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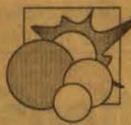
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TODAY:
Partly
sunny.
High: 45.
Low: 30s.

FRIDAY: Showers.
High: 40s. Low: 30s.

SATURDAY: Dry.
High: Upper 40s.

Source: National Weather Service

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News

Unbeknownst to many students, Spring Break has been postponed a week. This change is causing students to change non-refundable travel plans for the break.

Clark votes to secede from RCA

***RCA: Residents of Clark took an active interest in their college's future by voting to secede from the association.**

By GREG STARK
STAFF WRITER

The Clark Residential College Council asked for it, and now it has it.

By a narrow six-vote margin, the motion to vote yes for Clark College to secede from the Res-

idential College Association passed, making Clark the first residential college to secede from the RCA.

One-third of Clark, 75 people, had to vote for the motion to pass, and with 124 Clark residents voting, it exceeded Clark College President Rebecca Hefner's expectations.

"We were pleased with it because we were concerned that most of the college wouldn't vote," she said. "Over half of the college voted, so we couldn't ask for more."

Originally, the motion to drop out of the RCA was passed Nov. 2 after it was voted on by Clark Residential College Council members at their bi-monthly meeting. RCA members heard about the vote and came to the following Clark meeting Nov. 16 and discussed the situation with Clark members. The CRCC originally decided to have another vote by CRCC members Nov. 30, but at a special meeting Nov. 23, the CRCC decided to make the vote collegewide.

Hefner said the RCA was able to present its position to Clark residents before the vote.

"We allowed the RCA to hang up signs in our halls," she said. "We had a table set up by the front desk."

"They could take the paper, and all they had to do was vote yes or no. They had to initial their name (on a college name ledger) so they could prove they were there and there would be no false information."

Hefner said the vote to leave RCA was final, but doesn't

rule out a return to the organization in the future.

"Right now, it is for good," she said. "If we come back next year and we decide we want to go back to RCA, we might. Someday down the road, Clark College might want back in, but we don't know when that might be."

Hefner said she doesn't know what the loss of RCA will do to Clark.

"That's basically up to them right now," she said. "I really

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OpEd



Philip Lanier, a member of the Board of Regents and chairman of the faculty and staff affairs committee, defines the difference between deliberation and division among Regents.

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CollegeLife

Students gear up for the holiday fun planned by campus organizations in the next week. In the midst of it all, students are still working to make the grade on their final exams.

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Sports

After a six-game losing streak, the Murray State Lady Racers prepare for their first home game of the year after a win over Morehead State Monday.

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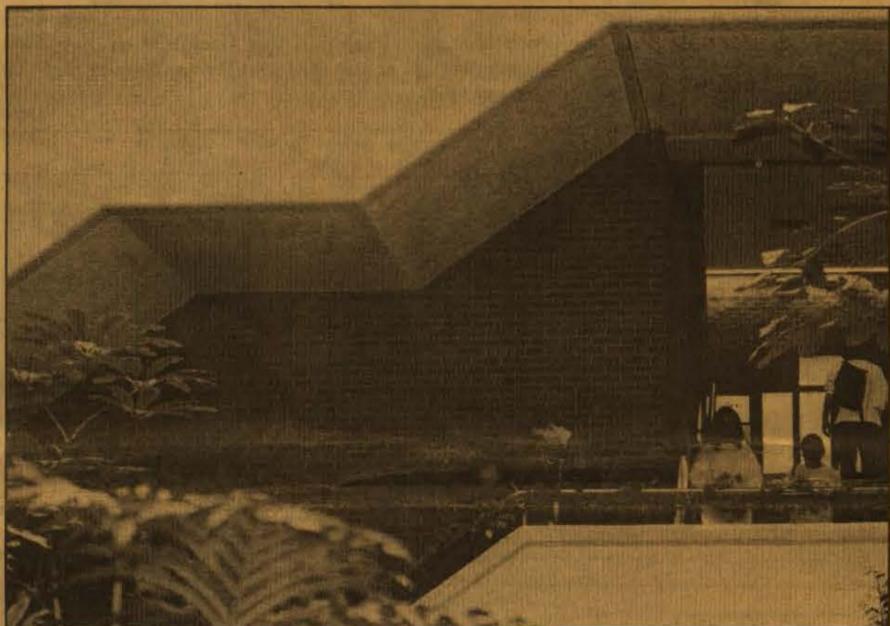
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Watch that first step



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Students descend the stairs between the second and first floor the Curris Center Tuesday afternoon.

Dave Matthews tour

Matthews, Reynolds schedule to perform in Lovett

By LORI BURLING
VIEWPOINT EDITOR

The Campus Activities Board, which is a branch of the Student Government Association, has confirmed Dave Matthews and Tim Reynolds of the Dave Matthews Band will perform at Lovett Auditorium in February.

Matthews and Reynolds are beginning an acoustic tour in January and will play for small audiences.

Kevin Lowe, the concert chair for the Campus Activities Board, uses contacts in Nashville to book concerts for Murray State. He said usually

contacts call him with opportunities, and then he takes it from there.

"We sold Lovett Auditorium to the band," Lowe said. "They were concentrating on performing for smaller audiences and due to Murray State's smaller population and town, they agreed to play here."

Lowe said he felt the band is trying to remain low key during the tour.

Todd Earwood, SGA president, said, "It is confirmed they will be playing here, but until we get the OK from them we cannot begin to advertise or do any kind of promotion."

"I can't wait to see them," Amy Risley, senior from Springfield, Ill., said. "I've always wanted to see them live, but usually the tickets are sold out before I get a chance to buy one."

The concert, An Evening with Dave Matthews and Tim Reynolds, will be held Saturday, Feb. 20, in Lovett Auditorium. Tickets will go on sale Jan. 12 and will be \$30, according to the Dave Matthews website, www.dmband.com. The website also showed tickets will be sold the day before, for students only, but this has not yet been confirmed by the Campus Activities Board.

Final minutes of meeting open debate

***Board of Regents:**
During the full meeting, faculty lost footing they gained in a committee meeting which focused on communication between faculty and the administration.



Ann Landini: The Faculty Senate president is concerned about comments made by Regents Chairman Sid Easley.

By DENISE HIGGINS
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

After a progressive committee meeting, communications among administration, faculty and staff began to deteriorate at the close of the official Board of Regents meeting last Friday.

In the faculty and staff affairs committee meeting on Dec. 4, faculty representatives expressed concerns about the lack of communication both within and outside of the University.

"I think communication is most of the problem," Ann Landini, Faculty Senate president, said. "Other problems go along with state money and how our University or any other University chooses to spend those dollars."

The communication issue was addressed just minutes before. A presentation by Sandra Flynn, associate professor in the education department, showed the positive effects open forums and brown-bag lunches have had on the lines of communication between the University's administration and the fac-

ulty and staff. Regent Jim Rudolf was pleased to see communication among the ranks improving. It was apparent from the atmosphere those in attendance adjourned from the meeting with a positive feeling of accomplishment.

But in the full board meeting that afternoon, a statement by Board of Regents Chairman Sid Easley jeopardized the positive efforts of that morning.

"I think the committee meeting was one of the most positive events that has taken place on campus in a long time," Landini said. "I was really pleased with the day until the last 15 minutes when Mr. Easley made the comment about the unionization movement and about the faculty and staff at Murray State."

Easley's statement was in response to a question from another Regent about the memo on the legal responsibilities of the University in dealing with a union. Easley reiterated the point made in the memo that the Board was not required to recognize

Please see **FACULTY/12**

University declares commitment to affirmative action

***Affirmative Action: The Council on Postsecondary Education gave positive feedback on the University's affirmative action campaign.**

By CHRISTINE HALL
NEWS EDITOR

The University passed a resolution Friday reaffirming its commitment to affirmative action.

The Affirmative Action Plan was adopted by the Board of Regents in 1985 and reaffirmed in 1997.

One of the parts of the resolution said "Be it resolved that it is the policy of Murray State University to advocate freedom from discrimination in its operation and administration of its programs, services and employment practices."

At the Board of Regents meeting, Annazette Fields, director of equal

"We don't just reserve great treatment for certain students, but for all."

—ANNAZETTE FIELDS,

DIRECTOR OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

opportunity, said when the Committee on Equal Opportunities came to campus in 1993, the visit was "less than positive."

"The numbers didn't represent where they should be," she said.

She said this year's visit was better. "Dr. Alexander was with them all day," Fields said. "Overall it was a very good meeting."

The CEO, part of the Council on Postsecondary Education, made visits to the University during the spring and sum-

mer to talk with faculty, staff, administration and students.

The committee is responsible for implementing "The 1997-2002 Kentucky Plan for Equal Opportunities in Postsecondary Education." During the visits, the council looked at the University and how successful it is in providing equal opportunity.

In the orientation with the president and cabinet, Kern Alexander, president of the University, said he believes "The Kentucky Plan" is a good idea for the state.

"The Board and Murray State are committed to equality of opportunity and its successful implementation in spite of various court decisions," he said. Fields said there is room for progress at the University.

"We aren't where we should be according to past years," she said. "I do look forward to the strides we continue to make, and I am pleased with the Uni-

versitywide efforts to recruit a diverse group of students."

She said one of the strengths of the university is it is very welcoming for all.

"We are very open," Fields said. "We don't just reserve great treatment for certain students, but for all."

Don Robertson, vice president of Student Affairs, also met with the committee.

"One of the weaknesses was the community in general does not have a large minority population living in Murray," he said.

He said despite this, there are support systems in the local community which surface in such circumstances as the Oliver case, a racial hate crime in which racist fliers were littered in a family's yard.

"Through letters, rallies and an outpouring of support, Murray wanted to send a message that this was not acceptable behavior."

News Briefs

Business session comes to MSU

A training session for individuals interested in starting a business will be at MSU on Dec. 21. It is being sponsored by the MSU Small Business Development Center.

The course will cover the basics including permits, licensing and financial and business planning. The session will be in the Business Building Room 254.

The cost is \$5 and participants must preregister from 9 to 11 a.m. on the day of the session.

For more information call 762-2856.

Four artists exhibit sculptures

An invitational exhibition of sculpture by four artists will show through Dec. 18 at the Clara M. Eagle Gallery.

Suzanne Adams from Louisville; Duane Paxson from Troy, Ala.; Jack Girard from Lexington and Nicole Tschampel from Columbus, Ohio, are exhibiting recent work.

The Eagle Gallery is located on the sixth floor of the Doyle Fine Arts Center. Hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Motocross racing comes to Murray

"Tract Fact News" is sponsoring a motocross race at the West Kentucky Exposition Center on Saturday, Dec. 19.

General admission is \$8 and \$5 for ages five to 10 is. Children under four get in free.

For more information on the race, call (502) 527-5784.

Millennium seminar offered at PCC

The department of speech communication and theatre and the Paducah Chamber of Commerce are sponsoring a seminar, "Preparing for Excellence in the New Millennium."

