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Law opens door for restricted 'wet/dry' vote

STUDENTS CAN VOTE IN THE MURRAY **ELECTION IF** THEY CHANGE THEIR REGISTRATION BY OCT. 9.

BY JASON YATES EDITOR IN CHIEF

After a 12-year hiatus from Murray, the "wet/dry" issue has reemerged, and it seems inevitable it will grace the Nov. 7 ballot.

In April, the 2000 Kentucky General Assembly passed Senate Bill 247, which creates an option for any city or county in Kentucky to allow, but limit, alcohol sales in restau-

qualify to sell liquor by the drink if they have a seating capacity of 100 and receive at least 70 percent of their revenue from food sales.

The first step in bringing the issue to a vote is obtaining signatures from 25 percent of the voters who participated in last November's election. In the 1999 election, 1,420 voters within city limits voted, which means 355 signatures must be recorded and submitted to the

Under the law, restaurants would county clerk's office by the Sept. 8 be much more difficult to gather much to gain from a yes vote. filing deadline.

Mike Cowen, spokesman for the Restaurant Referendum Committee, said his group has already exceeded the required number of signatures, but petitions continue to

Opposition to the imminent "wet/dry" vote is slowly gathering after years of virtual inactivity. Murray-Calloway County Dry League officer John Dale said it will

support against the revised law.

He acknowledges the new possibility is better, but is afraid of what passage might lead to in the future. "I am afraid this is just a step to

unlimited beer outlets and taverns," Dale said. Students are allowed to vote in the election if they establish their

residency in Murray and change their voter registration by Oct. 9.

Cowen said the University has

"We consider Murray State a very strong beneficiary of this law, for both students and the University," he said. "It makes the University more attractive in recruiting efforts

for students and professional staff." Dale said his group will oppose the issue peacefully.

"I understand there are two sides," Dale said. "They have as much right to push their point as we do ours."

THE MURRAY

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TION PLANT.

CITY COUNCIL

Parking Dilemma Construction reduces available number of spaces indy Drennon wasn't happy about the hike from her parking spot to campus Wednesday morning. "It (student parking) just seems like it keeps getting moved back farther," the sophomore from Murray said. She is now questioning her decision to drive instead of walk from her home on Waldrop Drive. While several construction projects will continue to eliminate parking spaces throughout the year, interim Director of Public Safety Mittie Southerland said in the long run new lots will give the University 106 more parking spaces. Numbers of parking spots are continuously fluctuating as construction projects finish and others begin. This week there are 61 fewer spaces than last year. The parking lots near the Special Education Building Please see PARKING/17 Story by Lisa Wheat Photo by Laura Deaton

Plant creates friction between University, community members

BY SHELLEY STREET STAFF WRITER

Murray resident Eva Higgins lives in fear because of Murray State's organic pasteurization plant, but the University is denying the plant is a health risk.

Higgins, 54, has suffered from rheumatoid arthritis since she was 12. A new drug has allowed her to live virtually pain free for the past year, but lowers her immune

"I take Enbrel, which brings my immune system way down, and it could cause respiratory illness," she said. "We're afraid. We don't know what's in the air."

Higgins and other neighbors of the plant, which recycles paper products and manure for use as organic fertilizer, are concerned its emissions might pose health and environmental risks. The concerns led both the Murray City Council and the Calloway County Fiscal Court to send letters to the University this summer, asking it to close or relocate the plant.

The University has responded by denying that the plant produces odors or any type of hazardous emis-

"To date, no problems, minor or otherwise, have been detected, let alone the threat of pollution," said Jim Rudolph, interim director of the School of Agriculture.

Rudolph bases his claims on environmental studies and the lack of complaints reported to the University directly by residents. He said in 13 visits in the last 18 months, the Department of Natural Resources determined that plant emission levels were well below the threshold where it would be considered hazardous.

Rudolph said University officials have repeatedly asked neighbors who detect a problem to notify Public Safety, but no calls have come in so far.

"I think there has been a certain group that has inflamed public opinion, unfortunately ...," he said. "Certain elected officials who have no scientific knowledge have fallen into their trap."

He does not agree with the city and county decisions to request the plant's closure.

He said the cutting-edge technology used at the plant is important and wanted to assure the public of its safe-

"The design that we're performing out there is designed to eliminate any possible toxicology," he said. Keeneland Race Track in Lexington uses the same process successfully, and has a plant six times the size of Murray's, Rudolph said.

Please see ORGANIC/17

The Phi Mu Alpha paddle has been visi-

ble to students on campus for years,

but will be absent for a while

after the fraternity's

disbandment.

Phi Mu Alpha nationals exile chapter from Murray State for hazing violations

BY LISA WHEAT NEWS EDITOR

A wooden paddle with the inscription of the Phi Mu Alpha initials in Greek rests on a file cabinet in Roger Reichmuth's office at the developmental and alumni affairs building.

The paddle is a keepsake of the music fraternity and his years of involvement, which began

Once a visible sign of Phi Mu Alpha at Murray State, the paddle will fade away with the fraternity itself after the national organization ordered its expulsion from the University this summer.

Against the requests of University officials, the Phi Mu Alpha nationals shut down the fraternity's Murray State chapter on the basis that it violated hazing policies.

Reichmuth, along with Vice President of Student Affairs Don Robertson and chair of the music department Brian Runnels, attended the Phi Mu Alpha national convention in Dallas to appeal the decision, but their efforts did not influence the national organization.

"We didn't feel what they (the fraternity) did merited suspension immediately without allowing us the chance to help the group change," Robertson said.

James Morris, executive director for the the Evansville-based Phi Mu Alpha national office, said the fraternity did not give the Murray State chapter the option to change because members knew they violated policy at the time of the act.

"The story begins before they were caught,"

Runnels said the concerns of the national organization included an annual music recital at which those pledging for fraternity membership wore a blindfold.

"It was done to have pledges have to rely on their ears to focus on the music," Runnels said. Carrying around the wooden paddle violates

Murray State polibut cies, was permitted Phi Mu Alpha

and is practiced by other chapters.

Reichmuth said the paddle is crafted by the prospective member,

who obtains signatures from other members and alumni of the music fraternity. He was

Please see PHI MU ALPHA/17

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National Scouting Museum will close

relocate this fall because of low attendance in recent

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Sports Editor Jason Billingsley gives safety tips after totaling his car in an accident.

PAGE 9 Freshmen,

feeling a little lost? Check out the "Freshman

15" for some hints on surviving your freshman year.

Coach Joe Pannunzio looks to lead the Racers on the "Road to the Ring." Check out the offensive and defensive previews inside.

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Campus Briefly

Rain

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Low: 69 Tuesday: Partly cloudy High: 91 Low: 68 Wednesday: Partly cloudy High: 88

Source: Weather channel

Student seminar explains Internet stock market

The Center for Economic Education invites teachers in grades five through 12 to attend a weekly workshop where they can learn to play the Internet stock market game.

Teachers will be introduced to an innovative program of teaching aids that will show students how to ride the stock market waves in their own classrooms.

The Stock Market Game Worldwide workshop will be held Tuesday from 4 to 7 p.m. at Marshall County High School.

The Internet game is a 10-week interdisciplinary trading activity that is offered to students during the fall and spring.

When trading begins, students invest a hypothetical \$100,000 in common stocks.

They form investment teams and work cooperatively to research companies online, select profitable stocks, buy and sell online and make ongoing decisions about their portfolios.

Participants compete for statewide and regional prizes.

For more information or to register for the workshop, contact Barry Brown at 762-4277 or Janice Vaughn at (270) 395-4977.

One-week grace period over for campus parking tickets

Public Safety resumed parking enforcement Thursday morning. Fire lanes and handicapped spaces are enforced all day, year-round.

Paducah celebrating women conference begins Tuesday

The Rape Crisis Center and Women Aware are sponsoring "Celebrating Women: A Conference for Women, About Women" at Madison Hall in Paducah on

Stress management, women's health and financial planning will be discussed.

For more information or to make reservations, contact Kelly Workman at the Rape Crisis Center at 534-4422 or Kathy Jones at Women Aware at 443-6001. RSVPs should be received today.

Best-selling finance author speaks at Murray State

Dave Ramsey, best-selling author of "Financial Peace," will speak in Lovett Auditorium on Sept. 14 from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 for the public and \$2 for students with a Racercard. For more information, phone 762-

Online associate degree available in Kentucky

The Kentucky Community College and Technical System and the Kentucky Virtual University announced this month that students will be able to complete an associate of arts degree entirely via the Internet.

The degree focuses on a business curriculum and is designed to transfer to bachelor's degree programs in business offered by Kentucky universities.

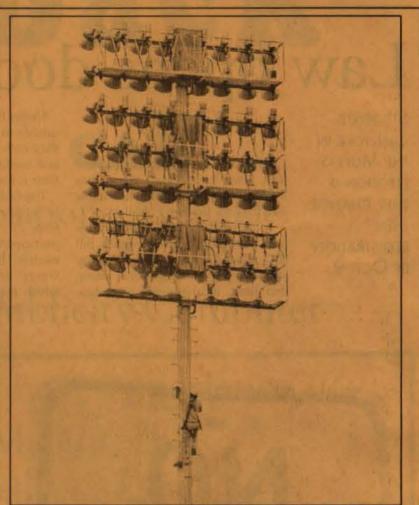
"We live in a 24-hour-a-day society, and our colleges must accommodate the busy lifestyles of today's students," KCTCS President Michael B. McCall said. "This online degree will enable us to deliver a quality education whenever and wherever a student needs

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Students may enroll at their local community or technical college, which will provide support services such as financial aid and advising.

For more information, phone (877) 740-4357.

Briefs are compiled by Assistant College Life Editor Brandi Williams.



Ryan Brooks/The News

Way up there: Patrick Rickard of Madisonville's William B. Groves Construction climbs to meet co-worker Harlan Gipson. The pair were performing an annual check on the 1000-watt bulbs that illuminate Roy Stewart Stadium.

