male on the panel."

Dublin said the role of Mr. MSU is a prestigious one.

"Being Mr. MSU is not just for any man on campus," Dublin said. "It is a huge honor and the contestants chosen are the best of the best on this campus. They are involved in many activities and are great leaders within their different organizations."

Kursave said he feels his extracurricular activities show his leadership.

"I'm the Vice President of SGA, President of the Campus Activities Board, a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon and Alpha Lambda Delta honor society," Kursave said. "I feel that I am a leader that represents Murray State well, and I would be honored to hold the title of Mr. MSU."

The pageant begins at 7 tonight in Lovett Auditorium. Tickets are available in advance at the Curris Center for \$5 each from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or at the door for \$7 each. All proceeds benefit the Arthritis Research Foundation.

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CD Review

Songwriter finds fun, change in new album

Features Editor Charlotte Kyle writes the music reviews.

When I read a book, I often choose music to fit the tone and feel of the literature. It becomes the soundtrack for my journey, and I learn to associate the singer's voice with the characters.

When I read "How To Kill a Rock Star" by Tiffanie DeBartolo my choice of music was a New Jersey rocker named Val Emmich. Emmich wasn't really well-known.

I, however, was completely in love. His music was honest, raw and beautiful. He was a poet, capable of turning a simple phrase into something amazing. He could break your heart and fix it in the span of a four-minute song, and I was more than willing to let him.

Because his music was my soundtrack, I always associate him with my favorite quote from the book.

The main character tells an unheard of Manhattan musician how talented he is.

"Sometimes talent isn't worth shit," the rocker replies. "There are tons of talentless people out there making zillions of dollars. And unfortunately, an equal number of brilliant artists whose names and voices you'll never hear."

That's always how I felt about Emmich, and the reason I am so excited with each new album he releases. Hearing his songs is a gift.

His tunes are my "if you could only listen to one artist for the rest of your life" choice, which you know is serious because those hypothetical situations could realistically happen one day, I'm sure.

Because of that, I'm making a bold statement.

If you only listen to one new album this year, "Looking For A Feeling You Never Knew You Needed" is the one you should pick.

It's almost October, so I'm saying there are nine months of albums that are good but not like this one.

The album kicks off with "Don't Wanna Go Home," a song that's intro sounds so familiar yet I can't quite put my finger on it.

If you get that feeling it will bug you until you figure out what's throwing you off: the "oohs" are similar to Dashboard Confessional's "Don't Wait" but not close

LOOKING FOR A FEELING YOU NEVER KNEW YOU NEEDED VAL EMMICH



Photo courtesy of iTunes

Val Emmich's 'Looking For A Feeling You Never Knew You Needed' is as good as the title is long. (That means it's really good.)

enough to be a Vanilla Ice situation. After all, I don't think Chris Carrabba invented the art of the "ooh."

"Sidekick" conjures images of red capes and fabulous spandex, with a reference to Superman early on. It's a sweet nerd song - "be my one and only sidekick."

Emmich sings of growing up, moving on and accepting changes in "Gone," "Change of Scenery" and "Grown Up Man."

Thematically it works, really giving the listener something to grasp onto without being too similar.

"Gone" is emotional and tugs at your heartstrings.

"Change of Scenery," meanwhile, is more fun and set to a killer drum beat.

It fits with the lyrics, too.

"I can't fall asleep, can't stop my feet from moving under me," he sings.

The album is full of change. "E.S.T." centers on a Hollywood party girl who Emmich urges to return to Eastern Standard Time.

"Trade what you want for what you need / you need lullabies, your father's eyes / you need friends who know your middle name / you need more of love and less of pain / you need change."

"Resume" is, by far, the most fun track of the album. It's an instant earworm for the clap-along beat alone, but add in the sharp lyrics and you've got a magnificent package of wit.

"I mass produce quarterlies for the worthy cause of saving trees" cracks me up every time, and that's only one of many gems.

"Convince Me," a duet with Allie Moss, has "Juno" soundtrack vibes thanks to Moss' breathy and beautiful voice. It's a great love song and I hope these two will collaborate

again. Their voices work well, and a sweet female vocalist opposite Emmich's raw voice softens things up.

"Looking For a Feeling You Never Knew You Needed" is a solid album. Emmich's sound and his recording process changed for this album, and it really shows.