The seminar will be conducted by Jerry Mayes, chairman of the department, and an international consulting group for organizational improvement. The program will be held at the Crisp Center in Paducah on Tuesday, from 4 to 7 p.m. The cost is \$15 and reservations should be made by Saturday.

Registration and seminar sessions will begin at 4 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6 p.m. Anyone wishing to attend the seminar and dinner may phone 762-4483.

Briefs compiled by Heather Martin, staff writer.

Staff Congress recounts issues

•Staff: The Staff Congress discussed fire safety and insurance concerns in its meeting Wednesday.

STAFF REPORT

The Staff Congress voted to pass the same resolution Wednesday the Faculty Senate passed last week stating its disapproval of raising student fees to fund sprinklers.

The resolution requests help from the governor to pay for the installation of fire safety measures. As stated in the resolution, the state currently has a surplus of funds in excess of \$200 million.

"Dr. Landini (Faculty Senate president) had brought it to our attention that they were passing the resolution," Orville Herndon, Staff Congress president, said. "We did it basically to show our support for the students and their financial situation."

During the meeting, Herndon also informed the Staff Congress of the fee reduction in the replacement of parking tags passed by the Board on Friday.

Replacement tags are now half price because of the initiatives of members of the Staff Congress, Herndon said.

"I wanted to inform people so that the few people who had lost their tags could benefit from this," Herndon said. "This is retroactive, so even those who lost tags two months ago can get a refund."

Insurance affordability was another concern discussed by the Staff Congress. Herndon said although many of the concerns about health insurance were answered by the Faculty/Staff Insurance and Benefits Committee, there is still a concern regarding insurance affordability.

"My concern on insurance affordability extends into the future years," Herndon said. "The insurance program was changed to make more money available for raises."

Herndon urged the regents to work with the president while preparing the 1999-2000 budget to insure those on the lower end of the pay scale do not have to bear the burden of the insurance program.

All in a day's work

Michael Ward/The News
Pete Rodriguez, freshman from Gazlett Mich., performs his juggling act at the Madrigal Dinner Sunday night at Ordway Hall.

Auditions available for park musical

STAFF REPORT

Playhouse in the Park is holding additional auditions for the hit Broadway musical, "Annie." The principal roles have been filled, but many minor roles are still available.

The show is directed by Michael Dunnagan and the choreographer is Shane Morton.

The show dates are Feb. 25 to March 13 of next year. Rehearsals start in January.

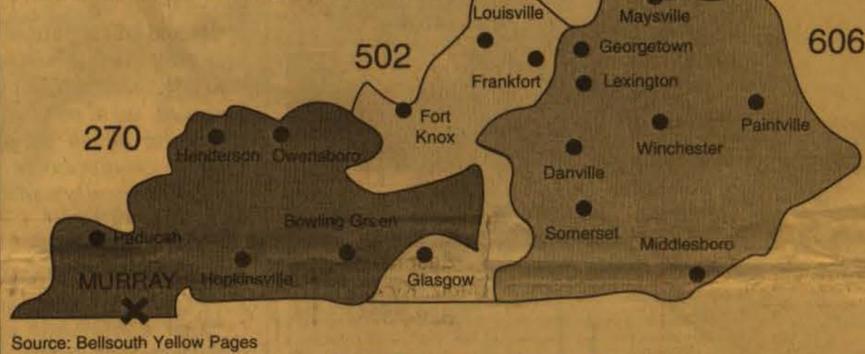
Twenty people have been cast already and the director said he needs an additional 15 people.

Those who wish to audition need to come prepared to dance, sing and read.

For more information call the Playhouse at 759-1752.

The Playhouse has produced such plays as "Cards on the Table," "I'm not Rappaport," "Velvet Candle" and "Miracle Worker."

Other plays to be produced next year include "Nunsense" and "Frankenstein."

Revised Area Codes for 1999

Source: Bellsouth Yellow Pages

John R. Simanowitz/The News

Trial date to be set for midyear

•Hester: The court is preparing for preliminary trial hearings for early next year.

By C.D. BRADLEY
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The next milepost on the way to the Hester fire trial will be Monday.

That is the deadline for Commonwealth Attorney Mike Ward to file a bill of particulars outlining the prosecution's case against those indicted in connection with the Sept. 18 fire in Hester College.

Ward was unavailable for comment, but Circuit Judge Dennis Foust, who would preside over a trial in the case, and a bill of particulars is the way the "Commonwealth sets out what they're alleging these individuals did. It sets out what the Commonwealth wants to prove."

Discovery, or the date by which the two sides must share information they want to use in the trial, has been set for Jan. 1. Jan. 25 has been set as the redocket date.

The redocket date will provide an opportunity for Foust to rule on motions in the case and possibly set a trial date. It will also be likely if the defendants wish to be tried separately, those requests would be made at this time.

Steve Vidmer, attorney for Fred McGrath, said he does not know at this time whether he would ask for a separate trial for his client, who faces the most serious charges.

"Hopefully, we'll have the mechanics worked out by the 25th (of January)," Vidmer said. "We just have to wait to see what we're provided in discovery."

Foust said there would not be any formal pretrial conferences held in the case.

"Realistically, in this case, the pretrial conference will not serve that great a purpose," he said. "If you have a situation where it is close to a plea agreement, I would sit in, but pretrials are basically plea negotiations. I'm not setting a pretrial date for them. It appears to me there won't be any plea offers in this case."

Foust said he is going to try to set the trial date for June of next year.

Regents discuss sprinkler fees

STAFF REPORT

To pay for the installation of fire safety needs in the residential colleges and dining facilities, the Board of Regents approved the use of more than \$5.5 million in revenue bonds.

Last month the Council on Postsecondary Education approved bonding authorization for the University. A portion of the money, \$1.76 million, will go to repair housing and dining buildings. The recommendation states the projects to be included are "roof replacement, mechanical system repairs, door and window replacements and general

painting and miscellaneous items." The remaining \$3.78 million will be used for fire safety.

During the meeting Friday, University President Kern Alexander reiterated the University meets all code requirements.

"Sprinklers are an add-on," he said.

Alexander said the University had previously planned to install sprinklers in all the high-rises and the design plans were complete. He said the next step is to start the bidding process. The future of the low-rises is still uncertain because of prior plans to build new residential colleges to replace

them.

"We don't want to spend a lot of money on a building we plan to demolish," Alexander said.

The Board also approved a list of educational and general deferred maintenance projects for 1998 to 2000. Funding for these projects comes through state bonds and is matched by the institution. Funding for the projects totals \$3.94 million dollars split by the state and the University.

More than \$1 million of the funds are proposed for projects installing fire safety measures in four buildings: Applied Science, Blackburn Science, Pogue Library and Doyle Fine Arts.

Spring Break date change causes conflicts

•SGA: Students face a challenge because the date for Spring Break was changed to a week later.

By LEE RETZLAFF
STAFF WRITER

Students who went by the student datebook to plan Spring Break activities are finding conflicts as the date was changed to a week later.

Instead of occurring from March 8 to 12, it is the week of March 15 to 19.

The error exists because the book was printed before the decision to move Spring Break was made last spring.

Student Government Association President Todd Earwood said the break was moved because of pressure from both SGA and the Faculty Senate.

"The provost office decides

"Teachers need to be sympathetic to students in this situation."

—SUSAN MOULDER,
SENIOR FROM NEW ZEALAND

when to change Spring Break," Earwood said. "The Faculty Senate and Student Government both came to the provost and said we wanted it changed."

Susan Moulder, senior from New Zealand, planned a trip to France for the original week and could not get a refund for the tickets.

"I'm not going to get to change because it would cost an additional \$400 to change the tickets for the next week," she

said. "Instead of missing three days of class before Spring Break, I am now missing the whole week before and will get back the Friday before the new Spring Break."

Moulder said she is very angry about the change and wished it had been made earlier.

"It's not our fault," she said. "It's the school's fault, and I am sure we will pay for it."

She said she realizes SGA tried to correct the mistake by putting an ad in "The Murray State News" early this semester, but she said SGA didn't try hard enough.

"No one cares about Spring Break in August," Moulder said. "They just got off of summer vacation, and the planner was published by the University, and we had to buy it. I understand it was wrong in the fall schedule, but it had said

tentative. The planner is official and kids go by the planner. This is going to cost people a lot of time and money and they probably will get zero sympathy."

Moulder said she had worked out missing some days of school before the original date with her professors, but since the change she said her professors will not be happy about her missing more classes.

"Almost every teacher I know usually has tests right before Spring Break," she said. "Teachers need to be sympathetic to students with this dilemma."

Bill Price, interim associate provost, said many faculty members with children attending local schools wanted the University Spring Break to correlate with their children's break.

"The University went one

week ahead, and the schools went two weeks back," Price said.

Earwood said last year SGA received numerous complaints Spring Break was too early. Students complained about Murray State being the only state school on break that week.

"The reoccurring theme we heard last year was 'We need to move it back because it's too cold where we go for Spring Break and we want to go with our friends from other schools,'" Earwood said.

Earlier this semester, the SGA notified the public the dates on the student planner were wrong. Earwood said SGA would again reach out to tell students of the error.

He said, "We're going to send a campus wide e-mail this week, probably before everybody leaves."

Post tenure review possibility for faculty

Faculty: Murray State's current annual review may soon be replaced by a new post tenure review policy.

By DONALD LAWSON
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR



Gary Brockway: The University interim provost continues trying to find a way to implement post tenure review.

Security of jobs after tenure may be affected if a new post tenure review policy is implemented by the University.

At the spring meeting of the Murray State Board of Regents, a resolution was passed to form a committee that would look into post tenure review. This procedure has been used in other universities to review the status of current tenured professors to see if they are keeping up with the commitments they were

tenured for.

Gary Brockway, interim provost, took over the review from last year's provost Jim Booth. He said the post tenure review will be used to see if professors currently tenured are remaining current in their field. If not, the procedure will help the University get them to do so, he said.

"This is the way most universities use it," Brockway said. "Tenure is job security as long

as a tenured professor stays at Murray State. The review is to make sure their performance continues throughout their career."

Currently the faculty, including those who are tenured, go through an annual evaluation of their performance. This includes student evaluations at the end of each semester. Brockway said the evaluations are used to determine merit pay raises. If a professor is not performing up to standards, he or she does not get a raise. If a new system is adopted, professors who do not perform well and receive too many reprimands may lose their tenure.

Brockway said the review council, which is made up of various faculty members, is

looking at other universities' systems and is trying to adapt a system to Murray State. One proposal is to use the current annual review in a post tenure capacity.

"What we have now is a good annual review," Brockway said. "They're (the review council) reviewing policies of other schools. Any system they choose will have to be adapted to our needs."

Brockway said there is a good representation of faculty on the council. Some feel the current system of review is sufficient while others feel something more needs to be done.

"We hope to have a recommendation to take to the Board of Regents at their spring meeting," he said.

PoliceBeat

Dec. 2, 1998

12:45 p.m. Chadwick Holliman reported his vehicle vandalized while parked near Franklin College.

5:40 p.m. Samuel C. Keith reported his book bag stolen at the University Store.