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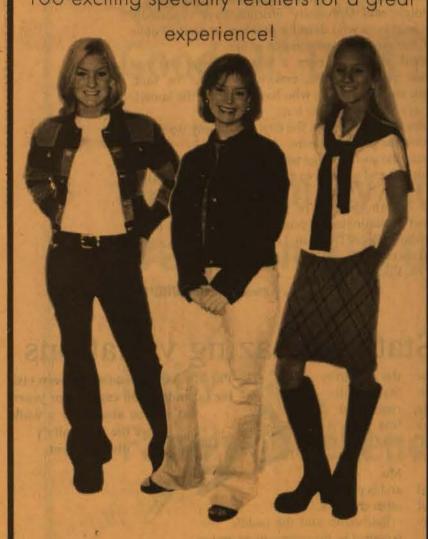
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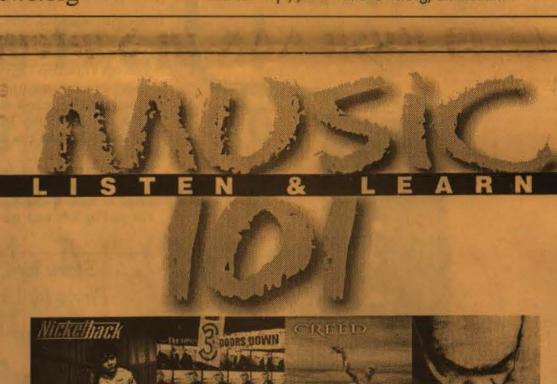
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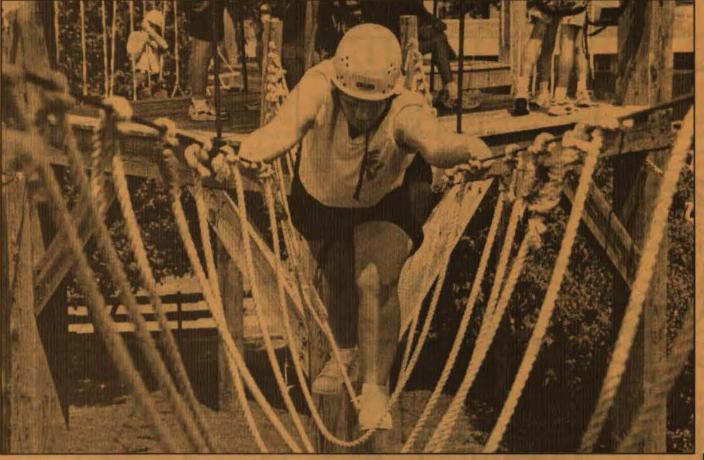
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Rvan Brooks/ The News Freshman Danielle Parker of Evansville, Ind. inches across the rope bridge at the **National Scouting** Museum on Aug. 17. The obstacle and high ropes course will remain in Murray after the museum relo-



Scouting museum to relocate

COST OF MAINTAINING MUSEUM IN RECENT YEARS **EXCEEDED ITS** PROFIT FOR **BOY SCOUTS** OF AMERICA.

BY MARCI OWEN CONTRIBUTING WRITER

After 15 years in Murray, the Boy Scouts of America are scouting for a new location for their museum.

The National Scouting Museum's last day as a tourist attraction in Murray will be Nov. 30.

The cost of maintaining the museum was exceeding its profit, according to a BSA press release.

University President Kern Alexander said he is sorry to lose the museum, but attendance indicated it was not a major factor for the town or Uni-

"When it was first brought here, the centrate on special events for now.

Boy Scouts and people of Murray thought it could attract 100,000 visitors yearly, but it didn't pull the traffic of the tourist trade," Alexander

Sid Easley, Board of Regents chairman and museum board member, said the lack of attendance was not just a recent problem, but had been below expectations since the opening of the museum.

Murray Tourism Commission Director Judy Gargus said while the Murray Tourism Commission is brainstorming on other ways to attract more tourists, it plans to con-

"Murray has special-event driven tourism," Gargus said. "MSU events and things like that are what packs hotel rooms."

Many students said they had never been to the museum and were not aware of the closing.

"I don't think that it appeals to many people my age," Wayne Watson, freshman from Paris, said. "I didn't know that it was relocating."

Michael West, junior from Marshall County, said he knew the museum was relocating. Although he said the museum was not of any interest to him now, he had been there with his Cub Scout troop years ago.

Police Beat

MONDAY, AUG. 21

9:03 a.m. Several people were stuck on the elevator near the eighth floor of the Doyle Fine Arts building. 4:13 p.m. People were stuck on the elevator in Hart College 5:16 p.m. Vehicles were parked on

7:23 a.m. Skateboarders were reported to be on campus in the

7:33 p.m. A bicycle theft was reported at Springer College.

TUESDAY, AUG. 22

12:43 a.m. Fire alarm sounded and was reset in the Business Building. 8:55 a.m. Alcohol was reported in the lobby of Elizabeth College. 8:56 a.m. A fire extinguisher was missing in Hester College. 10:44 a.m. An officer made a traffic stop in Ordway parking lot. 2:52 p.m. An officer made a traffic stop at Olive and 16th Streets. 9:48 p.m. A fire alarm sounded at

Richmond College.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 23

10:05 a.m. A student passed out for a couple of minutes at Richmond

3:38 p.m. A tire was reported to be

10:08 p.m. Vehicles were reported to be parked in the Quick Lube lot.

THURSDAY, AUG. 24

12:34 a.m. A student was stuck in the north elevator of the Applied Science Building.

2:39 a.m. A fire alarm sounded at White College. It turned out to be

Racer Escorts - 5 **Motorists Assists - 0**

Police Beat is compiled by News Editor Lisa Wheat from materials provided by Public Safety. All dispatched calls are not necessarily listed.

Walker trial on schedule; Ward to resign Oct. 31

STAFF REPORT

Commonwealth Attorney James A. Wethington of Owensboro was named the new prosecutor in the Hester College fire trial this summer. He replaces Mike Ward, who said Wednesday the trial is still could be called as a witness in the

The trial is scheduled to begin Oct. 2.

It was also announced Wednesday that Ward will resign from his Commonwealth Attorney position

Jerry Walker, of Mayfield, will ignation.

be prosecuted for murder and arson in the trial. The September 1998 fire resulted in the death of Murray State student Michael Minger of Niceville, Fla.

Richard Null, Walker's attorney, scheduled to begin Oct. 2, despite previous reports the trial could be delayed because of the change in prosecutors.

Ward was defeated in the May primary for commonwealth attorney by Cynthia Cook, who will assume Ward's role upon his res-



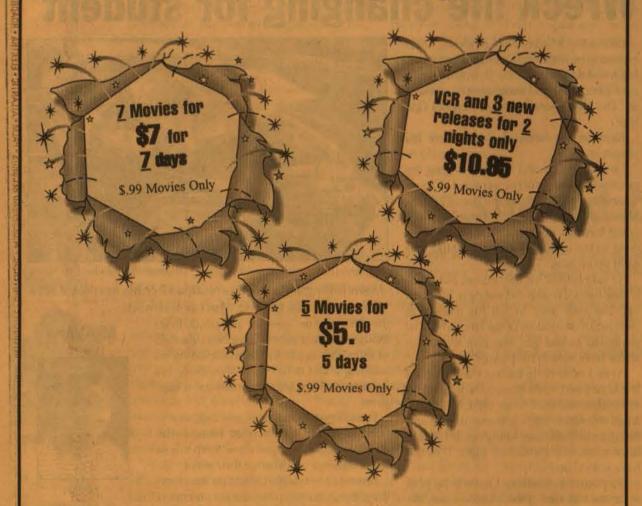
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VIEWPOINT EDITOR: LORGE STARK

Question of the Week

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"MORE SLEEP. LESS CLASSES."



"IT'S BEEN PRETTY GOOD SO FAR."



"MORE PARKING AND BETTER FOOD IN LUNCHROOM."



JENNIFER PAYNE Freshman, Clinton

"NOT HAVING 2 O'CLOCK IN

TO GET UP FOR A FIRE ALARM AT MORNING."

Murray State students have experienced for years might soon be fading into the sunset. Soon, students might have the opportunity to wet their whistle with alcoholic beverages without spiring over the summer, having to cross the state line

The anguishing thirst

Puryear, Tenn. law allowing cities or counties to conduct a local- should be the easiest and option election deciding if least pondered of "Decision alcohol can be served by the Day 2000" issues. drink in eligible restaurants

second

ror with the Restaurant Referendum Committee, stating it already has obtained the necessary signatures on petitions to place the issue ever in this election. on the Nov. 7 ballot.

View Point

Al Gore vs. George W. Bush.

students have more of a reainto the paradise known as son than ever to put down time. the remote control and get The passage of an April to the voting booths on Nov. an option. 7, but the "wet/dry" issue

opened the initial window. race between George W. hurdle Bush and Al Gore is shapappears already toppled ing up to be one of the closand is in the rearview mir- est in years. Seemingly

every day, one will leapfrog that each candidate stands old cliche "every vote who you would want to counts" might be truer than lead the nation. Make a

Students at the polls?

'Wet/dry' vote not the only issue at the polls

With all these events tran- demographic have been the most notorious no-shows when it comes to election

this fall's election because of the "wet/dry" vote need tive act will take place. to take at least 15 minutes a This year's presidential day to read a newspaper, stronger; however, the watch TV

Learn about the issues Bud Light.

the other in the polls. The for and make a choice about more educated decision Students in the college age than heads for Gore, tails for Bush.

If students go to the county clerk's office, driver's license bureau or a voting Indifference should not be registration drive with the intent of registering for the Students participating in sole purpose of the "wet/dry" decision, a posi-

Democracy will become and stay country will grow stronger informed of the presidential if more is on the student voters' minds than Bud or

Our View

ISSUE: THE WET/DRY VOTE IS ON THE BALLOT FOR THE

2000 ELECTION. POSITION: STUDENTS ALSO NEED TO TAKE THE TIME TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES.

"THE WEATHER. IT'S EXTREMELY HOT. I NEED A CAR."

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Hazing policy should apply to all organizations

Our View ISSUE: THE UNIVERSITY HAS AVIDLY SUPPORTED PHI MU ALPHA SINCE THE MUSIC FRATERNITY WAS DISBANDED **BECAUSE OF** HAZING CHARGES.

POSITION: HAZING IS AGAINST MURRAY STATE POLICY. THE UNIVERSITY SHOULD NOT TREAT ONE **ORGANIZATION** ANY DIFFERENTLY FROM ANOTHER.

A quick check of the newsroom's venerable Webster's Third New International Dictionary reveals definition b, numeral two for hazing as the subjecting (as of a freshman or fraternity pledge) to treatment intended to put in ridiculous or disconcerting positi-

Although carrying paddles on campus and blindfolding pledges at an annual recital have been time-honored traditions held by Phi Mu Alpha, they are in violation of Murray State's policy outlawing hazing.

The acts can be considered ridiculous and disconcerting because no student is likely to witness anything like this from another group in public.

We feel University officials may have forgotten the same rules apply to all Greek organizations. If another fraternity were in the same dilemma, would the University be so quick to send school officials to a national convention to back them up?

We are not passing judgement on Phi Mu Alpha, nor are we saying they deserved to be exiled from campus; however, the University needs to treat all organizations equally, and be ready to stand up for the next trou-

Wreck life changing for student

Like many Murray State students, I was excited to be returning to campus last week. My mind danced with the expectations of a new school year and excitement of working at "The News" and living at Regents Col-

lege.

Then, in the blink of an eye, my life almost ended.

I was on my second load of bringing my possessions to Murray, around 1 p.m. Thursday on Ky. 94, when I saw a black Nissan pickup truck in the distance. I kept going forward, not knowing it was stopped dead in the middle of the road until I was right up on him.