Whatever feeling it was that Emmich was looking for, I am certainly glad he found it.

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

Channel Surfing

My new favorite family



Charlotte Kyle
Features Editor

Here's the deal: the second season of "Modern Family" premiered Wednesday, but I'm not going to spoil it for you.

It's not because I'm a nice person who doesn't want to upset people by posting spoilers in case they haven't had time to sit down and watch it - I'm not.

(You're lucky I didn't have an allotted space for my rambling thoughts back when "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince" came out because I was totally one of those "Snape killed Dumbledore!" people.)

The actual reason is because I haven't seen it yet.

In my first column of the semester I talked about how I wanted to catch up on those rad shows that not only survived last season, but also received praise from critics and random viewers alike. "Modern Family" was on this list.

A few weeks ago I started watching episodes online. I have not had time to watch the whole first season, but I have a few episodes under my belt now and I have to say: I am in love. I'm talking "Manny's crush on a 16-year-old" love.

The characters are entertaining and over-the-top, but realistic enough to be believable. The plots have heart as well as humor.

The comedic timing is there, which seems like such an obvious thing for a sitcom to have, but you'd be surprised by how many comedic actors just can't deliver lines without exaggerating the fact that they're making a joke.

It's like, dudes, we get it - you're delivering a punchline. You don't have to be so obvious about it.

I mentioned the characters first, and I think that's because they are the reason I am hooked. I am not 100 percent in love with every character, but a few have become fast favorites and reason for me to keep the journey going.

The obvious standout is Manny, played by Rico Rodriguez. I saw his appearance on "The Ellen Show" last year and I fell in love with the actor. He was just a normal kid - it was so refreshing in a world of scantily clad Cyruses.

His character, however, is anything but a normal kid. He's wise beyond his years, a total romantic and insanely proud of his heritage. It makes him one of the highlights - if he isn't on screen, you want him there.

I also love Mitchell and Cameron (Jesse Tyler Ferguson and Eric Stonestreet), the same-sex couple who adopted a Vietnamese baby. The characters are opposites, which make them work.

The show's "couch interview for a mockumentary" format works, just as it does for NBC's "The Office."

It allows us to see into the characters' heads, hear what they'd say when they think their significant other won't find out and allows Phil (Ty Burrell) to deliver some Michael Scott-esque lines.

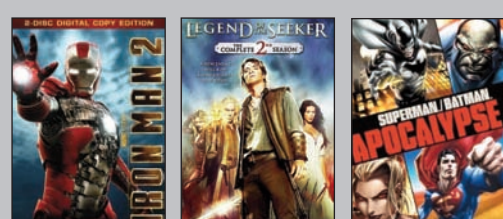
I'm looking forward to continuing this series. The first season is on DVD now, so I might have to pick that up.

I'm also looking forward to the number of sarcastic comments and/or e-mails I hope to receive spoiling the season two premiere for me. C'mon - you know you want to, and I deserve it.

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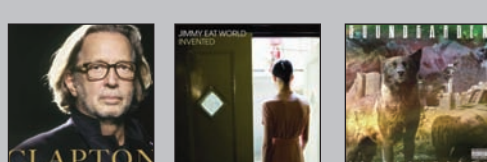
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- "Legend of the Seeker: Season Two"
- "Superman/Batman: Apocalypse"

CDs



- Eric Clapton - "Clapton"
- Jimmy Eat World - "Invented"
- Soundgarden - "Telephantasm"

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Editor's pick REASONING WITH VAMPIRES

Let's be frank: "Twilight" is still selling insanely well. It is also literary drivel.

Setting aside the asinine plot, poor characterization and sexist themes, Reasoning With Vampires picks apart the writing. Too many commas? They notice. Continuity errors? They're on it. Simply ridiculous ideas? Oh, yeah.

Check it out at reasoningwithvampire.tumblr.com to see the painful truth.