11:59 p.m. Louis Besten reported being robbed by three males at the front of White College. Stolen was his wallet, driver's license, credit card and identification.

Dec. 3, 1998

2:46 p.m. Jamie Myrick reported a book bag stolen while in the University Store.

11:56 p.m. Michael F. List was charged with public intoxication at Clark College. He was lodged in the Calloway County Detention Center.

Dec. 4, 1998

11:22 a.m. Mark Albertini reported the theft of a spare tire cover and beauty rims from his Bronco while parked in Stewart Stadium.

1:57 p.m. An ambulance was dispatched to Faculty Hall for a student who passed out. Student Health Services assisted the student who was later taken to Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

Dec. 5, 1998

12:06 p.m. There was an auto accident in Stewart Stadium. No injuries were reported.

Dec. 6, 1998

8:57 p.m. Jennifer R. Whitmer reported her vehicle keyed while parked near Hart College.

Dec. 7, 1998

9:28 a.m. Housing reported a break-in at 405 College Courts. A window was broken and the door pried open. No one was residing in the apartment and nothing is recorded as missing at this time.

Racer Escorts - 18

Motorist Assists - 5

Information for Police Beat is gathered and compiled by Christine Hall, news editor, from materials available from the Public Safety office.

December graduation just around corner

STAFF REPORT

Murray State will hold its first mid-year commencement ceremony for graduating seniors.

The ceremony will be held Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in Lovett Auditorium. The ceremony will include commencement proceedings and the residential college investiture, which has been held every December since the inception of the residential college system.

The winter ceremony grew from mid-year and summer graduates who have previously been invited to return to campus to

participate in traditional graduation exercises at the end of the spring semester.

A total of 499 students will graduate with undergraduate or associate degrees and 179 students with masters degrees.

The keynote speaker for the ceremony will be Mary McKinney Edmonds of Stanford, Calif. Edmonds is vice provost and dean of student affairs emeritus and special assistant to the provost at Stanford University.

Several events are being held in conjunction with commencement. At 2 p.m. Saturday, the ROTC will hold its commissioning ceremony in the Freed Curd Auditorium Collins Center for Industry and Technol-

gy.

At 2:30 p.m., the Murray State College of Nursing will hold a recognition ceremony in the Curris Center. Prior to graduation, Clark and Richmond colleges will hold their annual investiture dinner.

Following the ceremony, a reception will be held in Pogue Library honoring the Class of '98 and guests. The reception is hosted by the residential colleges.

For more information on December graduation, contact the provost's office at 762-3744 or visit their website at www.murraystate.edu/provost/deccom.htm.

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College Views

Q. If it's better to give than receive, what's the best gift you have ever given?

Name: Tara Bird
Major: Public Relations
Year: Junior
Hometown: Herrin, Ill.
"A picture frame I made for my sister with a picture of us in it."



Name: Hamed Al-Rashidi
Major: MBA
Year: Graduate Student
Hometown: Kuwait
"A Christmas card with all of my friends signatures."



Name: Paula Harrington
Major: Radio/TV
Year: Junior
Hometown: Calvert City
"I gave my mom a golden diamond watch."



Name: Sam Clymer
Major: Political Science
Year: Junior
Hometown: Paducah
"I helped my dad buy my mom a Mercedes."



Name: Wimon Homying
Major: MPA
Year: Graduate Student
Hometown: Thailand
"Love and sincerity."



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Dissension surfaces among ranks

What will it take to get the administration to listen to our faculty and staff? The faculty and staff of Murray State University have been repeatedly performing activities to try to get the administration to realize there is a definite problem with the policies and procedures of this University. Although their efforts are complete and strong, they keep getting ignored by the president and the administration.

The faculty first began this expedition last semester when they conducted an administrative review. Their efforts were ignored by the administration. The faculty then proceeded to

Our View

Issue: The faculty and staff's complaints are being ignored.
Position: The administration should recognize the problems the faculty and staff have.

conduct a faculty and staff survey this semester. In November the results, which were troublesome, were publicly announced by faculty members.

But, once again the administration failed to acknowledge the problems that were presented. Finally, in a desperate act, many faculty members have declared they will begin a union at the first of the year.

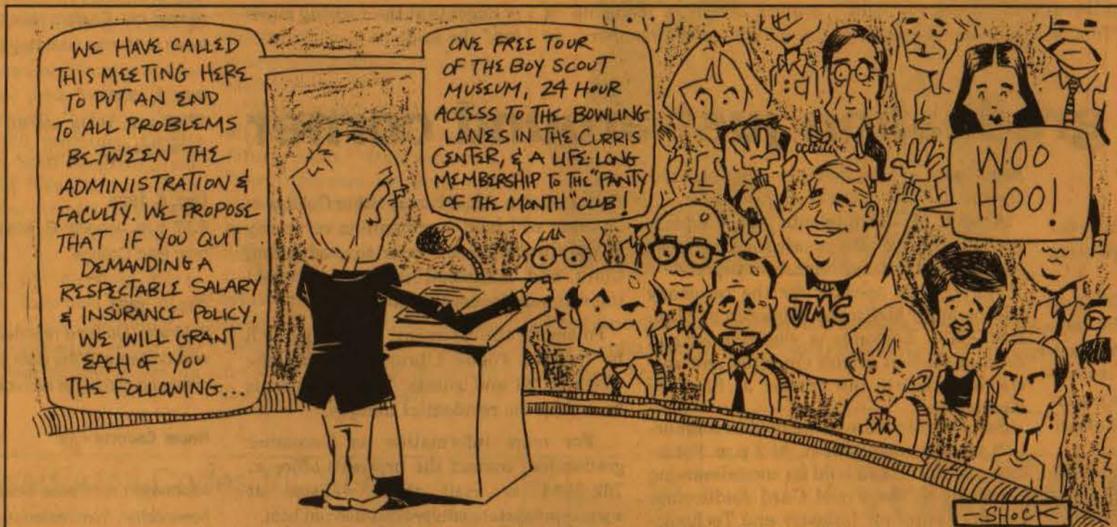
Obviously, the administration needs to listen to the faculty on this campus. If the faculty has had to go as far as starting a union, there is definitely a problem.

We don't understand why the administration is finding it so hard to understand there are problems between the different ranks at Murray State. Why can't the administration simply sit down with faculty represen-

tatives and discuss the issues causing problems. It seems like a much easier way than forcing the faculty to form a union, that will eventually could cause more disruption.

There has got to be a compromise somewhere in the negotiations for each side. If the conflicts are not taken care of properly very soon, then we can't help but wonder what is going to come of our education here at Murray State.

It's very simple, first, the administration needs to realize there is a definite problem. Then the administration can face these problems like adults.



Clark secession comes as no surprise

Clark College has successfully voted to secede from the Residential College Association, one of the two governing bodies of students at this University. These two conflicting governing bodies, the Student Government Association and RCA, prove to be, at their best, repetitive.

With two such organizations, both governed by elected individuals representing students, the downfall of one is proving imminent. Clark's removal from RCA has become the first step in the disintegration of RCA. Darwin's survival of the fittest is proving itself again. The Student Government Association is winning.

But this comes as no surprise. The

Our View

Issue: Clark College has seceded from the RCA.
Position: RCA and SGA conflict in representing the needs of the students.

administrators invest time, money and power into SGA. Its representatives pass resolutions faculty and administrators listen to. Its president is an active Regent.

When the RCA and the residential college system were incorporated in the

academic environment at Murray State, President Alexander had the right idea, a close-knit network of acquaintances within a larger academic university designed to better prepare students for life after college. Too bad not all plans work in real life as well as when presented to a committee.

Doubling up on student representatives has not worked. Creating a family atmosphere has resulted in a typical dysfunctional family. The good intentions of the administration were once again not thoroughly thought out and poorly implemented.

At least one participant of RCA felt powerless and wanted to take a stand. Will others follow their lead?

Your Views

MACE-AFT will begin at first of year

To the Editor:

The front page articles by the "Ledger & Times" reporter David Ramey in Wednesday's and Saturday's newspaper were a cogent reminder of one of the most fundamental issues in the ongoing faculty-administration debate at Murray State University, the issue of shared governance.

This is not a new problem between the MSU faculty and Kern Alexander. The issue of shared governance, as outlined in the "MSU Faculty Handbook," has continuously been ignored by President Alexander despite his statements to the contrary. In letters to the editor of "The Murray State News" on Oct. 2 and Oct. 9, as well as several other references, it was clearly pointed out Kern Alexander and his principal supporter on the Board of Regents, Sid Easley, are not interested in consulting faculty and following regular University procedures.

In a survey of MSU faculty carried out in August and September and analyzed in October and November, the number one complaint of the faculty was the issue of shared governance, not salaries or healthcare.

The resolution of the Faculty Senate for Nov. 30 and the contempt President Alexander and Chair Easley expressed for faculty concerns at the end of the Board of Regents meeting Dec. 4

underscore the continuing problem MACE-AFT wishes to help the faculty address. We believe the faculty can speak with a united voice that will alert the Alexander-Easley amalgam true consultation should take place before administrative decisions are made.

MACE is not attempting to be confrontational. Instead we are gently prodding the administration to be aware of established policies. We already have the numbers to form a chapter on this campus and in January 1999 we will formally inaugurate a MACE-AFT local. We are far more than the few "disenchanted" people Alexander referred to in his comments after the Board of Regents meeting.

The Alexander-Easley team is already well aware that sooner or later they will have to deal with us, especially as we continue to expand our membership and voice our concerns. Shared university governance is one of these concerns. Perhaps Governor Paul Patton's public declaration in favor of collective bargaining should be posted in Kern Alexander and Sid Easley's offices so they can see in what direction this institution is headed.

Terry Strieter, MACE Chair
Professor of history

Opinion given on shared governance

To the Editor:

Let me first make it clear

that I am not representing the views of any committee to which I belong. Nor is this written on behalf of the union organizing committee—I am not a member of that committee. I have signed up for potential membership in the AFT, but the only activity I have undertaken on the union's behalf is to wear the union button on my lapel. This letter represents my personal opinions of shared governance.

The chairman of the Board of Regents, Sid Easley, in the "Ledger & Times," stated his strong support for the University's "shared governance structure." But then he went on to say, "If the general public really knew how much shared governance we have, they would be amazed." This amazement would be due to how much shared governance we already have. President Alexander in the same article picks up on this theme. "There's more shared governance at Murray State than any institution that I've been at. The faculty appoint faculty. The faculty appoint chairmen. The faculty appoint deans. And the faculty are on the committees that search for the provost and the president. They make all of the relative decisions at Murray State." Both men seem to be saying we already have ample shared governance. What more could the faculty possibly want?

The Faculty Senate has claimed, however, significant violations of "The Handbook"

have occurred in the recent past that bypassed the shared governance policy of the University. In a resolution unanimously passed last week, the Faculty Senate listed specific "Handbook" policy and apparent violations of that policy. The Senate made this claim in direct response to the president's challenge to point to specific violations of shared governance. The Senate is asking only existing "Handbook" policy be adhered to by administrators.