He said he had his flashers on, but I didn't see them. He also did not have his hood up. The only way to tell his truck was stopped in the middle of the lane, which he attributed to bad gas, was him waving at traffic from next to his pickup.

When I came up to the truck and realized it was stopped, I saw him on the left and hit the brakes and tried to go right, hitting his truck off-center, flipping it onto its side and doing terrible damage to my car. If I would have gone left, instead of right, I would have killed him.

There are three reasons I know why both of us are still alive. First and foremost, the Lord above saw it fit not to end our lives on Ky. 94 Thursday. Second, the '88 Oldsmobile I was in is built to be a very tough auto-

The third reason, and the reason I had a choice in making, was wearing my seat belt. Even with an air bag, if it had not been for my seat belt, I would have been impaled or sliced open by the hood of my automo-

The reason for this commentary is threefold. First, wearing your seat belt can mean



Jason Billingsley/The News

Jason Billingsley's car was totaled after his near-fatal accident on the way back to Murray last week.

the difference between life and death. Even though different people have been insulted or think I'm stupid for always insisting on wearing a seat belt, I felt I should always wear my seat belt in case the inevitable hap-

Even if you wear your seat belt, everyone has family members or friends who never wear them. Please show them this so hopefully they will change their ways.

Second, always pay attention to everything that is going on in your car and never let your mind drift. It is easier to say than do, but it can save your life and tons of money from damages.

Third, always make sure your stance with your higher power, in my case God, is where it should be, because you never know when your time is up. After this experience, I feel I need to reevaluate my stance with God, before my time truly is up.

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



JASON BILLINGSLEY

"IF I WOULD HAVE GONE LEFT, INSTEAD OF RIGHT, WOULD HAVE KILLED HIM."

Summer pilgrimage proves unfulfilling

I think I have always wanted to be a little more of a spontaneous person. I guess that's why when my friends Beth and Walter concocted the idea to make a "pilgrimage" to the original Steak 'N Shake on a whim, I jumped at the chance to go.

After all, what's the worst that could happen?

First of all, I suppose I should give a little background information as to why Steak 'N Shake was our venue of choice. Almost every day of the past two summers, the three of us have met at Steak 'N evening to enjoy Frisco Melts, Very Berry Cobbler and, of course, milkshakes.

After spending so much time at a certain place, I guess you get a little attached.

So, one crazy night this summer, upon admiring a picture of the original Steak 'N Shake on the back of our beloved menus, we decided to do what no man or woman (to my knowledge, anyway) has done before.

the Frisco Melt in a way that only a true Steakburger deserves: we briefly outlined a travel plan to the first Steak 'N Shake in Nor-

I suppose most normal people would have stopped there. Now that I think about it, most normal people probably wouldn't have had the idea in the first place. But that's clearly beside the point.

Anyway, not only did we decide to trek from Paducah to Normal, Ill., we thought it would be a bright, shiny idea to stop at Shake in Paducah in the late every Steak 'N Shake along the way and eat.

So the morning of the trip, we ate breakfast at the Paducah Steak 'N Shake at 6. We had the car ready to go, complete with the requisite "Steak 'N Shake or Bust" in white shoe polish across the back windshield. We donned our Steak 'N Shake hats and prepared for our road trip.

Enthusiasm was running rampant. When we got on the interstate, the radio blessed us with

We planned to pay homage to "Baby Got Back." Surely that was ence of the Steak 'N Shake sign on a good omen. We drove into Illinois in search of the original Steak 'N Shake and every one in

> We didn't count on having to stop at 10 Steak 'N Shakes. Needless to say, about three hours into the trip, I was feeling a little, um ... full. After four Steak 'N Shakes, the chicken fingers didn't hit the spot like they used to.

> An hour and two Steak 'N Shakes after that, I almost ducked under the table when I saw the waitress bringing out cheese fries and a vanilla coke.

At some point in the blur of Steak 'N Shakes I remember sitting in front of my choice platter and looking across the table at Beth. I made a startling realization. Most 19-year-old females vacation to the beach in the summer. For some crazy reason, we had decided to torture ourselves with Steakburgers for our summer break.

It only got worse. About eight hours into the trip the very presenough to make my stomach turn in protest.

But finally, we reached the 10th Steak 'N Shake in Bloomington, Ill., the last stop before our destination in Normal.

Being less than 30 minutes away from the original Steak 'N Shake lifted our spirits greatly. My stomach almost growled at the thought of having a Frisco Melt from the original Steak 'N Shake. Almost, but not quite.

At approximately 10 p.m., we drove into the parking lot of the original Steak 'N Shake. But for some reason, it was covered with these large brown boards and there was massive construction equipment surrounding the site. It almost seemed as if the original Steak 'N Shake was ... gasp ...

We later found out that the original Steak 'N Shake was condemned and would become a Mike's Pizza in less than six

We decided to go to another the side of the interstate was Steak 'N Shake nearby and get our food in a "Takhomasak." We ate in front of the condemned Steak 'N Shake.

I left a two-dollar tip.

Needless to say, the attitude on the ride home was less than enthusiastic. I don't even think that Sir Mix-A-Lot could have lightened the mood.

I wasn't aware that the "chasing the dream" mantra I had clung to for so long was so highly overrat-

Gus Belt, who founded the great establishment of Steak 'N Shake in 1934, would have rolled over in his grave.

The giddiness I was feeling just a day earlier was just as absent from the original Steak 'N Shake as my beloved Frisco Melt and cheese fries. It was truly a sad tale corporate America.

I think I learned my lesson: So much for spontaneity.

Loree Stark is viewpoint editor for "The Murray State News."

In My **Opinion**



STARK "I DON'T EVEN THINK THAT SIR MIX-A-LOT COULD HAVE LIGHTENED THE

MOOD."

Student reflects over tree's removal as loss of inspiration

In My **Opinion**



RYAN

SHELTON "ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS, I COULD ALWAYS BE FOUND UNDER MY TREE."

we will notice some considerable changes around the University.

With all the campus beautification done over the summer it, would be very

easy to ignore the removal of one tree. The tree of which I speak stood in the Quad outside the newsroom.

It was under that tree that my career as a college journalist began. Each week last semester I would sit under that tree and write my stories and commentaries.

Under that tree I encouraged more students to vote in the Student Government Association elections.

I followed the SGA - Residential College Association merger while leaning against her trunk. I even reported on President Clinton's visit to Kentucky while sitting on the grass there.

I would sit with my dog Bailey or another member of "The News" staff, smoke a cigar and occasionally drink a Heinie (at least until it hit me that you can't have alcohol on campus). We would discuss arena football, how great it is that TVLand now replays the "A-Team" and which decorating style in that month's "Architectural Digest" could best be adapted to a collegian's budget.

At some point I would get around to writing my story, usually about three hours past deadline. Sorry, Yickett.

It was understood that it was my tree. On Wednesday nights I could always be found under my tree.

My tree is now gone. All that remains is a stump. No one even consulted me. It was not replaced with a bench or even another tree, not even a bush or a

I don't feel it was neccessary for the administration to cut down my tree. Maybe it was something I wrote last

It is possible that it was not a Univer- from Owensboro.

As we return to Murray State this fall sity decision at all. I may have offended some horticulture student in some way that led him to take matters into his own hands, at which time he cut down my tree to quench my inspiration. It didn't work.

> I'm not bitter, though. I look past this grave injustice because of the great things that have been done since we were here last.

> The improvements far outweigh the loss of one tree. The residential colleges have great new paint jobs.

> When the Business Building is complete, maybe it won't look like it was designed by Mike Brady. There is new landscaping everywhere, replacing my

Since its removal, numerous friends and colleagues have sent cards and flowers expressing their condolences.

Though I discovered the atrosity in the middle of the summer, I am still suffering from some attachment issues.

I'm sure throughout the year I will write about topics with a little more depth, such as campus politics or the upcoming presidential election. Vote Gore/Lieberman 2000, by the way. I'm sure in some way the Republican Party had something to do with my tree being cut down.

I simply wanted to acknowledge my tree for the last time.

Tree, you will be missed. Now I will have to find a new place to channel my creative energies. The search has begun.

This commentary was written on the benches outside Pogue Library, with Rainey T. Wells looking over my shoulder. It wasn't quite the same

One thing that hasn't changed is that I'm still three hours past deadline. Sorry, Loree.

Ryan Shelton is a freshman finance major

REPUBLICAN DREAMS OF THE POST-DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION SOIREE HEY TIPPER, I'M FEELING A LITTLE TIPSY-WHAT D'YA SAY WE GO BACK TO MY PLACE & THROW ON SOME 2 LIVE CREW?

Academic excellence should be Alexander's top priority

In My **Opinion**



TERRY STRIETER

"HOWEVER, THE ATTENTION TO ACADEMIC **EXCELLENCE** HAS BEEN MAINLY A MATTER OF LIP SERVICE."

over the last six years of his our state. leadership of Murray State considerable academic reputation of our university to promote fund-raising, leverage the Kentucky legislature for new programs and funds and recruit students.

Under the Alexander had some success in expanding enrollment, getting more funds from the legislature and in procuring private funds. However, the attention to academic excellence has been mainly a matter of lip service.

We need a carefully planned and vigorously supported program to recruit and maintain a faculty whose academic repu-

President Kern Alexander University of Kentucky in

It is time the Alexander University has often administration stops using referred to and used the the academic reputation built over many decades before his arrival as president and begins to truly standing.

An opportunity to do this all has arisen with the announcement last week of administration, MSU has a \$3 million dollar unrestricted gift to MSU. These new monies are to be used as "endowments in the best interests of the university in improving academic excellence."

> from the commonwealth of Kentucky under the Kentucky Postsecondary Education Improvement Act of 1997, MSU has a chance to

setting aside a sizable proportion of the new monies for endowed professorships and chairs and other programs to enable faculty members to pursue scholarly endeavors.

When we look at the great build on that significant universities across the United States, we find that they have numerous endowed chairs and profes-

These are positions that bring to a university some of the vigorous faculty members whose reputations in their fields-from chemistry to sociologyreflect either rising stars or With the matching funds already established and well-recognized scholars.

In some cases deserving faculty are promoted from within the university, and in some cases faculty are promote faculty morale and recruited from other uni-

The administration of tation is second only to the dedication to excellence by versities all across the United States. Although the \$6 million dollars now available to the University will not put Murray State in a position to rival Stanford, Vanderbilt, the University of Chicago, Rutgers or Columbia, we can edge our way closer to far larger and well-known universities such as the University of Missouri, the University of Minnesota, the University of Texas and the University of Illinois.

At any rate, we ought to further separate ourselves from other state universities in our region.

The administration has an opportunity to significantly enhance the academic luster of MSU and, in the process, attack the faculty's perception that Alexander cares little for academic excellence other than as

another tool in student summer stipends recruitment.

In virtually all the evaluations of President Alexander by the faculty, he is perceived as a president who ignores the academic side of the University to concentrate only on expanding the University and making it architecturally and aesthetically more presentable.