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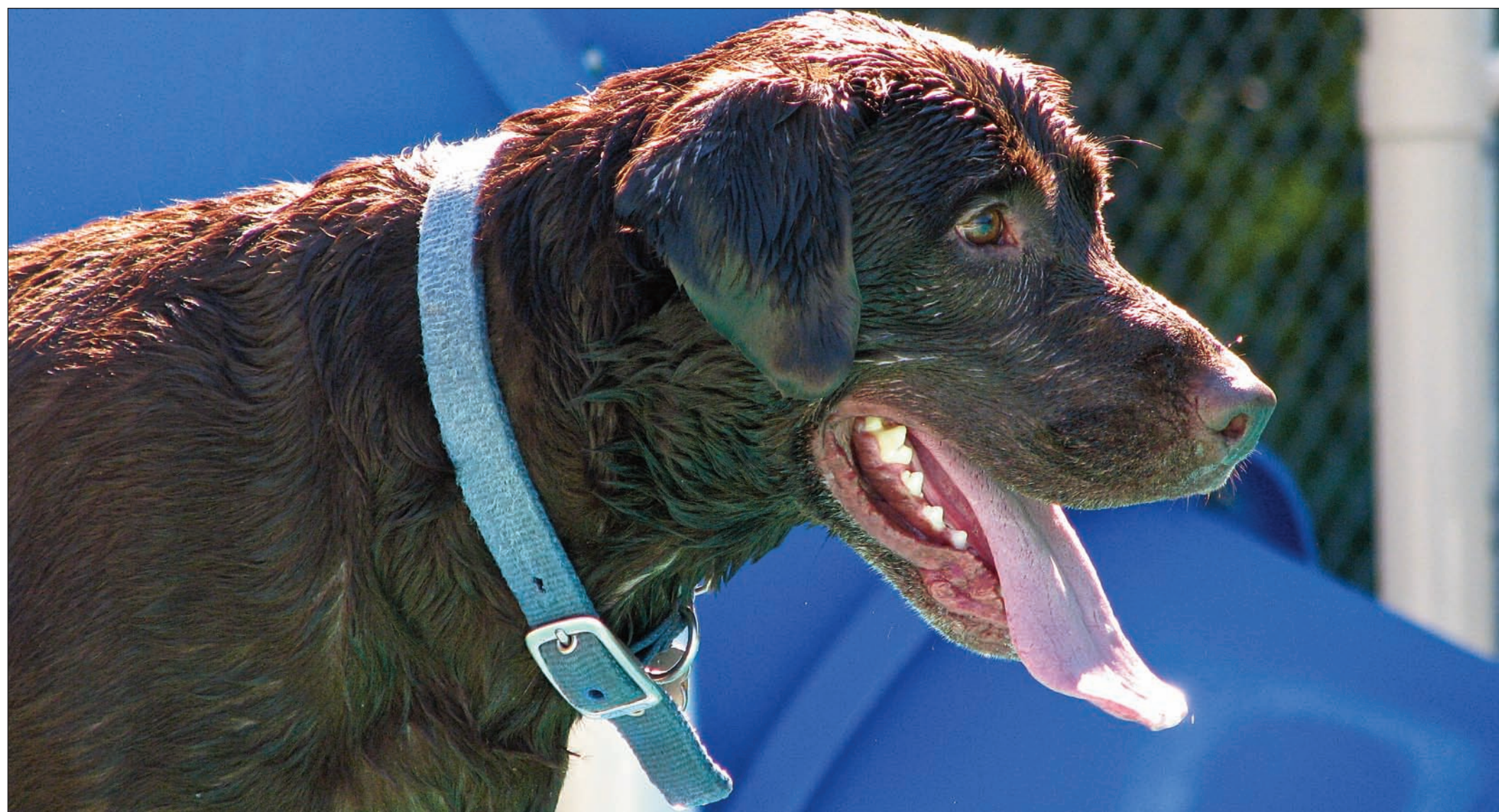
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Gunner, owned by Rodney Young from Murray, hangs out poolside on Saturday during the Lost But Loved Animal Rescue's 'Dog Paddle in the Pool' fundraiser.

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DOG DAYS

Canines around Murray found themselves living the luxurious life last weekend with spa treatment in the morning and an afternoon of lounging around the pool.

The Doggie Day Spa was held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Carmen Pavilion. The Humane Society microchipped dogs, photographed pets for their lost pet photo registry and engraved custom pet ID tags, while Murray State AHT and Pre-Vet students gave baths, cleaned ears and trimmed the nails of the visiting dogs.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. the Lost But Loved Animal Rescue held the "Dog Paddle in the Pool" fundraiser. Families brought their dogs to the Central Park pool for a day of fun and swimming.



Claire Crocker, freshman from Franklin, Ky., gives Luke a bath at Saturday's Doggie Day Spa

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