Faculty who are truly concerned about shared governance are saying they want faculty concerns expressed and taken into account in the decision-making process. That is as it should be in any university governance structure. This cannot be done simply by adhering to the formal policies spelled out in the "Handbook." Shared governance of universities is based on the idea that from a diversity of interests, discussion and debate we get the best possible policy. It simply cannot be done from the top down. If shared governance is promoted correctly it produces a strong organization, a committed faculty and staff and an excellent educational program.

There have been some promising steps in recent weeks. But it has been a long-term erosion. It will take long-term efforts on all sides to repair the damage that has been done.

Frank W. Elwell
Professor of sociology



My View

LORI BURLING

Friends remain forever

Whew! The semester is finally coming to a close. I must say this has been the most hectic semester in my college career. Although I'm grateful to see the end of this semester, I have to admit I'm actually very sad the semester is almost over.

Usually the spring semester is the time for goodbyes and tears, but it's this December that saddens me. I'm finally realizing I'm slowly becoming one of the oldest students on this campus. Many of my friends are getting ready to leave and a few are leaving and going into the real world this December, while I still have two more semesters.

The point of this commentary is to give "kudos" to all of my friends who are leaving this December, and you know who you are. Many of these friends were here when I came to Murray State, and others came later. They quickly coached me on the ins and outs of Murray State. They have been here through my bad times, as well as my good times, and believe me there have been many, many good times. Again, although I'm very happy for them, I can't help but to be a little mad at the fact they are leaving me.

I know this seems selfish and immature, but when you find true friends, it's hard to let them go. When I graduated from high school I was sure I would keep in contact with all of my close friends. Do you know how many people I talk to from high school? About two people, and the rest I might say "hi" to if I pass them. I simply don't want these pals of mine at Murray State to drift away like my friends from high school.

I would like to ask these graduates not to forget their friends who remain at Murray State. Remember the saying, "A true friend will always be there." Don't forget you'll always have friends here and there will probably never be another time in your life when you will have friends such as the ones you have now. So I ask you to look back at all the parties, the trips to The Apple, the conversations that last until dawn and most importantly, all of the true friendships you've made here at Murray State before you take the trip of your lifetime.

Lori Burling is the viewpoint editor for "The Murray State News."

Board debate encourages progress

I have read in the "Ledger & Times" of the discussion at the Board of Regents meeting last Friday concerning the interest of some faculty members in forming a union. The discussion took place after I had left the meeting at mid-afternoon in order to meet a commitment for Friday evening in Louisville.

Friday morning, I chaired a meeting of the Faculty/Staff Affairs Committee of the Board at which the committee heard from representatives of the Faculty Senate and the Staff Congress. Attending were a number of faculty and staff members in addition to those who addressed the committee.

At the close of the meeting, I proposed a procedure by which faculty and staff would be able to bring before the committee at quarterly meetings, before the Board meetings, any issues that any member of faculty or staff might wish to present. I said I hoped



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this would be seen as a mode of communication with the Board through the committee, thus establishing a quicker means of communication than might presently exist through the several layers of organization between faculty and staff and the Regents.

None of this would be conducted in such a way as to interfere with the administration of University affairs by the president and the administration. It is not the place of the Board to do that. Inherent in my remarks was

the committee's desire to assure Murray State faculty and staff of a co-operative intention on the part of Board members. To be sure, there were no particular issues in my mind as I made those remarks.

From what I have read of the union-related discussion on Friday afternoon, I am concerned that those who attended the committee meeting may conclude I was dissembling that morning. I do not want that perception to exist, for I was proceeding in the best of faith, as were the other members of the committee who were present.

I wish to say, also, that I have given no study to the question of a faculty union; I have received no opinion of counsel concerning the question; I am open-minded on the question and am prepared to hear all points of view before reaching a conclusion; I have never expressed an opinion on the matter. I do not know at this time

what my attitude toward a faculty union might be or how I might vote if such a question were to be presented to the Board of Regents. Faculty concerns should always be addressed, and President Alexander has instituted some activities directed toward a fuller communication, activities with which I am in full accord.

Lest there be some who might, unwisely, leap to a conclusion that suddenly the Board of Regents of Murray State is "once again divided," let me say that there can be no division in a body until a vote is taken after full debate and deliberation. The expression of differing points of view is not "division," it is discussion and exploration. Even when there is a vote less than unanimous, in whatever direction, that is not evidence that the Board is "once again divided," in the pejorative sense in which that phrase

has been used in the past. To the contrary, it is evidence that Murray State has the kind of Board that every university should hope for: a Board composed of independent thinkers, who collegially debate, deliberate and then reach their independently-arrived-at conclusions, in the interests of the university. That has been the way this Board has acted ever since I became a Regent, and I rejoice in being a part of such a group. There have been times when I have voted in the minority. I did not then conclude that the Board was "divided" but that the members reached varying individual conclusions. There is a great difference between those two concepts, and it is a positive and productive one.

Philip M. Lanier is a member of the Board of Regents.

Murray State earns farewell

How does one say goodbye to people who have changed and shaped their life over the last three years? This is my dilemma as I face graduating tomorrow night.

Three years ago I made the long 35-minute drive from Paducah to Murray. I was ready to learn and have a good time. Well, three years later, with a lower grade point average and 30 pounds heavier, I am graduating.

Looking back at my last three years, I and Murray State, have changed.

First, on the first floor of Franklin College, or the dungeon, the back door was always unlocked so you could sneak in a late friend or a box containing certain beverages for enjoyment. The residential college system was a concept nobody really understood. The only thing we really knew is the dorms would be co-ed, so we might not have to sneak someone into the dorms.

Three years later, the dorms are locked down like the gold deposit at Fort Knox. Clark College has seceded from the Residential College Association. Who would ever think a Civil war would be happening on campus? What is Clark fighting for, residential college individual rights? I wonder who is the blue and who is the gray.

Even with all these changes happening on campus, one thing has always stayed constant, the ice cream machine at Winslow Cafeteria. You might have never enjoyed the food, but the ice cream was always good.

Even with all the changes happening on campus in the last year with the Hester Fire, the unsolved attack of a student less than two years ago and the civil war happening between the residential colleges, I am still proud of coming to Murray State instead of other colleges in the area.

People constantly complain of how Murray really is boring and nothing happens. Stay in town for a weekend



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and eventually things will happen. Murray State is called a suitcase college, but there is a mad rush to get out of town on Friday afternoon when classes are over. It is like the people rushing to a store the Friday after Thanksgiving to get their shopping done. I understand going home to work, but going home to hang out with high school kids, there is a problem with that. I, and other people, went "away" to college for one reason, to leave home.

If you do not like Murray State for what it offers its students, then pack your bags and transfer to a college where the weekends are exciting.

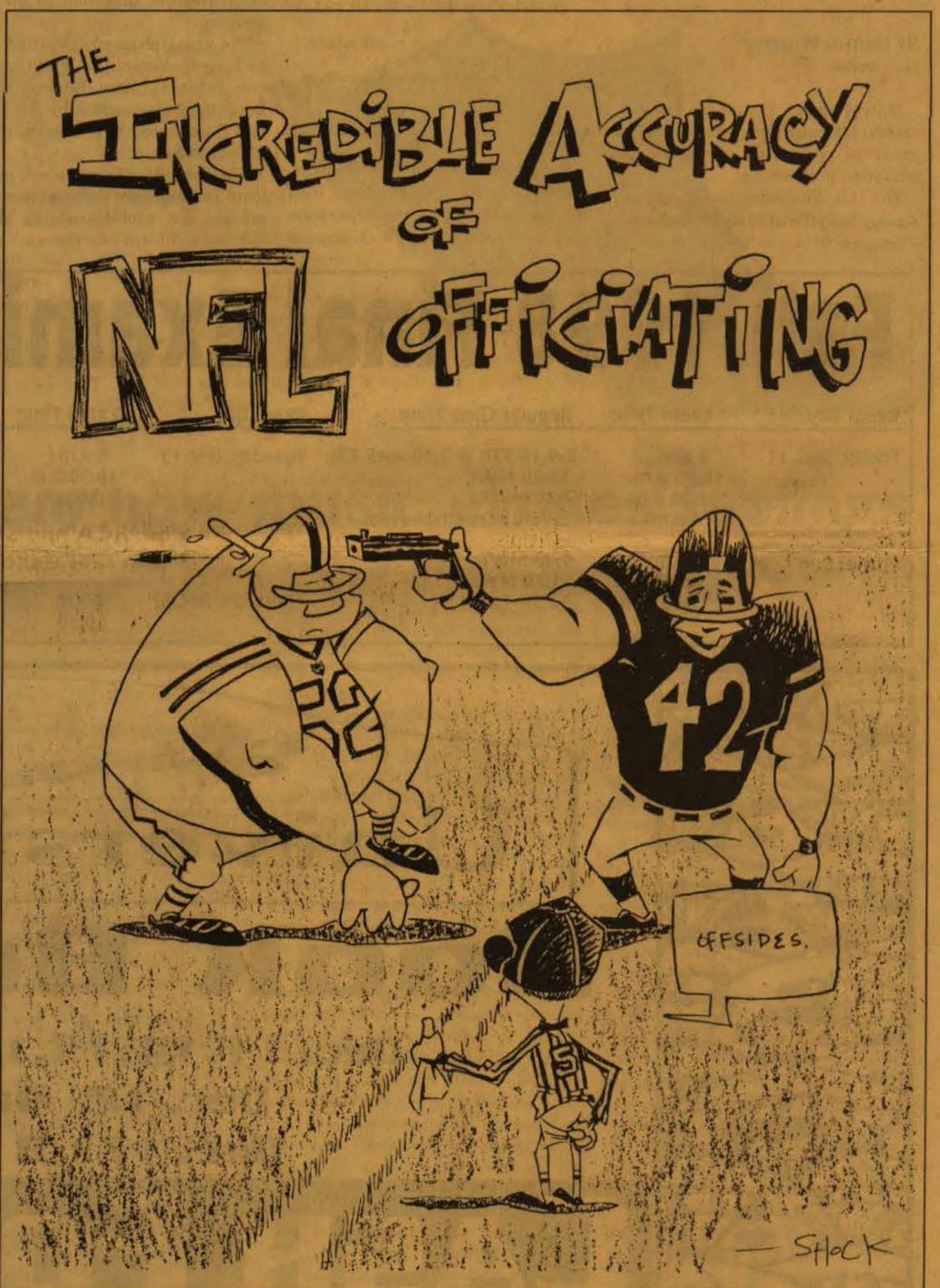
My last three years have been a time I will always remember. I have memories that will last me a lifetime. Some I do not remember and really wish I did. I have met people I thought I would never meet, like the men at 1005 State Route 121 North, the staff at "The Murray State News," all the Student Government Association presidents I have made mad over the years and Patricia, the cleaning lady at Wilson Hall.

I will take something from all of these people that will improve my life.

Robert Frost wrote in the "The Road Not Taken," "I took the road less traveled by and it made all the difference."

The road I took was 641 South, and it has made the difference for me.

Jake Burgess is a graduating writer for "The Murray State News."