Although our University may look better than it has in the past, we wonder if more attention should be given to enhancing the faculty's morale by supporting scholarly pursuits.

Endowed chairs and professorships are one way to brighten the faces of the generally overworked and underpaid MSU faculty.

Some of the new funds could also be put toward restoring a true sabbatical program, awarding more tors.

research or teaching innovation programs, supporting faculty exchanges with other universities, reducing teaching loads to enable new or continuing scholarship and endowing travel

There is a host of ways Alexander could promote faculty morale and enhance academic excellence.

If Alexander truly wishes to live up to the lofty words associated with the gift he announced last week, he will assign the bulk of the new monies to support and enhance faculty scholarly activities. In this way he will truly be "improving academic excellence."

Terry Strieter is a professor of history and chair of the Murray Alliance of College Educa-

Crowds flock to new Murray businesses

BY SHELLEY STREET STAFF WRITER

The new Shoppes of Murray has both business owners and customers excited about shop-

Sheryl McClure, associate manager of Cracker Barrel, said she expected big crowds the first few weeks after the store's opening on Aug. 7.

She was right.

More than 25,200 people have visited Cracker Barrel so far.

McClure said one reason for its success is Murray's strong economy, which is the main reason Cracker Barrel corporate officials chose the location.

She said the economy was important because Murray's Cracker Barrel is one of only a handful of off-interstate restaurants in the chain.

"They chose Murray because of the growth and the potential and the University nearby," she

John Williams, director of the Murray-Calloway County Chamber of Commerce, said much of the new business coming to town is result of a planned

Shoppes of Murray

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expansion of U.S. 68/80 north of town. Another favorable factor is that Murray's unemployment rate is less than 3 percent, which means Murray shoppers have more to spend.

"You look at any college community and usually you've got better than average salaries and more disposable income," he

With more than 500 new jobs in Murray within the past year, growth is still on the rise. Shoppes of Murray is one indicator of Murray's continued

"Murray's got a really healthy economy right now, I think," Williams said. "There are a lot of towns our size that don't have this type of facility."

The shopping center occupies a building that stood empty after Wal-Mart expanded into its new SuperCenter two years ago.

"What always concerned me was people sitting over there in that stadium and seeing that empty store," he said.

Now, stores such as Office Depot, Friedman's Jewelers, Dawahares and Fashion Bug fill the space, providing a much more appealing view, he said.

"We're pretty excited around here," Williams said. "We've got some nice stores in there."

Gwenda Wilhelm, graduate student from Almo, said she and her husband have already been enjoying Shoppes of Murray.

"We've been in and out of the stores quite often," she said.

Wilhelm said the businesses fulfill a need for the college pop-

"I think it's a good sign, finally getting something for the kids



Cracker Barrel, located in the new Shoppes of Murray complex, has served more than 25,200 customers since it opened Aug. 7.

who are Murray State University eager shoppers who have been business. students' age so they don't have to go to Paducah," she said. "I think this is wonderful."

Wilhelm is only one of many she's been happy to see all the open the doors."

filling their bags at the newest Murray stores, and Brenda Reed, manager of Radio Shack, said

"It's been really good," she said. "A lot of people had stopped in before we opened. They were just waiting for us to

Flashy Web design greets visitors to University site

NEW DESIGN **OFFERS**

CAMPUS NEWS, CRIME LOG AND GRADUATE BIOGRAPHIES.

BY JOHN K. MOORE CONTRIBUTING WRITER

As some buildings take on a new look around campus, the Murray State Web site is also being revamped. Anyone worldwide who logged on to Murray State's site recently was greeted by a more flashy, colorful and informative

University Web master Tony Powell created a more appealing design aimed at the University's ongoing recruitment.

"President Alexander is adamant for a more consistent look in our

Web site across the board, " he said. "So far, the general reaction from everyone has been positive."

The page, designed for best viewing with Netscape 6 and Internet Explorer 5, adds several features missing from the former page.

Most prominent among the newer features is a mini biography of a prominent Murray State graduate in the upper right corner. A student profile is also included when linking to departmental pages.

"The main intent of the student profiles is to allow potential students a feel for the people, rather

than just buildings," Powell said.

The redesigned Web site gives a scrolling version of campus news and allows users to select interests, which then takes them to department home pages.

The first page to utilize the redesigned look is the crime log, accessible through the Public Safety home page.

"We're required by law to report some things and we update the page at least once a day, or when information needs to be put out," Interim Director of Public Safety Mittie Southerland said. "We will

also show updates of ongoing inves-

Murray State's crime log page can be researched up to four years back.

"If no updates are shown, then nothing has happened related to an investigation," Southerland said.

With all changes, the Murray State home page has an almost unnoticeable glitch Powell has been working to fix. When the page is loading, the script looks for the browser type and version. If it is an older version, the page will begin reloading to match the user's browser.

Other planned changes are tem-

plates for a department's first page and a version of the home page that will load faster with a dial-up con-

"Right now, a dial-up connection with a 56.6 K modem is about 22 to 23 seconds, which is too long for my preference," Powell said.

Another plan is to develop a wizard for online page publication featuring a library of logos, tickers and jump boxes to make Web page design easier. Plans also include a drag and drop format for using anything available through the wizard.



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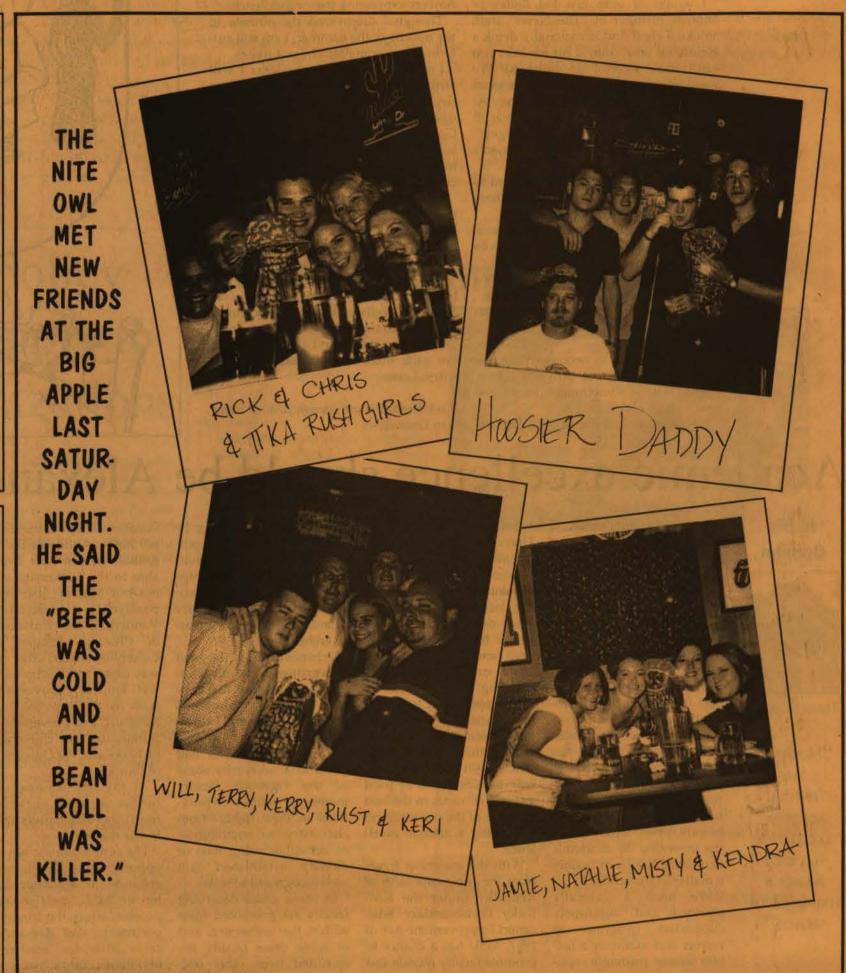
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GARY BROCKWAY Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs

FORMER INTERIM **PROVOST** AWARDED PERMANENT POSITION Aug. 17.

BY SHELLEY STREET

Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Gary Brockway said the most important part of his job is listen-

"I think a lot of it is trying to make sure that you listen and try to listen to all points of view and try to make the best decisions you can," Brockway

The provost is the chief academic officer of the University. He oversees all academic programs, which includes overseeing the publishing of the class schedule, approving new courses and programs and working with departments to bring in the best faculty.

After two years serving as the interim provost, faculty members listened to Brockway when he said he wanted the job permanently.

When University President Kern Alexander announced Brockway would be the new provost at a facultyprofessional staff luncheon Aug. 17, the room exploded in applause and Brockway got a standing ovation.

"I think faculty members felt he understood their concerns very well," Faculty Senate President William Call

Call was part of a 28-member committee that recommended three candidates to the president June 1 from a pool of more than 60 applicants.

The other two finalists were Robert L. Milam, provost and vice chancellor at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls in River Falls, Wis., and Viola P. Miller, secretary of the Cabinet for Families and Children for the commonwealth of Kentucky and former Murray State dean for the Center for Continuing

Those three were reduced to two applicants after Miller withdrew, citing the lengthy application process as a rea-

Call said search committee members were impressed with the way Brockway handled the University's recent academic reorganization.

"I think the committee members, as well as the general faculty, thought he did a fine job as interim provost," Call said. "He managed the academic reorganization the best that he possibly could have and I think we felt he was the best one to finish the job."

Brockway said the reorganization is an accomplishments he is proud of.

"Reorganization was the ongoing process that was the biggest undertaking," he said. "We've seen some new

relationships and opportunities emerge because of this."

He said he is proud of the record number of international students on Murray State's campus and the University's program of distinction, including the Center for Telecommunications Systems Management.

"The telecommunications area really is our future," Brockway said. "It affects so many area of our lives and has so many implications for all types of fields, including business, the medical field and education. It's the future for so much of what we do in work and play."

Brockway said his 24 years of experience at Murray State will help him accomplish his goals.

"In a position like this, knowing who to call to get something done or find out a piece of information is very important," he said.

Those goals include overseeing the implementation of the new Center for Undergraduate Research.

"This will allow faculty and students from across campus to become engaged in hands-on research as a part of our learning environment," he said.

Brockway said he is comfortable with his job and excited about the new year, which is already keeping him busy.

grants Alexander four more years

BY JASON YATES EDITOR IN CHIEF

If there was any doubts of who would guide Murray State through the early portion of the millennium, they were put to rest at the June 13 Board of Regents meeting when the board voted 11-0 to extend University President Kern Alexander's contract by four years.

The contract went into effect July 1 and gives Alexander, who has been president since 1994, a 4.75 percent pay hike that brings his yearly earnings to \$167,600. Board of Regents Chairman Sid Easley said the contract is the longest term the board can give the president by law.

"Needless to say, I am pleased, and I appreciate the confidence the Board of Regents has in me," Alexander said.

Easley said Alexander has been an extremely hardworking president throughout his tenure, and has always had a vision for the University.

"We are indeed fortunate to have him here because he has had many opportunities to go to other universities as their president," Easley said.

Easley said Alexander's leadership is a key ingredient in the recipe that has created the University's growth and success over the past decade.

If Alexander fulfills the contract, which runs through July 2004, he will match Constantine Curris (1973-1983) with the second longest tenure among Murray State's nine previous presidents. Ralph Woods served 23 years between 1945 and 1968.

The stability Alexander has

brought to the University presidenhas stopped a revolvingdoor syndrome that

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Despite Alexander's extension, his first six

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years has not been a walk in the park, as he has received his share of criticism, particularly from faculty. On April 21, 1999, the Faculty Senate voted to censure Alexander for allowing student course evaluations to be printed on the Internet. It was the first time in University history the president was censured.

Alexander said praise and criticism go with the territory, and all presidents receive their fair share of both.

Faculty Senate President William Call said it would not be fair for him to comment on behalf of the senate concerning Alexander's extension, since the group has yet to meet this year.

Alexander said he wants to maintain Murray State's quality and build on its strengths over the next four years.

Said Alexander: "I want to see us distinguish ourselves as not only a regional university for the state of Kentucky, but as a midwestern regional university that serves such states as Illinois, Missouri and Indiana."

University receives record contribution

BY GREG STARK ASSOCIATE EDITOR

The \$3 million gift given to Murray State last week by anonymous donors could have many uses, Director of Development and Alumni Affairs Roger Reichmuth said.

Reichmuth said the grant could go toward endowed professorships, endowed faculty positions, telecommunications systems management, scholarships or the institutional mission.

"(University President Kern) Alexander alluded to some of the

"We may try to get the matching funds from the state to double the

The unrestricted gift, from anonymous "friends of the University," is the largest single donation the University has received. Coupled with possible matching funds from the commonwealth of Kentucky, the University could receive \$6 million.

Reichmuth said the University would have to go through a process before it might get the

things it could go for," he said. Quest, the University's capital campaign. If the state matches the \$3 million, the money raised so far will total \$18.6 million, \$6.4 million short of the \$25 million

> "We think of the other causes out there, and when they make education a priority, it's a wonderful thing," Reichmuth said.

Interim Vice President of Development and Alumni Affairs Jimmy Carter said the gift was a big step toward accomplishing the goals of Vision Quest.

"These are the kind of gifts that The gift also adds to Vision are so important to our Universi-

ty and the successes of the capital campaign," he said.

Carter said possible matching money will help bolster the grant.

"It was so important to capture the opportunity to match the grant from the state," he said. "It's such a unique opportunity to tell a donor that this opportunity is out there. It's great to have matching dollars available."

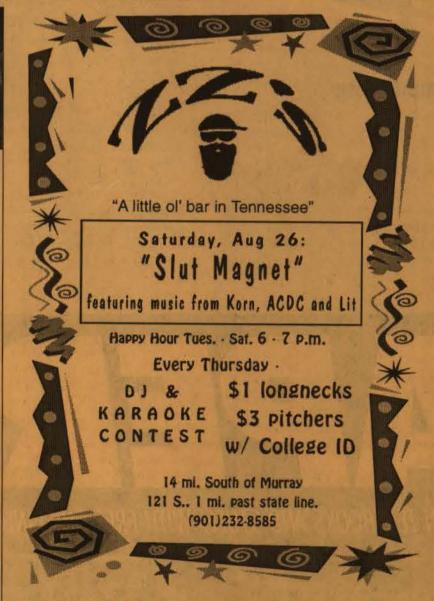
Reichmuth said when the grant came through, he was happy for the University.

Said Reichmuth: "When someone makes a decision like that, it's wonderful."

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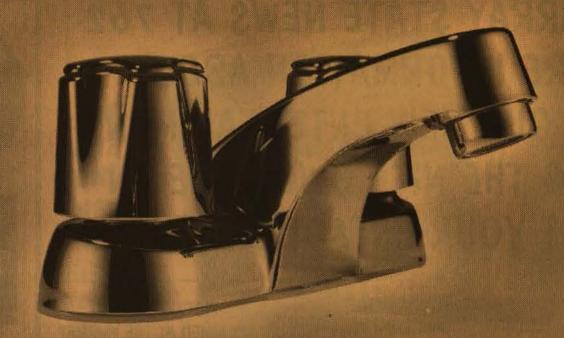
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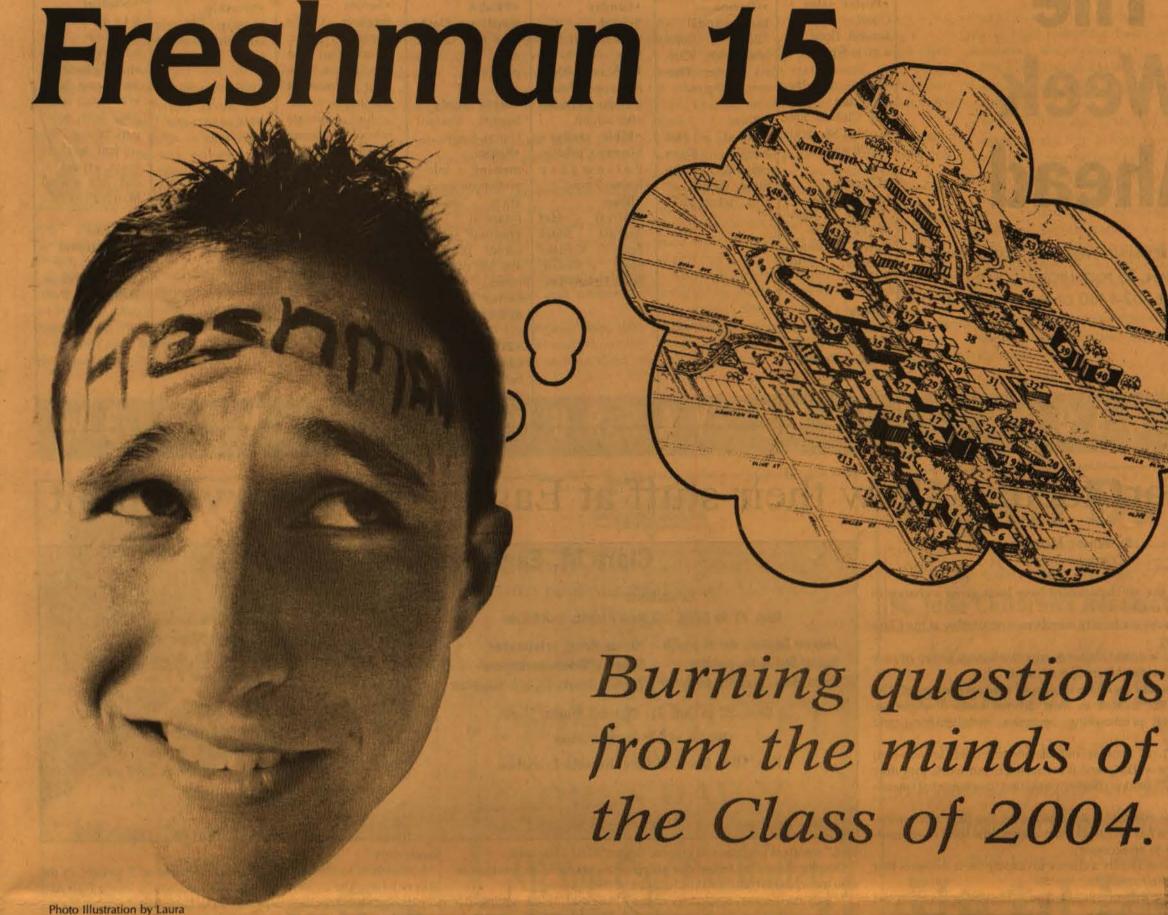
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Where can I cash a check on campus?

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A check for up to \$20, made payable to Murray State University, may be cashed at the University Store in the Curris Center or Sparks Hall cashier's office.

Where can I find out about jobs and internships?

Career Services is located in Ordway Hall and offers many job opportunities, including work-study programs, internships, resume help and co-op jobs. Check its Web site, located at campus.murraystate.edu/careerservices.htm, for more information and updated job listings.

What happens if I don't leave the building when a fire alarm sounds?

Students who do not leave the building during a fire alarm will receive a disciplinary conference, where proper punishment will be decided.

When can my room be searched?

The residence directors must get permission from the vice president of student affairs and the director of housing to thoroughly search a room, according to information from the housing office.

If an illegal substance or item, such as candles, alcohol or illegal drugs, is reported in the room, then the resident adviser and RD are allowed to key into the room and search in reasonable places for the contraband. They must knock on the door and announce themselves before they can search.

What happens if I lose my room key?

The lost key needs to be reported to the front desk immediately and a temporary key will be issued. The door locks will be changed to ensure the security of the room.

What happens if I get caught with alcohol O. in my dorm room?

You will be required to have a disciplinary conference with your RD, at which time proper punishment will be decided.

What are Winslow Dining Hall's hours?

Monday through Friday breakfast is served from 6:30 to 11 a.m., lunch from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and dinner from 4 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday brunch is served from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and dinner from 4 to 6:30 p.m.

How do I change my meal plan?

Meal plans may be changed in the Racercard office on the Curris Center first floor until Sept. 21.

Where can I go for extra help with my classes?

The Community College on the Lowry Center first floor offers tutoring for Biology 199; Chemistry 105, 106, 121 and 122; World Civilization 101 and 102; geoscience; Math 250 and under; and Physics 120 and 121. There is also an open

What is a MAP report and why is it so important?

MAP stands for "Murray Academic Progress." This is a report designed to provide up-to-date information about students' progress toward their degree.

Where can I learn about study abroad opportunities?

The Institute for International Studies gives students information on more than 39 programs in 24 countries. The Study Abroad Fair is Oct. 5 on the Curris Center second floor from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The institute is located in Woods Hall and can be reached at 762-4152.

Where can I find a computer lab on campus?

> Open computers labs are located on the Business Building second floor, Faculty Hall second floor and in the Special Education Building. Computers with Internet access are also available in Hart College and the Applied Science Building. Computers with Siren Mail access are available on the Curris Center first floor.

Where can I find a copy machine?

Coin-operated machines can be found in Waterfield Library, Pogue Library, University Post Office in the Curris Center and Copy Express on the Business Building first

I received a parking ticket and I don't think I deserved it. How can I appeal it?

> Appeal forms can be found in the Student Government Association or Public Safety offices. Public Safety is on the corner of 16th and Olive streets. SGA is located on the Curris Center first floor.

How much will my ticket cost if I park in the wrong color zone?

> The fee will be \$10 for each offense. Parking in a handicap zone or fire lane is a \$40 offense.

Resident advisers available to help freshmen adjust

BY BRANDI WILLIAMS ASSISTANT COLLEGE LIFE EDITOR

The biggest adjustment most freshmen have to make when moving to school is learning to live in the residential colleges.