Television greats return for cheaper rates

I hope someone in this world can explain to me what is up with all of these long distance companies today. Everywhere you look you have celebrities trying to get people to sign up with their long distance plan. It seems when one company comes up with a deal, you have to just wait about a week, and one of its competitors will better it, in a process that appears to be a never-ending cycle.

In particular I am beginning to get sick of those 10-10-#### commercials that try to offer an alternative to AT&T, Sprint and MCI's blatant "dime a minute," "Reach Out America" or other basic plans. In the past two months alone we have been subjected to four different numbers that start out with 10-10. The first one was John Lithgow with 10-10-321, which was soon changed to 10-10-10 321, then back to just two 10's. Also the company has added the dad from the TV



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show "Family Matters" and Marla Gibbs, better known as Florence, the maid on "The Jefferson's." And to make matters worse the company tried to make these guys look like friendly neighbors, in a very sad attempt at continuity.

Since then there have been three new members to join the mix. You have Dennis Miller and George Carlin spewing about the cost of living and the state of communication today, while singing the praises of 10-10-220.

Carlin does a bit of a poorly written synopsis of his act while Miller tries to explain the simplicity of the plan in time to take his dog out to answer a different kind of call.

Then there is Kevin Nealon, made famous when he anchored "Weekend Update" on "Saturday Night Live," who now pushes 10-10-990 on a cheesy news broadcast commercial that apparently tries to link the plan with the days of his former popularity.

Also, last but not least we have James Garner, who now is talking about 10-10-9000, which not only offers a calling plan but directory assistance as well. Give me a break! Is directory assistance really important in an age where just about any phone number can be found on the internet? I don't think so.

Looking at these three plans, one that offers 99 cent calls up to 20 minutes, one that cuts the price of 20

minute calls in half after twenty minutes and the other one whose plan I can't remember, you wonder why 20 is the magic number.

Is that the point at which they break even? Or is the average length of calls that long?

In any case, are the brain trusts that are behind these companies so tired after coming with these mind-numbing calling plans that they can't come up with any more original prefixes? For that matter, why three different plans? I guess they hope that the public will get confused on which plan they mean to call, so that when they want 10-10-220, they call 10-10-9000, or vice versa.

Any way you slice it you dial at least 18 and in some cases 24 digits, international calls included, which are also given special rates.

It wouldn't surprise me to discover the three main companies are behind these numbers figuring that people will get fed up with all of this dialing and eventually pick one of the broader plans that doesn't require additional dialing. And in the meantime they still make money from people who dial all of these 10-10 numbers so they aren't losing business no matter how we call people.

My advice to you is this. Don't fall for any of these plans... by my calculations 10-10-2000 should be here in time for the millennium, and by the race the three current contenders are in, phone calls should be free by then. But that's just my point of view, I could be wrong.

Eddie Grant is the sports editor for "The Murray State News."

Foreign language department changing

Language: The foreign language department will lose some members of its faculty over the next year.

BY YENIA ZABA
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Starting next semester, the department of foreign languages will go through a variety of changes in personnel and classes.

Spanish instructors Connie Blanchard, chairperson of the department, and Sonia Sanahuja-Alvarado, professor, will leave next semester.

Blanchard, who came to the

University in the fall of 1996 as the new chairperson, is moving to Colorado next semester because her husband was recently named president of Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colo.

Sanahuja-Alvarado came to Murray State in the fall of 1997 under a one-year contract but decided to stay one extra semester. She is going back to her native country, Costa Rica, where she will continue teaching.

In exchange, Guillermina Pichardo Lopez, who has worked with the Kentucky Institute for International Programs in Mexico, will join the



Meg Brown: Brown will take over the foreign language department, replacing exiting Chairperson Connie Blanchard.

department for the spring semester, Meg Brown, associate professor of German and Spanish, said.

Because of the suddenness of the circumstances, the department is now looking for a new chairperson.

Meanwhile, Brown will temporarily take Blanchard's place

as the interim chairperson.

Brown was selected after applying for the temporary position and appointed by Ken Wolfe, interim dean of the College of Humanistic Studies. Brown has directed study abroad programs in Germany and Austria for both students and faculty.

The search for a new permanent chair has begun, and it is directed by Wolfe.

"It is a national search but also open to members of the department," Brown said.

Two classes offered for next semester by the department had to be cancelled, an upper-division Spanish course and

one of the two sections of GER 105 (German Culture.)

The changes in the department affect more than the upcoming semester, however.

"Tleana Portilla-Gaynor and Sonia Lenk are both on year-to-year contracts, and the department anticipates their leaving after this academic year," Brown said. "The department is currently conducting two searches for tenure-track positions in Spanish."

Lenk, who has been at the University as a Spanish instructor for two and a half years, is leaving after next semester.

"I want to go back to gradu-

ate school and get a Ph.D.," she said.

Next semester the department is offering an upper-division course in European Cinema, taught in Spanish, French and German. Blanchard was originally to teach the Spanish section of the course, but now professor Michael Waag will teach it.

Other courses will be explored in the future.

"Plans are underway with Western Kentucky University to offer upper-division German courses through ITV and on the Internet beginning next academic year."

Grant gives environmental education new options

Education: A new grant will allow the education department to implement an environmental education program.

BY LEEANN WILLET
STAFF WRITER

Murray State's Center for Environmental Education has been awarded a grant to pursue an environmental education program.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has offered \$120,000 to pursue a program to target "at-risk" children.

"Research says a positive experience outdoors is beneficial."

—JOE BAUST,

PROFESSOR OF EDUCATION

The program will involve students, teachers, prospective teachers from Murray State's education program and parents of the "at-risk" children in

programs to be held at Land Between the Lakes.

This program meets the Kentucky Education Reform Act's criterion of environmental education in the curriculum.

The grant proposal "Creating Connections for Parents, At-Risk Children and Schools Using Environmental Education" was written by Joe Baust and Ruth Jacquot, professors in the College of Education.

While at LBL, the group will participate in programs that increase self-esteem and problem-solving skills. Parents will learn how these activities

can be incorporated at home to make learning enjoyable.

Meanwhile, the program will train teachers and education students on how to identify at-risk children in the classroom.

"Research says a positive experience outdoors is very beneficial," Baust said. "They're not afraid of the outdoors. It's a good vehicle for kids to learn out of a sterile classroom."

The students will learn science, math, social studies and language arts.

Baust said research shows students

have higher test scores and teachers are more motivated after participating in programs outdoors.

"The environment is a venue with rich rewards," Baust said.

Sixty teachers and aides are planned for training. One hundred prospective teachers will also participate in the program. There will be a five day workshop for teachers this summer from June 28 through July 2.

Anyone interested in participating in the program can contact Baust or Barbara McLaughlin at 762-2595.

Fall 1998 Final Examination Schedule

Exam Day	Exam Time	Regular Class Time	Exam Day	Exam Time	Regular Class Time	Schedule for Saturday and Evening Classes On-Campus		
Friday, Dec. 11	8 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 4 p.m.	8-9:15 TTh & 3:30-4:45 TTh 10:30 MWF 2:30 MWF CIV 101 Common Final	Tuesday, Dec. 15	8 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	8:30 MWF 11-12:15 TTh 1:30 MWF	Saturday	Saturday	Dec. 12
Monday, Dec. 14	8 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	9:30 MWF 11:30 MWF 12:30-1:45 TTh	Wednesday, Dec. 16	8 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	9:30-10:45 TTh 12:30 MWF 2-3:15 TTh	Monday	Monday p.m.	Dec. 14
			Thursday, Dec. 17	8 a.m. 10:30	7:30 MWF & 4:30 MWF 3:30 MWF	Tuesday	Tuesday p.m.	Dec. 15
						Wednesday	Wednesday p.m.	Dec. 16
						Thursday	Thursday p.m.	Dec. 17

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Dec. 12 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Dec. 17 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

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OnCampus

Milk campaign offers summer internship

"Rolling Stone" and the Milk Mustache Campaign are sponsoring a contest for students to increase milk consumption on their college campuses through an event, ad campaign or any creative promotional idea that showcases their marketing skills. Four contest winners will receive an internship at "Rolling Stone."

The details of the competition will be announced in the college section of "Rolling Stone"'s year-end double issue.

The objective is to use existing materials and suggested tactics to exhibit skill at executing a program, driving results and showcasing success. Winners will be awarded the internship based on the ability to fulfill a program within these guidelines.

All entries must be received by April 1, 1999, and the four winners will be chosen on May 5. The winners will receive a two-month internship and an apartment in Mecca, NY.

Kentucky Christmas Choir performs in Lexington

The 11th annual Kentucky Christmas Choir will be held at Lexington's Rupp Arena on Dec. 16 at 7:30 p.m.

The Lexington Philharmonic will provide the music and the Lexington Singers will help lead the audience in singing favorite holiday carols.

Volunteers are needed to help coordinate the event by acting as greeters, ushers and performing other tasks. A training session will be held the night of the event. Volunteers will receive a box dinner and a Kentucky Christmas Chorus T-shirt.

For more information about the event or to volunteer, phone (606) 258-3026.

Holiday favorite comes to Louisville

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," will be held in the Bomhard Theater at the Kentucky Center for the Arts through Sunday. It is recommended for ages seven and up.

In the play, the Herdmans are the worst kids in the world. They smoke cigars, bully other kids and steal lunch money and then try to ruin the annual church pageant.

This production will feature more than 30 student actors from all over the Kentuckiana area. Tickets are \$12.90 each and are available by phoning (502) 584-7777. For more information or for school group reservations, phone Stage One at (502) 589-5946.

Briefs compiled by Heather Martin, staff writer

Be of good cheer

Students deck the halls

By JULIE WOLFE
STAFF WRITER

Many people don't decorate residential college rooms and apartments because they don't think they have the room, but even with limited space you can decorate.

"You can put up a slim line tree," Tom Gains, owner of Murray Florist & Gifts, said. "Use lots of lights and try to keep it simple. Maybe get a wreath for the door."

Wal-Mart has sold quite a lot of Christmas decorations this season already, but the biggest seller this year is the curtain or icicle lights.

"We can't keep them on the shelf," Rebecca Wilburn, Wal-Mart associate, said. "The last shipment was 20 cases and we are already out again. They have been our most popular decoration this season."

Gains said the flower shop's biggest seller is centerpieces for tables.

"We sell lots of silk centerpieces and fresh ones, too, closer to Christmas," he said.

Many Murray students who live in the residential colleges decorate for the season.

"We hung tinsel and lights around the door and we have a four-foot tree with lots of presents under it," Emily Bandy, junior from Louisville, said. "If I waited until I got home, there would just be a week until Christmas, so we decorated our dorm room. It was a lot of fun."

Small artificial trees seem to be big sellers with people in apartments and dorm rooms.

"We sell a lot of smaller trees, around three feet tall," Gains said.

Wal-Mart also sold a number of artificial trees after a sale earlier in the season.

Decorations are just one more way of making the holidays brighter.