Just to make the experience more terrifying, there are these smiley people known as "RAs,"

whose basic job is rather unclear sometimes. Are they wardens paid to watch and make sure no one is having too much fun? Are they University-issued older siblings? Who are these people,

and what purpose do they serve? "They wear many different hats," Neil McMillion, coordinator of Resident's Education, said. "They do jobs that add a service to students that is very beneficial."

McMillion said residential advisers, known as RAs, serve several functions. They act as counselors, resource experts and community builders.

The primary responsibility of an RA is to act as a peer adviser. They advise underclassmen on certain things professors and the catalog can't, such as what courses to take and where important buildings are on campus.

Another important part of an RA's job is the development of community, specifically making sure everyone on the floor knows his neighbors. This is done through the various programs conducted by the RAs.

Director of Housing Paula Hulick said it is the RAs' responsibility to maintain order and make people follow the rules and regulations.

In keeping with this enforcement of the rules, residence directors, known as RDs, have the right to give permission to the RAs to go into residents'

can key into a room.

"The housing contract states they are allowed to key into rooms to provide maintenance, enforce rules, if there is reasonable cause that rules have been violated and, if necessary, to check on the personal safety of the resident," Hulick said.

Hulick also said if there has been a report of contraband in the room, the RA and RD are allowed to key into the room and search in reasonable places for the suspected contraband. This includes alcohol, drugs, candles, pets other than fish and any other banned item listed in the student handbook.

There are also instances in which an RA is allowed to key into a room to turn off an alarm clock or TV left on.

"They are not allowed to look in the fridge, or in the closets," Jason Jennings, Richmond College RA, said. "They are not allowed to look in any-Hulick said there are very few times when an RD thing: they just go in and turn off the TV."

Also, if there is a discipline situation in which the resident refuses to open the door, the RAs are allowed to key into the room.

However, no member of the housing department is allowed to randomly search any resident's room. Only in extreme situations that would bring personal harm to the resident or fellow residents is the RD allowed to do a room search. Before the search is done, the RD must receive permission from the vice president of student affairs and the director of housing. They must knock on the door, announce themselves and then they may enter and search the room.

"An example of this would be if someone has been transported to the hospital with an overdose," Hulick said. "The RD would receive clearance to go through the room and possibly find any medication."

The Week Ahead

A LOOK AT UPCOMING EVENTS ON CAMPUS AND AROUND TOWN. TO POST INFORMATION IN THE CALENDAR, PHONE 762-4480 OR FAX IT TO 762-3175.

FRIDAY

· Poster sales -Curris Center second floor 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

·New faculty reception - Faculty Club at 309 N. 14th St., 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

•Cinema International -"Being John Malkovich," Curris Center Theater,

• Blues festival - Hot Blues August Festival, Kenlake State Resort, 6 p.m. Admission

SATURDAY

•Cinema "Being

ater, 7:30 p.m. · Blues

SUNDAY

• Sunday International -Malkovich," Curris Center The-

festival - Hot Blues August Festival, Kenlake State Resort, 2 p.m. Tickets \$10.

School - Chi Alpha, Hart College, 10:15 to 10:45 a.m. Rides to any church will be provided

after school. ·Bible study -Murray Christian Fellowship house, 7 p.m. • Blues

Festival - Hot Blues August Festival, Kenlake Resort, noon Tickets \$16.

MONDAY

• PRSSA meeting - Doyle Fine Arts Center room 840, 3:30 p.m.

·Bible study -Baptist Student Union, 6 p.m. Senior

meeting - Infor-

mation on gradustudent ation, financial graduate school, career planning and job opportunities, Curris Center Theater, 8 to 8:30 p.m.

·Bible study -Chi Alpha, Elizabeth College study lounge, 9 p.m.

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THURSDAY

•Student

Oteachers Make-up admission student teaching for spring 2001, Wells Hall room 334, 3:30 to 5 p.m. Spring 2001 student teachers must attend if

· Cinema International -"Run Lola Run," Curris Center Theater, 7:30

did not attend

March 27 to 29.

New art faculty show their stuff at Eagle Art Gallery exhibit

BY WINDY MOHEAD CONTRIBUTING WRITER

New faculty in the art department have been given a chance to practice what they teach.

An art exhibition by six faculty members is on display at the Clara M. Eagle Gallery.

"A faculty show is done whenever we have a large group of new faculty," gallery director Albert Sperath said.

Sperath said it is rare there are this many new art professors. The artists displayed art created in their diverse areas of expertise, including painting, printmaking, ceramics, metalsmithing and graphic design.

"The show is great because our classes are open to non-(art) majors, so if anyone walks in and is interested in our work, they may become involved," Jeanne Beaver, assistant professor of metalsmithing, said.

Beaver said since many of her pieces are far less than inconspicuous, the jewelry she has on display is exploring the level of commitment someone has to an accessory.

The show also gives faculty a chance to display the techniques that they are teaching their students. "I'm changing my way of thinking about PhotoShop as a fine art **Exhibitions**

Aug. 21 to Sept. 24: New Faculty Exhibition

Jeanne Beaver, metal smith Nicole Hand, printmaker Sarah Gutwirth, painter

Susan O'Brien, ceramicist Alma Hale, graphic designer Zbynek Smetana, art historian

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Nov. 18 to Dec. 15: Carol Kumata Exhibition

Events Nov. 6 to 10: **Live Auction Show** Reception: Nov. 10, 6 p.m. Auction to follow at 7 p.m.

Nov. 18 to Dec. 15: **Carol Kumata Exhibition** Reception: Nov. 16, 3 p.m. Artist's presentation to follow at 3:30 p.m.

tool," assistant professor of graphic design Alma Hale said.

also incorporate traditional techniques in their classes. "Drawing is what I really love doing," Hale said. "I like getting my

Despite the ability to use computers as an art medium, professors

Clara M. Eagle Art Gallery Fall Schedule

A reception to honor the artists will be held at 5 tonight in the gallery lobby. The exhibition will be located on the Doyle Fine Arts Center sixth floor through Sept. 24. Daily hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Compact discs, books marketable for on-campus thieves

BY PATRICK ABANATHY CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Card access, guest sign-in and door locks are a few signs that Murray State's campus is not crime

One major student concern is personal safety. This concern can range from theft of personal property from residential college rooms and cars to personal assault while walking at night.

Murray State has a relatively safe campus in that most reported crimes are not life-threatening, but many people do not take advantage of safety resources on campus and easily become victims of

Public Safety officials said the most common crime reported on campus is theft of property under \$300. This usually involves thefts of book bags, bicycles, car stereos and compact discs. Ways to prevent such crimes are simple and can save time and money in the long run.

In the case of personal theft, students can simply keep a close eye on their belongings.

"If people kept their belongings with them or secured in some way, we wouldn't have a lot of what we do have," interim Director of Public Safety Mittie Southerland said. "A lot of it could be

Some security devices include bicycle locking devices and pad locks, which are usually available at local stores.

When dealing with CDs, car stereos and books, Southerland recommends taking several precautions. Two obvious tips are to lock doors and close windows, both in the car and in residential colleges. Other tips include things most people might not normally think of, such as removal of decals advertising your stereo system and removal of CDs from their original cases.

"If you've got them in the original cases, then they're marketable," Southerland said. "You take them out of their original cases and put them in

some other CD slip type of thing then they're not marketable."

Now is an especially good time for book thefts because of the high resale value. With books, Southerland recommends students write their name or some other personal identification in the

"Pick a page in every book, and put some kind of identifier on that page that you and you only would know what it is," Southerland said.

A pamphlet available at Public Safety gives tips on preventing theft of personal property. One tip is utilizing the electronic engravers, which may be used at no charge, to put identification on personal property.

Although reports of violent crimes are outweighed by those of non-violent crimes on campus, violent crimes can and do happen.

Southerland offered tips that can help prevent people from being assaulted on and around campus. Such tips include traveling in groups rather

than alone at night, walking in well-lit areas, walking in high pedestrian traffic areas and paying attention to where you go.

It is not a good idea to be alone at night, whether walking across campus or being at a party with

When walking during the day, cross the street at crosswalks and stop at stop signs to prevent personal injury, Southerland said.

Any case involving assault to an individual on campus should be reported to Public Safety immediately. Victims should remember as much as possible about the perpetrator.

Students may obtain a campus safety pamphlet at Public Safety. The pamphlet includes many tips on crime prevention as well as what to do if one is a crime victim.

Public Safety also provides Racer Patrol, an oncampus escort service. Public Safety can be reached at 762-2222.



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Racer Elite provides upperclassmen food without commitment of meal plan

BY WINDY MOHEAD CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Upperclassmen and commuters now have the convenience of eating on campus without the commitment of the traditional meal plans, because of to the new Racer Elite plans.

Juniors and seniors may purchase the elite plans with one to nine meals a but does not allow students to carry over meals they don't use to the rest of the semester. With the more expensive Thoroughbred Plan, if students don't use all the meals allotted for one day, it carries over and is available for the student to redeem throughout the semes-

These meal plans can be used at the

week. The Racer Plan is less expensive, Sugar Cube, Sunset Strips, Domino's tle more variety," Kathy Rogers, Racerand Subway in the Curris Center, as well as the traditional Winslow Dining Hall, Fast Track and the Thoroughbred Room, Director of Food Services Bill Benriter said.

> Also, the new plans allow the student to cash in two meals in the same meal time at a different location.

"We wanted to give the students a lit-

card systems manager, said.

Racer Elite gained a popularity as more students learn about the expand-

"We've already had people sign up for the elite plans this week and change their plans to elite," Rogers said. "It allows you to have more flexibility no matter where you are on campus."

Freshmen and sophomores living on campus also have another meal plan option. A seven meal plan has replaced the five meal plan.

Benriter said Food Services took its cue from North Carolina State University, which has been offering plans marketed solely for upperclassmen for about five years.

Expansions, additions made to Curris Center Fitness Center

BY BRANDI WILLIAMS ASSISTANT COLLEGE LIFE EDITOR

The Curris Center Fitness Center has been growing in popularity since its opening last November.

Jim Baurer, director of the Curris Center, said before the spring semester ended, the Curris Center fitness center tallied an average of 500 people a day from its opening Thanksgiving week to the beginning of April.

"When the weather got nice we started dropping down some," Baurer said.

Because of the popularity of the center, expansions have been made in square footage and equipment.

This summer pool tables were moved out and construction began to add 1,500 square feet to the fitness center, Baurer said. This makes a total of 6,500 square feet.

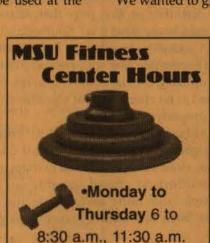
Along with the area expansion, additional equipment will be available soon.

Baurer said a shipment of about nine weight machines is expected in September. The center also features an aerobic kickboxing stand and soon will receive lighter weight dumb-

"(We are) trying to meet the needs of our female students," Baurer said.