Students explain how music evokes feelings

By KRISTIN HILL
STAFF WRITER

With Christmas comes many different things, including worshipping Jesus, decorations, dinner parties and gift exchanges. Another aspect that illustrates Christmas is the music that people listen to.

Traditionally, Christmas music tells of the birth of Jesus and the winter season in general. The conventional Christmas songs have been performed over and over again by various artists.

Around Christmas people have their favorite song that they listen to time and time again throughout December. For Sarah Morris, junior from Grand Chain, Ill., that song is Nat King Cole's version of "O Holy Night." She said Christmas music as a whole reminds her of what is important about the holiday season.

"It reminds me about being with my family and the traditions of the holiday," Morris said.

Christopher Kokoski, sophomore from Hopkinsville, considers "Silent Night" his favorite Christmas song because it reminds him of Jesus' birth. He likes Christmas music as a whole because of what it encourages him to think about.

"Christmas music reminds me of my childhood," Kokoski said. "And I try to express a child-like spirit."

Most people tend to listen to Christ-

"Christmas music is seasonal. It is something that people usually don't listen to. It's different"

—VALARIE HANCOCK, CO-OWNER OF
TERRAPIN STATION

mas music the day after Thanksgiving, which is when many stores and restaurants begin playing the holiday sounds over their speakers. There are people that enjoy listening to the "holiday music" all year around, however. Brandon Karstetter, senior from Reedsburg, Wis., is one of these people. He finds peace in listening to the music at any given time.

"I think that it is neat to listen to it anytime because I will listen to it and it will bring around that joyful spirit," he said.

There are both serious and light-hearted reasons to why people enjoy listening to their choice of Christmas music.

Alabama has a Christmas album with "Thistlehair the Christmas Bear" as one of its songs. Sarah Stanton, sophomore from Leitchfield, named this as her favorite song. To her, that song "immortalizes what being a kid at Christmas

feels like."

Andrea Oliver, freshman from Bardwell, said "Jingle Bells" is her favorite Christmas song because it "makes people happy." Oliver, like Karstetter, listens to the holiday music all year because it is "catchy and you remember the words."

Karstetter recognizes his meaning of Christmas in why he chooses to listen to holiday music. His two favorite songs are "Savior's Day" by Chris Eaton and the traditional "Little Drummer Boy."

"I think it is significant because one type of music can mean so many different things to different people," he said. "Christians and non-Christians both listen to that music, but they don't realize some of the songs they are listening to are the gospel."

With the holiday season, there are plenty of new Christmas album releases. Some of the most popular this season are Celine Dion's "These Are Special Times," "Home for Christmas" by N Sync and Mannheim Steamroller's latest album, "The Christmas Angel."

Ann McKeel, assistant manager of New Life Christian Bookstore, which also sells music, said Michael W. Smith's new release, "Christmas Time," has been a frequently requested album. Another new release that seems to be popular is "Celtic Christmas," which features praise and worship music by Eden's Bridge.

She also named several albums from past years, including those by Amy Grant, Rebecca St. James, Steven Curtis Chapman and Ray Boltz, as selections that her customers wanted.

Marty Barrows, a clerk at Sunset Boulevard Music, said he has noticed Celine Dion and Vince Gill's new Christmas albums selling well this holiday season. Also, Mannheim Steamroller continues to be a favorite, releasing a fourth album. Barrows said the group's past three are still big sellers, though.

Classic Christmas artists, such as Nat King Cole and Bing Crosby, still sell albums because of the tradition they carry with them, Barrows said.

"It is just really good music that has sold well in the past and continues to," he said.

Terrapin Station has noticed some different trends. Diana Krawll, a jazz artist, released a new album that has sold well, Valerie Hancock, co-owner of the store, said. She has also seen an increase in the request for Motown Christmas music, including Al Green, the Temptations and "Motown Christmas," which is a collection of songs performed by various artists.

"Christmas music is seasonal," Hancock said. "It is something that people usually don't listen to. It's different."

Seasonal or not, it illustrates what the holiday is about.

Do you resemble a citizen of Whoville or the Grinch?

By BRANDI WILLIAMS
COLLEGE LIFE EDITOR

- At the sight of holiday lights do you:
 - Run home and begin dragging out your own decorations
 - Get the urge to run home and drink hot chocolate
 - Curse the blinding spectrums
- When you hear carols in public do you:
 - Run away screaming
 - Hum the song throughout the day
 - Do your own rendition of the song with choreography
- How many times do you watch "It's a Wonderful Life"?
 - 20 times
 - 5 times
 - Never

- Who do you relate to the most in "The Grinch who Stole Christmas"?
 - The dog
 - The Grinch
 - Every Who in Whoville
- When do you do most of your holiday shopping?
 - Dec. 24
 - In July
 - After Thanksgiving
- When you see Salvation Army Santas ringing bells and collecting money on the street corners do you:
 - Wonder where you can sign up
 - Donate your spare change
 - Become tempted to shove that bell down his throat and steal the money

Scoring:

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Too merry to handle • 10 - 12

You find the holiday season synonymous with peace, love, harmony and all that jazz. You are walking in a winter wonderland listening to silver bells and riding in a one-horse open sleigh all through December. Sometimes you can be so blinded by this concept, you don't even realize that some people might not feel the same. So don't be too surprised when someone says they are going to shove a reindeer up your butt.

Moderately festive • 7 - 9

Ahh, normality. You, unlike many others, are not as affected by the immense holiday giddiness that strikes in December. You do your duty. You buy your presents, you send your cards, you might even feel a bit more of the holiday spirit after a couple glasses of egg nog. The basic point is that you know your limits. Don't you wish everyone did.

Scrooge • 0 - 6

You are the type of person who is caught up with the commercialism of the holidays and you are completely missing the spirit. Disregard all of the nonsense and keep telling yourself the holidays are good. Do it before you are visited by the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future.

Originality severely lacking in album

MusicReview

Kyle Shadoan

Celine Dion- "These Are Special Times"

As I walked in the newsroom to do this week's CD review and discovered who the new victim was, I let out a scream in vain to protest the cruel torture that was about to take place. Actually I didn't, but I felt like it. Keeping it all inside, I proceeded saying to myself, "Kyle, before you go bashing something, you must listen to it first." So I put Celine Dion's new Christmas CD, "These Are Special Times," in the player and began to listen. But pretty soon I had to rip it from the CD player because I could take no more.

I scanned through the credits and song titles in the CD booklet while the first song, "O Holy Night," was playing. Except for the twitching in my neck, I was doing all right until I ran into song 13 which was "Happy XMas (War Is Over)."

For those of you not educated in music, it is a John Lennon



Epic records

Dion sings same old songs on her new Christmas album.

song. OK, I understand all the traditional Christmas songs being redone, but you just don't mess with John Lennon's songs. For one, you are not going to do it better than him, so don't even try it. This especially applies to Celine Dion. She may have a great voice range, etc., but that does not make her a goddess. Personally I find her voice very annoying. Secondly, he is John Lennon, he's dead and he is a god.

While we're on cover songs, I

have one other to speak of. She also covers Jose Feliciano's "Feliz Navidad." I only have one thing to say about this; how can a French-Canadian woman sing a Spanish man's song?

The rest of the album continues in this same manner, with cover versions of traditional songs such as "O Holy Night," "Blue Christmas," "Adeste Fideles (O Come All Ye Faithful)" and "The Christmas Song" ("Chestnuts Roasting On An Open Fire.") She also throws in a few original songs, including

a duet with R. Kelly titled "I'm Your Angel."

The only thing I have to say about her Christmas album, "These Are Special Times," is to do more original songs. It seems like everyone and their brother puts out a Christmas album when they become a superstar. I am not even going to start on her other music. I guess if you like her other music, then go for it. You'll probably like her Christmas album. I do want to wish a merry Christmas to everyone, and hopefully you got a good laugh out of this because that is what Christmas is about, having fun.

"These Are Special Times"- D-

Top 5 CDs of the Week

1. No Limit Soldiers Complication - "We Can't Be Stopped"
2. 2 Pac - "Greatest Hits"
3. Metallica - "Garage Inc."
4. Chef Aid - "The South Park Album" and Redman - "Doc's da game"
5. DJ Quik - "Rhythm-al-ism"

Top Country CD

Garth Brooks - "Double Live"

Source: Terrapin Station and Sunset Boulevard Music
John Simanowitz/The News

Week Ahead

Friday, Dec. 11

•AQHA horse show - West Kentucky Exposition Center, 7 p.m. Phone 965-2953 for more information.

•Graduation - Graduating students are to pick up name cards at 6:30 p.m. at tables inside the renovated Fine Arts first floor lobby. Students should be assembled in full academic regalia by 7 p.m. in the renovated Fine Arts Building, Room 2024. The December Commencement and Investiture Ceremony in Lovett Auditorium begins at 7:30 p.m. A reception will immediately follow in Pogue Library.

•Final examinations begin.

Saturday, Dec. 12

•ACT testing - Business Building, Room 452. Phone 762-6851 for more information.

•GRE testing (subjects only) - Business Building, Room 303. Phone 762-6851 for more information.

•Concert - Van Dells, Executive Inn Riverfront, Paducah. Tickets \$13. Phone 443-8000 for more information.

•AQHA horse show - West Kentucky Exposition Center, 7

a.m. Phone 965-2953 for more information.

Sunday, Dec. 13

•Bible study - MCF house, 7 p.m.

•Sunday school - Chi Alpha, Hart lobby, 10 a.m.

•AQHA horse show - West Kentucky Exposition Center, 8 a.m. Phone 965-2953 for more information.

Monday, Dec. 14

•Bible study - Chi Alpha, Hart lobby, 9 p.m.

•Finals continue.

Tuesday, Dec. 15

•Red pin bowling - Curris Center Game Room, 6 to 9 p.m.

•Bible study - Newman House, 5 p.m.

•Nursing home ministry - Chi Alpha house, 6:15 p.m.

•Finals continue.

Wednesday, Dec. 16

•Worship - MCF house, 7 p.m.

•Bible study - Chi Alpha, Curris Center Theater, 7 p.m.

•Finals continue.

Thursday, Dec. 17

•Finals end.

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Creativity noted

Talent recognized on campus

BY KRISTIN HILL
STAFF WRITER

"Notations," a student journal, could be the answer for students looking to publish some of their writing or artwork.

This is an annual publication of short stories, poetry, non-fiction essays, prints, photographs and pen and ink line drawings sponsored by the department of English and the College of Humanistic Studies. "Notations" is considered an academic, literary and artistic journal, Lori Montgomery, managing editor, said.

"Notations" is currently accepting entries for the 1999 issue in all the previously mentioned categories.

"We have been successful in getting short stories and poet-

ry, but could really use more non-fiction essays," she said.

"Notations" is a juried journal, meaning when a piece is submitted it goes before a jury that decides whether it should be published or not. Montgomery said the jury is composed of four to five student creative writers who have previously been published.

"They look for originality and creativity, obviously," Montgomery, who has the responsibility of coordinating the juries, said. "But the criteria is something that is really difficult to define."

Montgomery said she feels she has gained managerial experience as well as practice working under a deadline. She thinks any student can gain experience from this publication.

"We encourage submissions from anyone, not just English and art majors," she said. "We are striving for a broad variety in our publication."

"Notations" will accept entries for consideration through Jan. 14, and it is asked the author's or artist's name and address be included with all submissions.

Entries should be sent to "Notations," c/o department of English, Murray State University, P.O. Box 9, Murray, Ky. 42071, or brought to the English department on the seventh floor of Faculty Hall.

Anyone interested in more information or a free copy of last year's publication should contact Montgomery at 762-5429.

Churches set holiday activities

BY SUZANNAH STOLL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

'Tis the season for fellowship, fun and giving. Many of the campus ministries and local churches are offering Christmas activities before Murray State students leave for the holiday.

"I am looking forward to sharing in a great time of fellowship with other students," Chris Lawrence, freshman from Vienna, Ill., said.

The following church organizations have many events to offer, and all students are invited to join in the festivities:

•Baptist Student Union — Fellowship at Keith Inman's house Sunday at 7:30 p.m. Directions are available at the BSU.

•First Presbyterian Church — Saturday, helping paint the Habitat House, meet at the church at 9:15 a.m.; Sunday, adult choir cantata; Dec. 20, door-to-door caroling; giving money to the Joy Gift (helps support retired ministers); putting money on the Buckhorn tree to sponsor 29 children this Christmas season; candlelight communion service Christmas Eve at 7 p.m.

•Murray Christian Fellowship-Christmas party tonight at 8 at the campus house at 1508 Chestnut St.; caroling at Fern Terrace Nursing Home. Meet at 6 p.m. at the campus house.
•New Life Christian Center — Old-fashioned

“ Christians need to be reminded that Jesus is the reason for the season ”

—ANN MARIE MONTGOMERY, CO-PASTOR OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

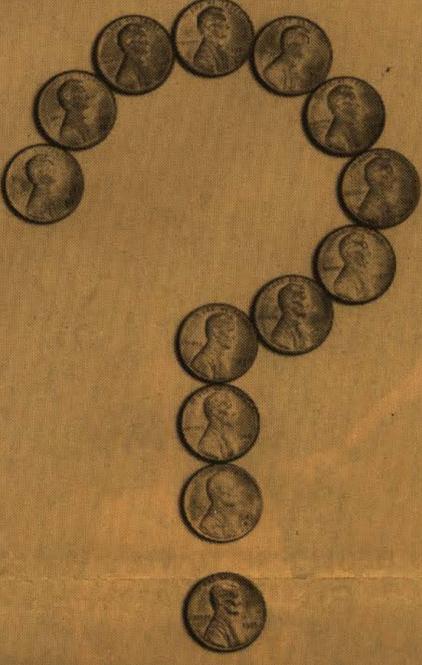
Christmas movies 6 tonight in the Curris Center Theater. Admission is free; Dec. 19 caroling. Meet at 16th and Ryan. Snacks and fellowship will follow.

•Newman House — Bible study Tuesday night at 5.

•United Methodist Campus Fellowship — Participating in Toy Closet for Kids; providing overseas relief to Hurricane Mitch victims; Vespers at 10 p.m. Sunday through Wednesday; Communion at 7 a.m. Friday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

•University Church of Christ — Adopting families in the Murray area through Family Resource Center.

"Christians need to be reminded that Jesus is the reason for the season," Ann Marie Montgomery, co-pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, said. "It does not stop there; we are supposed to spread it throughout the year."



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Sports Briefs

Murray State tied for All-Sports lead

The Murray State football Racers' second place finish in the Ohio Valley Conference this season has earned MSU a first place tie in the OVC All-Sports standings for men's competition.

MSU is currently tied with Eastern Illinois via its 14 points garnered by the cross country team and the 13 points attained by the football squad for a total of 27 points.

In women's competition, MSU is currently in sixth place with 21 points.

The All-Sports trophy is awarded to the school that demonstrates the strongest men's and women's athletic programs in conference competition.

Racers now hold longest home streak

The Murray State Racers now hold the longest home winning streak in Division I basketball.

The Racers defeated Hanover College 69-58 in the Regional Special Events Center Tuesday night to run their streak to 32 games.

The former longest home winning streak belonged to Kansas University, who lost to Iowa 85-81 Tuesday night, snapping its 62-game home winning streak.

The Racers' streak started on Nov. 23, 1996, against Belmont University. The Racers' last home loss came against Austin Peay on Feb. 26, 1996.

Briefs are compiled by Eddie Grant, sports editor.

Sportlight

Monika Gadson, Duane Virgil

Monika Gadson and Duane Virgil are in the Racer Sportlight this week.

Gadson, junior from Birmingham, Ala., recorded a double-double in the Lady Racers' 87-73 win over Morehead State. Gadson got a career-high 24 points and 13 rebounds in the Lady Racers' first victory of the season.

Virgil, junior from Port of Spain, Trinidad, scored 22 points, a career high, and grabbed nine rebounds in the Racers' 69-58 victory over Hanover College Tuesday night.

Sports Trivia

Don't drop the ball

Which team holds the NFL mark for fewest fumbles in a season?

Hint: This occurred in 1959.

Answer: The Cleveland Browns had only eight fumbles in that year, but then it was only a 12-game season.

Source: ESPN

Lady Racers earn first victory

By EDDIE GRANT
SPORTS EDITOR

After coming off a loss to Eastern Kentucky, the MSU Lady Racers went into the game against Morehead State Monday night without a win. When they started back on the five-hour trip, they were bringing it home.

Murray's 87-73 victory over Morehead State brought some much needed light to a dark start of the season. The Lady Racers, 1-6 overall, are now split in conference contests with a 1-1 record.

"When you come out of a road trip like that with a split, you feel pretty good," Lady Racer Head Coach Eddie Fields said. "The girls played really well, like a solid group against Morehead."

Not only did the women get their first win, but they also showcased their best overall team performance, as the Lady Racers' 87 points was the highest tally through the first seven games this year. Additionally, the game saw many individual accomplishments.

Murray had five players with double-digit point totals, includ-

ing Monika Gadson, sophomore forward from Birmingham, Ala., who had a career and game-high 24 points, while pulling down 13 rebounds. Senior forward Bobbi Coltharp from Mayfield put in 15 points and Danielle Watts, junior forward from Detroit, added 14 points.

In addition, Watts 18 rebounds tied her for the highest number of rebounds in a game by any MSU player since Stephanie Minor got 18 in a game against Southeast Missouri State in 1996.

Fields believes one of the keys to the game was an adjustment

he made before the contest began.

"We started a different lineup than we usually do in this game," Fields said. "This change worked well for us, and we may use it in more games down the road."

The Lady Racers will try to get a winning streak going as they play their first home game of the year this weekend. On Saturday, the Lady Racers will play host to St. Louis University in a game that gets underway at 7:30 p.m.

This game is something Fields has mixed feelings about.

"This game will be a little different for us since we haven't had a home regular season contest yet," Fields said.

"We are excited to come back from the road, but it will still be a new and different place for us to play in. In short, this will be a new experience for us."

This game will be the team's last home contest until a four-game homestand gets underway Jan. 2, when they face Tennessee Tech. Then they will play Middle Tennessee State Jan. 4, the University of Tennessee-Martin Jan. 9 and Morehead State Jan. 12.

Racers 7-0 with win over Hanover

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By JASON BILLINGSLEY
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

After a very successful 'Death Valley' road trip last weekend, the Murray State Racers hosted Division III opponent Hanover College Panthers Tuesday night at the Regional Special Events Center.

The Racers entered the game 6-0 and were ranked third overall in the nation, behind Maryland and Duke, according to the computer power ranking system done by Jeff Sagarin. Sagarin does NCAA computer rankings for both basketball and football.

The Racers got an unexpected shock before Tuesday's game, the first meeting between the two schools. Freshmen Blair Hogg and David Greene officially quit the Racer basketball team to pursue other interests.

Hanover came out with a slower tempo against the Racers because of the size advantage the Racers had over the Panthers. The Panthers' offense was similar to a spread offense used by Division I schools such as Princeton and Temple.

The Racers' guards were thrown out of sync by the Panthers' defense, as their guards put defensive pressure on the Racers' outside attack. Racer forward Rod Murray and guard Marlon Towns were held scoreless in the first half on a combined 0-4 shooting from the field, including three missed three-point attempts. Racer point guard Aubrey Reese could only get six points against the Panthers in the first half.

Racer Head Coach Tevester Anderson said he was disappointed in his team's reaction to the Panthers' style of play.

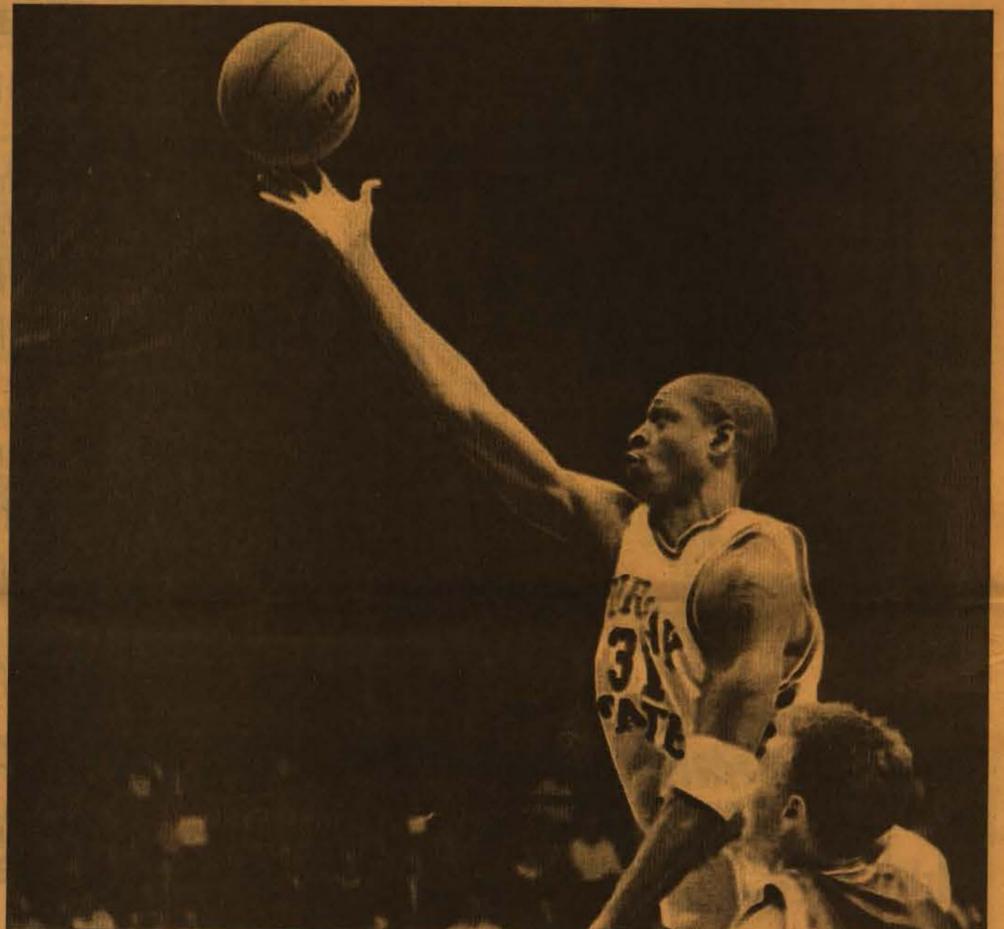
"They held the ball against us on every possession and threw us off our rhythm," Anderson said. "We really didn't respond the way I wanted to tonight."