Baurer said the total number of people visiting the fitness center Monday was a little more

Baurer said he was surprised considering Monday was the first day of classes.



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Robert Pieroni

Residential colleges chose new heads son, professor of early child-

BY RACHEL KIRK STAFF WRITER

Out with the old; in with the is the head of White.

colleges this saying has never been more true than it is this year.

College heads are faculty members who work closely with their residential college staff to foster programs to help the residents grow academically and socially.

Chuck Hulick, associate professor of educational studies, leadership and counseling, is the new head of Hart. Elizabeth is now headed by Marty Jacobs, associate professor of adolescent, career and special education. Associate professor of English and philosophy Squire Babcock is the new college head of Regents. Oliver Muscio, professor of chemistry, is the head of Richmond and Bonnie Higginhood and elementary education,

Don Robertson, vice president To five of the eight residential of student affairs, said he was expecting a turnover of around four college heads this year.

> "You are appointed to a twoyear term and this year was the end of the second two-year term, so we were expecting it," Robertson said.

Robertson said being a college head is similar to having two full-time jobs.

"There are a lot of hours, a lot of nights and a lot of weekends," Robertson said. "It's much more than 20 hours a week. It's whatever it takes to get the job done.

College heads are expected to keep office hours and go to college-sponsored programs. A \$6,000 supplement is awarded to them in addition to their usual salary. To cut down on

their work, college heads only teach half their normal class load

Hulick said although he was enjoying his new job at Hart, he will miss teaching.

"I love teaching," Hulick said. "I'm facing a little withdraw. I'll miss some of that, but I find this invigorating."

Hulick said he is looking forward to all the things he and his college staff are planning.

"It's a nice opportunity to work closely with students," Hulick said. "It's a really nice change of pace."

Jane Hall from the College of Business and Public Affairs will remain the college head of Springer/Franklin, as will professor of English and philosophy Ron Cella at Hester and associate professor of industry and engineering technology Steve Horwood at Clark.



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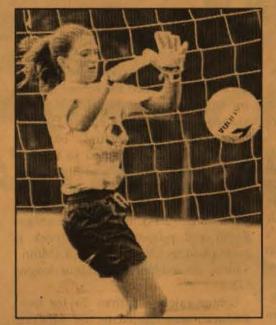
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Sports

Laura Deaton/The Rosa, Lauren freshman from Calvert City, stops a shot during goalie practice Tuesday afternoon at the practice field on Hamilton Street.



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Women's soccer ready for varsity debut

BY TIM ALSOBROOKS STAFF WRITER

This season will be the first season of varsity competition for the Murray State women's soccer team after competing as a club sport last

Head Coach Mike Minielli hopes to lead his young squad to a suc-

"So far everything is going well," Minielli said. "We got through the preseason with no injuries."

In the first exhibition game on Aug. 19 at Bethel College in Ten-

The team's lone senior, forward April Freeman from Paducah, scored two goals in the game.

The Racers were picked tied for fourth of the six OVC soccer teams in this year's preseason conference poll. Defending regular season and tournament champion Eastern Illinois was picked to finish first, followed by Tennessee Tech and SEMO.

"We have an above average schedule and with it being our first

right with a 5-2 victory over the these teams are," Minielli said.

At the rate women's soccer is growing at the collegiate level, it's easy for teams to improve greatly from year to year.

"There are a lot of good freshmen coming in all the time, so a team that goes 5-10 this year might easily go 10-5 the next," Minielli said.

The team had 40 girls come out for tryouts this year, so Minielli decided to have two teams.

"It was an amazing turnout at tryouts, so we have decided to go with a 22-person travel team and nessee, the Racers kicked things off year we don't know how good the rest of the girls being a reserve and hope to see a big crowd."

With a team full of freshmen, the responsibility of leadership falls on Freeman, who will serve as team

The Lady Racers hit the road for the first two games of the regular season when they face IUPUI today in Indianapolis and travel to Ball State on Sunday.

Murray State returns home to host Troy State at Cutchin Field on Sept. 1 for their home debut.

Said Minielli: "We are really excited about our first home game

OVC presidents made bad choice about Western

The Ohio Valley Conference presidents decided to give an ultimatum to Western Kentucky University this summer: play with us in all sports or play with us in

Apparently, they put their brains on summer vacation when they decided to ask the question. WKU did what many of us would do if faced with the same question. They said "see ya later" as they joined the football-

only Gateway Conference for 2001, Sports Talk which is made up primarily of Missouri Valley Conference schools.

The OVC presidents decided at their summer meeting to revoke all OVC associate memberships, meaning any team, like Western, playing just one sport in the OVC would either have to become a full member, or leave the OVC altogether.

Let's think about this. WKU has been a member of the Sun Belt Conference since it left the OVC in the 1980s. WKU was welcomed back into OVC football with open arms in 1999, and now just a year later, the OVC springs this question on the university and tells MUST HAVE BEEN them a decision must be made by the end of the meeting.

How would you react if you were in WKU's shoes? Do you REPRESENTATIVE bow down to the pressure put on by the OVC presidents, rejoin the OVC as full members and face litigation from the Sun Belt? Or do you throw the OVC ultimatum back in its face and shop around for a better deal?

I think WKU coach Jack Harbaugh summed it up best in his opening comments at OVC Football Media Day on Aug. 2.

"It's been a very interesting experience to be welcomed back into the OVC last year only to be welcomed out this summer," Harbaugh said.

Harbaugh then made some swipes at the OVC during the rest of his speech that had OVC Commissioner Dan Beebe squirming in his seat and the members of the media shaking their collective heads in disgust of the OVC presidents' decision.

Beebe said he tried his best to persuade the OVC presidents against revoking associate memberships, but his presentation must have been as convincing as a CBS representative saying "Big Brother" is the most exciting show on TV.

Here's my attempt of convincing the OVC presi-

After the loss of Western next season, the OVC will be down to seven teams in the conference playing Division I-AA varsity football. UT-Martin still faces a somewhat uncertain future. Despite what the UT-Martin administration says about recommitting to football, the possibility remains for them to drop out. That would reduce the number of OVC teams to six, the minimum number necessary to get an automatic bid to the Div. I-AA playoffs.

Some of the teams rumored to be looking to get in the OVC, Samford, East Tennessee State, Belmont and Lipscomb, were looking to join the OVC as football only members at first. If the OVC presidents let them in, they

The presidents have also put Western into a conference where WKU has no geographic rivals, a conference where WKU is being outspent by at least \$400,000 by all the other Gateway teams and a conference that has Southern Illinois, a three-hour trip at least from Bowling Green, as WKU's closest road game.

Murray State and Eastern Kentucky will likely still play Western, but they will have to fit it into their nonconference schedule, which means one less game for all three schools to try to get a big payoff from a Division I-A team for scheduling a Div I-AA team.

Now that I've given my presentation, I hope the OVC presidents still think their decision was the right one, because this could put OVC football into a very dangerous situation for its survival.

Jason Billingsley is the sports editor for "The Murray State

'Road to the Ring'

Childress ready to take offense reins

BY JASON BILLINGSLEY SPORTS EDITOR

Racer football has a new coach and a new quarterback, but its goal is the same: to win the Ohio Valley Conference championship.

The Racers, who have been on the losing end of two last-minute field goals to OVC Champion Tennessee State the last two seasons, hope new Racer Head Coach Joe Pannunzio can lead the Racers on a successful "Road to the Ring."

"When I got the job, I could see these guys

Offensive

Depth Chart

Split End

47 - Jason French

Left Tackle

51 - Duke Vaiga

71 - Jeremy

Left Guard

72 - Ashley

Center

76 - Josh Foster

6 - Murry Rhodes

Right Guard

67 - Cameron

Martin

55 - William Bruno

Right Tackle

74 - Clint Parker

79 – Jacome

Tight End 81 - Josh McKeel

84 - Mike Valenti

Flanker

3 – Shaun Boykins

28 - Jacquis

McDuffie

Quarterback

14 - Stewart

Childress

19 - Brian Balazik

Fullback

46 - Tim Linville

Tailback

24 - Shadrach

Jackson

- Mario Riley

H-Back

6 - Terrence

Tillman

16 - Andrae Ivy

Michael Slater

were stung because they lost the championship the last two seasons at the end," Pannunzio said.

The quarterback given the reins to the Racer offense after OVC Offensive Player of the Year Justin Fuente graduated is redshirt freshman Stewart Childress. who led Caldwell County to the Kentucky AA state title in 1998.

Pannunzio said he realizes the dangers of starting a young quarterback on a team looking for a conference title and has tried to prepare Childress the best he

"He's handled everything really good up until this point in time," he said. "But the key for him is going to be when something goes wrong and how he bounces back. That's when we will know what kind of quarterback he is."

If Childress falters, Southern Mississippi transfer Brian Balazik is set as the No. 2 quarterback. Harris Jones, who returned to the team in

the spring after recovering from leukemia, is the No. 3 quarterback.

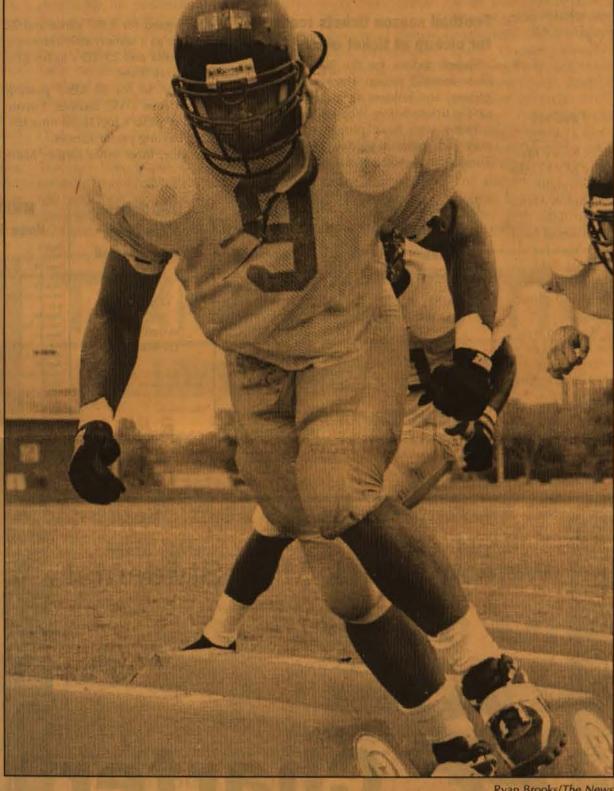
Shadrach Jackson, junior from Henderson, will be the starting tailback, but Pannunzio is really impressed with Arkansas transfer Mario Riley, sophomore from Colorado Springs, Colo.