"Marlon and Rod really struggled tonight," Anderson said. "Aubrey was also a little bit off his usual rhythm. That's what happens when your team gets thrown off its rhythm, it causes your players to adjust to the tempo change."

The two men who took up the slack for the Racers in the first half were Duane Virgil and Isaac Spencer. Virgil had 15 points and four rebounds in the first half alone, while Spencer added nine points for the Racers.

Hanover had a balanced attack in the first half, led by its two main threats, point guard Kevin Klein and forward Greg Lorenzi, who had seven and five points respectively for the Panthers. This led to a halftime score of 34-23 in favor of MSU.

The second half was similar to the first, with the two Racer big men leading the Racers to a 69-58 victory. Virgil finished the contest with 22 points, a new career high, and nine rebounds for Murray State. Spencer



Danny Vowell/The News

Murray State forward Isaac Spencer lays the ball in for two of his 22 points in the Racers' 69-58 win over Hanover College. The win puts the Racers, ranked third in the Sagarin Computer Rankings, at 7-0 this season.

also finished with 22 points and added five rebounds for the Racers. Reese was the only other Racer in double figures, with 13 points.

Hanover was led by Lorenzi with 21 points and five rebounds and Klein with 12 points and six rebounds.

The Panthers' defense held the Racers to their worst three-point shooting of the season, as the Racers shot 2-17 from downtown in the contest. The Racers made up for their poor three-point percentage by shooting 53.8 percent from the field overall, mostly on second chance shots by Virgil and Spencer.

Virgil said he wasn't expecting such a big scoring game for himself.

"I wasn't counting on such a great shooting night for myself," Virgil said. "I always try to practice and play at the best of my ability to help our team win games. I'm happy that I played the best I could tonight, but you can't live in the past. We have to rebound from this game and get ready for Alabama State."

The Racers' next game will take place this weekend at Montgomery, Ala., when they face Alabama State Saturday at 8 p.m.

Stumped for gift? How about a video game?

It's time for the holiday shopping season, and you may be wondering what to buy that sports fan for Christmas. If that particular fan has a Sony Playstation, your problem is solved.

The Sony Playstation lineup this season has several excellent sports games in every imaginable sport available for purchase.

Football is the king of sports right now, whether your preference is pro or college. There are two major contenders in both types of football for your purchase. EA Sports has "Madden NFL 99" and "NCAA Football 99" going up against "NFL Gameday 99" and "NCAA Gamebreaker 99" from 989 Studios, the game-making division of Sony, battling for your purchase.

Both companies' games have different features to attract football gaming fans. Both EA Sports entries have a feature in



Sports Talk

JASON BILLINGSLEY

their games called franchise mode. This mode lets you play multiple seasons and undergo recruiting and drafts after each season. You can even import created players from "NCAA 99" into "Madden 99" to be drafted. "NCAA 99" and "Madden 99" also feature custom playbooks where teams select plays from different offensive and defensive sets.

"Gameday 99" and "Gamebreaker 99" have better graphics and sound than the EA Sports football titles, because of having a one-year edge on using polygon characters in their foot-

ball games. "Gameday 99" and "Gamebreaker 99" also have more fluid announcing, with Dick Enberg and Phil Simms for "Gameday" and Keith Jackson for "Gamebreaker."

For those people wondering which football titles to buy, I would suggest either to rent the games first or to go with the series you previously owned. The differences in the two games are very minute, and only the player of the game can decide for himself or herself which title is better.

On the basketball front, the best game now available for purchase is "NBA Live 99" from EA Sports. This game features new player reactions and better graphics and simulation than previous games. This game will probably be the closest you can get to real NBA action this year.

If you like your sports action on ice, EA Sports and 989 Studios once again have your backs

covered. "NHL 99" from EA Sports and "NHL Faceoff 99" from 989 Studios are the two main contenders for your hockey dollar. The "NHL" series has been the king of hockey in previous years, but a decrease in the quality of the graphics has given the "Faceoff" series serious consideration for #1 hockey title. I still give "NHL" the overall nod as best hockey game because of its better game play and simulation style, but "NHL Faceoff 99" is a very good alternative.

Even though baseball is not a winter sport, you may still have to buy a baseball game for that sports game fan on your Christmas list. If that's the case, I would give the recommendation to EA Sports' "Triple Play 99." It features the best graphics, game play and commentary of any baseball title ever.

Racing fans have two games they should own. 989 Studios "Gran Turismo" is the best dri-

ving simulation ever, period. The incredible graphics are only surpassed by the number of cars in the game, more than 160 real cars from real manufacturers.

If you want to race with real drivers, however, "NASCAR 99" from EA Sports is the only NASCAR title available, but it is a great game in itself. It features all the real NASCAR tracks, except for Daytona. It also has 31 current drivers, and five hidden legend drivers.

The Sony Playstation once again has proven itself to be the king of sports video games. There are many other titles for other sports, not mentioned here. Just go to any video game retailer and look at the games available for purchase. Merry Christmas to all and pass the sports games, please.

Jason Billingsley is the assistant sports editor for "The Murray State News."

Two players leave Racers

STAFF REPORT

Two members of the Murray State men's basketball team decided to leave the team, Head Coach Tevester Anderson announced this week.

Freshmen Blair Hogg, a 6-foot-1-inch guard from Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, and David Greene, a 6-foot-five-inch forward

from Murray, both met with Anderson earlier this week to discuss their decisions.

"Blair expressed concern about our situation at the point guard position," Anderson said. "David and I met and he told me he was going to take some time off and consider his basketball future."

Greene was a redshirt freshman who has only been with the team for

two weeks.

Anderson said Blair has withdrawn from Murray State and has decided to return to Canada and rejoin his AAU team where he can gain more experience and exposure. Anderson said he plans to continue his college career at a later date.

Neither Hogg or Greene have seen any playing time in any of the Racers' seven victories this season.

Track teams compete in first indoor meet

STAFF REPORT

Members of the Murray State track teams took part in their first indoor meet of the year when they competed in the Middle Tennessee State Indoor last weekend.

The men's team out-performed squads from Vanderbilt, Tennessee State

and Western Kentucky, but fell short of host MTSU.

The women weren't able to fare as well, as they couldn't overcome the other four teams in the competition.

Individually, David Bowerbox won the men's pole vault, clearing a height of 18-feet-6-inches.

Fellow Racer Jason Sponser placed second in the pole vault after clearing the same height. Anthony Jett also placed fifth in the 200-meter dash.

For the women, Stanshaw Cornelius placed tenth in the long jump with a distance off 14-feet-11-inches, Kylee Lyon got fourth in shot put with a

distance of 37-feet-5 and one-half inches and Amy Williams finished eighth in the same event with a distance of 36-feet-4-inches.

The Racers' next competition will be Southern Illinois University's Saluki Boosters Invitational, in Carbondale, Ill., on Jan. 16.

Pro Predictions

PHILADELPHIA vs Arizona	Yickett	Eddie Grant	Jason Billingsley
NEW ORLEANS vs Atlanta	Philadelphia 6	Arizona 6	Arizona 7
GREEN BAY vs Chicago	Atlanta 7	Atlanta 7	Atlanta 6
INDIANAPOLIS vs Cincinnati	Green Bay 10	Green Bay 7	Green Bay 13
NEW YORK GIANTS vs Denver	Indianapolis 14	Indianapolis 6	Cincinnati 3
ST. LOUIS vs New England	Denver 23	Denver 20	Denver 21
BUFFALO vs Oakland	New England 17	St. Louis 6	New England 10
TAMPA BAY vs Pittsburgh	Buffalo 11	Buffalo 7	Buffalo 10
JACKSONVILLE vs Tennessee	Tampa Bay 4	Pittsburgh 3	Tampa Bay 7
CAROLINA vs Washington	Jacksonville 10	Tennessee 3	Jacksonville 7
SEATTLE vs San Diego	Carolina 6	Washington 6	Carolina 8
KANSAS CITY vs Dallas	Seattle 2	San Diego 6	Seattle 7
BALTIMORE vs Minnesota	Dallas 3	Dallas 7	Dallas 6
MIAMI vs New York Jets	Minnesota 15	Minnesota 10	Minnesota 17
ST. FRANCISCO vs Detroit	Miami 3	New York Jets 6	Miami 7
*Home teams capitalized	Detroit 3	San Francisco 7	San Francisco 10
Records thus far	121-59	114-66	110-70
Last week	11-4	9-6	11-4

LEAGUE STANDINGS THROUGH WEEK 14

AFC		NFC	
EAST	CENTRAL	EAST	CENTRAL
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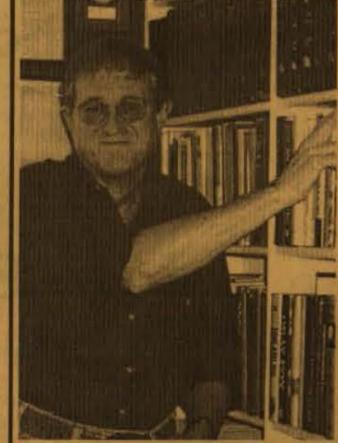
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don't have a correct answer for that, because I don't know."

Clark residents can still go to RCA meetings, Hefner said, but they will not have a vote during the meet-

ings.

"The RCA meetings are still open, so anybody from this college can go if they want," she said. "We just won't have a vote or a say so in their proceedings."

RCA President Tom Holcomb was unavailable for comment.

FACULTY

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a union and, in his opinion, the majority would not favor negotiating with a union.

Landini said the faculty members were "extremely disturbed" by his statements but noted his comments were not representative of the individual Regents.

"Mr. Easley's comments were his

own," Landini said. "No other Regent spoke about the union. There was no formal vote taken (concerning the Board's actions toward the union) and so it will be difficult to forecast the University's response."

Terry Strieter, chairman of the Murray Alliance of College Educators, concurred.

"We're still hopeful we can continue dialogue, especially if other

regents are not as adamant of no negotiations with or no recognition of the faculty union, and it may be just the case," Strieter said.

"The faculty still want to keep the communication open," Strieter said. "We are still hopeful that despite the wall Kern Alexander and Sid Easley threw up against our organization at the end of the Board of Regents meeting, we can still maintain a dialogue with them."

Landini's attitude toward at least one administration member was also positive.

"I hope that faculty realize there is at least one member of the Board (Philip Lanier) who has been appointed by the governor to listen to faculty ... and it just takes one person to bring about powerful changes," Landini said.

Easley is vacationing in Europe and unavailable for comment.

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