Tim Linville, junior from Cynthiana, will still be starting at fullback and Josh McKeel, sophomore from Murray, will start at tight

Jason French, senior from Decatur, Ga., and the Racers' top returning receiver after Tillman, may not be allowed to play by the NCAA due to the satisfactory progress rule, which Pannunzio feels shouldn't be applied in French's case due to his over 3.0 GPA after switching majors to physical therapy.

If the offense needs to punt, they will have one of the best punters in Division I-AA in Brian Bivens, sophomore from Henderson. Bivens was second in the nation in I-AA last season, averaging 44.8 yards per punt, and was named the preseason All-American I-AA punter by "The Sporting

The Racers will kickoff the 2000 season against the Southern Illinois Salukis Thursday at 6 p.m at Roy Stewart Stadium.



Shaka Jones, senior strong-side linebacker from Peoria, Ill., runs an agility drill during practice Tuesday afternoon at the practice field next to the Regional Special Events Center.

Racer defense looking to put on more pressure

BY JEREMY KIRK CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The crowd that fills Murray State's Stewart Stadium for home football games can expect to see small changes in the defensive line this year, such as adding more blitz plays.

Defensive Coordinator Rick Courtright said the defensive line has been trying a lot of different plays during fall camp and is looking to see what works best.

"Overall, we are running a lot of the same stuff," Courtright said. "With that (small changes) and the experience, it will allow us to expand the

Speed on the defensive line will play a the largest role in the initiation of adding more blitz plays.

"We have a lot of speed and as long as we keep leverage on the ball during the runs and don't get behind the receiver or ball on the pass, we'll be okay," Courtright said.

Senior linebacker Dwayne Potts from Norfolk, Va., said he sees a strategy in adding more blitz plays.

"They will make them (opponents) scramble more and they won't have time to think," Potts said.

The small changes were initiated at the start of this year's training camp under the direction of new Racer Head Coach Joe Pannunzio.

Pannunzio replaces former head coach Denver Johnson, who had a three-year record of 21-12 at Murray. Pannunzio comes from Auburn University and has 17 combined years of experience from seven colleges.

"We are basically all the same," Pannunzio said. "We'll have more blitz plays, but that's about it."

With incoming freshmen and transfer students on the team, Pannunzio doesn't see any of the small changes affecting the strengths or weaknesses of the team because of leadership.

"We have great senior leadership to carry us through," Pannunzio said. "Right now, we are working on learning the system and getting in shape."

Courtright said the team has a lot of experience and plays with enthusiasm and intensity.

"We try to be as balanced as we can," Courtright said. "But the flip side of their intensity is sometimes they just think we can show up and not work hard. We avoid that and try to get better every practice."

Defensive/ **Special Teams Depth Chart**

Left End 36 - Wendell Childs

99 - Brian Moss Left Tackle 95 - Matt Howard 86 - Dain Gregory Right Tackle 57 - Aaron

Manningham 98 – Philip Wasson Right End

44 - Terrell Black 53 - Ed Johnson WLB

20 -Garner Byars 29 - Dwayne Potts

54 - Jilon Van Over 4 - Shaka Jones MLB

48 - Jai Williams 50 - Scott Fishback

Rover 13 - Jeremy Davis 22 - Zelbert

Johnson RCB 5 - Tyrone Graham

30 - Cornelius Denman LCB

1 - David Kilkenny 21 - Josh Catlett

Free Safety 12 - Beau Guest 27 - Willie Menifee

Place Kicker 42 - Greg Miller Punter

87 - Brian Blvens

SportLight

Brian Bivens, Jessica Wood Brian Bivens and Jessica Wood are in this week's Racer SportLight. Bivens, sophomore from Henderson, was selected as the Preseason All-OVC and Divi-

American punter. Bivens was second in the nation in Div. I-AA in punting last year by averaging 44.8 yards per punt.

sion I-AA All

Wood, junior volleyball playerfrom Colorado Springs, Colo., was selected a Preseason All-OVC outside hitter.

Wood had a .244 hitting percentage last season, when she was selected Second Team All-OVC.

FastFact On Aug. 22, 1955, Rocky Marciano KO'd Lightheavyweight Champion Archie Moore in the ninth round in New York for his 49th pro fight without a defeat. This was his last fight. Marciano was the first and only

heavyweight champion to finish unbeaten, retiring officially in April 1956.

Source: ESPN

Sports Briefly

'Breds baseball to hold meetings for walk-on tryouts

Any full-time Murray State student wanting to tryout for the MSU baseball team should attend an information meeting Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. in Carr Health Building room 105.

OVC teams ranked nationally in first Division I-AA poll

Two-time defending Ohio Valley Conference champion Tennessee State and preseason OVC favorite Eastern Kentucky were both ranked in The Sports Network Preseason Division I-AA Football poll released Monday.

The Tigers, who finished the 1999 regular season 11-0 before losing in the first round of the Div. I-AA playoffs, were ranked 19th. EKU was ranked 20th.

Murray State was the next highest ranked OVC team in the poll, ranked

Football season tickets ready for pickup at ticket office

Season tickets for the 2000 Murray State football season are available for pickup, and holders are urged to pick up the tickets before Wednesday.

Those who have purchased tickets may pick them up Friday, Monday or Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Season ticket packages are still available at the ticket office by calling 762-4895.

Justin Fuente signs with AFL, three Racers playing in NFL

Former Murray State quarterback Justin Fuente, owner of 12 school passing records, will continue his career in the Arena Football League. Fuente signed with his home-state Oklahoma Wranglers on May 23.

The 1999 Ohio Valley Conference Offensive Player of the Year is a former all-state quarterback at Union High School in Tulsa, Okla.

Fuente began his collegiate career at the University of Oklahoma, then transferred to MSU in 1998. In 1999, he led the Ohio Valley Conference in passing efficiency and ranked eighth in Division I-AA in the same category. He was nominated for the Walter Payton Award in both his seasons at MSU. The award is given to the top player in Div.

Fuente passed for 3,497 yards and 27 touchdowns as a senior, after throwing for 2,875 yards and 23 TD's in his first year at Murray State.

In addition to his 12 MSU passing marks and four OVC records, Fuente has seven of MSU's top 10 all-time single-game passing performances.

Meanwhile, three other former Mur-

ray State Racer football players are looking to make a mark in the NFL.

Joe Perez from Overland Park, Kan., is still with the Kansas City Chiefs as of

Perez caught 64 passes for 920 yards and six touchdowns for the Racers last season, and had a two-year total of 100 receptions for 1,400 yards at Murray State after transferring from Coffeyville (Kansas) Community College. Perez's best game was at Southern Illinois on Sept. 11, 1999, when he caught 10 passes for 202 yards.

Reginald Swinton, Murray State's alltime leader in receptions and reception yards, is still with the Seattle Seahawks after signing with them last spring.

William Hampton, Murray State's alltime interception leader, is with the Denver Broncos.

Four 'Breds named All-OVC, **Johnson signs with Cincinnatti**

Four Murray State Thoroughbreds were named to the 2000 All-Ohio Vallev Conference teams, led by graduate Chris Johnson from Metropolis, Ill.

Johnson was named to the All-OVC First Team at shortstop after leading Murray State in hitting percentage (.380), hits (76), runs (44), total bases (105), on-base percentage (.432) and atbats (200). Johnson set MSU records in 1999 for single-season plate appearances (255) and tied the school records for single season at-bats (223), games started (56) and games played (56).

Graduate catcher/first baseman Justin Varitek was named to the All-OVC Second Team as a utility player, after leading the 'Breds in home runs (10), doubles (14), RBIs (45), slugging percentage (.544), fielding percentage (.980) and putouts (300). Varitek is now playing for the St. Paul (Minn.) Saints, an independent minor league

Senior catcher Nathan Taylor from Paducah was named to the All-OVC Honorable Mention Team. Taylor was the best-hitting catcher in the OVC with a .342 average.

Graduate Jason Glosser from Mattoon, Ill. was also named to the All-OVC Honorable Mention Team. Glosser was tied for second in the league in saves (5) and set a MSU record for most single-season pitching appearances (26) and for a three-year career

Johnson signed a free agent deal with the Cincinnati Reds on June 19, and is the first Murray State 'Bred to sign with a Major League team since catcher Jeremy Quire signed with the Arizona Diamondbacks in 1997.

"Sports Briefly" is compiled by Jason Billingsley, sports editor.

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MSU Football Schedule

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#Oct. 7 Murray State at UT-Martin 2 p.m.

Murray State at Eastern Illinois 1:30 p.m.

#Oct 21 Murray State at SEMO 1

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#Nov. 11 Murray State vs. Tennessee State 1:30

Ohio Valley Conference + Family Weekend

Preseason All-OVC Brian Bivens, P, sophomore from Henderson: Terrence Tillman, WR, senior from Memphis, Terrell Black, DE, senior from Bristol, Fla.; Jai Williams, LB, senior from Eldorado, Ark.; Willon Van Over, LB, senior from Walnut, Calif.; " Division I-AA # Honorable Mention

Source: MSU Sports

Preseason poll **SEMO (63)** EIU (53) **APSU (48)** EKU (40)

MSU (37) TTU (37) UT-Martin (22) Morehead (16) TSU (8)

OVC Volleyball

Standings

Voted on by OVC coaches. Teams place vote, etc.

MSU Volleyball Home Schedule

Sept. 26 Murray State vs. Tennessee State 7 Murray State vs. Tennessee Tech 7

p.m.
Oct. 10
Murray State vs. Austin Peay 7 p.m.
Oct. 17
Murray State vs. Memphis 7 p.m.
Oct. 20 Murray State vs. Eastern Illinois 7

Murray State vs. Southeast Missouri State 2 p.m. Oct.26 Morray State vs. UT-Martin 7 p.m. Nov. 10 Murray State vs. Eastern Kentucky 7.

Murray State vs. Morehead 2 p.m.

OVC Soccer Standings Preseason poll

EIU (24) TTU (20) **SEMO (19)** MSU (10) Morehead (10) UT-Martin (7)

Voted on by OVC coaches. Teams receive eight points for a first-place vote, seven points for a secondplace vote, etc.

MSU Soccer Home Schedule

ray State vs. Trny State 5 p.m. Sept. 15 Murray State vs. Indiana State 4 p.m. Sept. 17 Murray State vs. UT-Chattanooga 1 p.m. Sept. 22 Murray State vs. Valparaiso 4 p.m.

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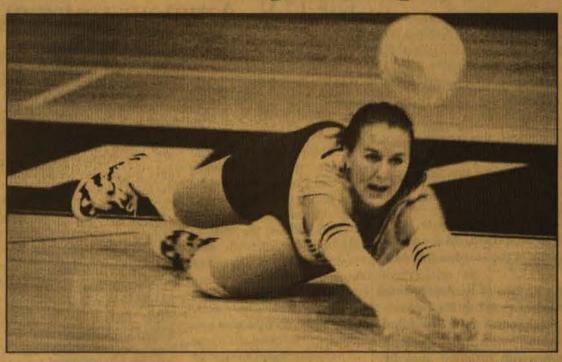
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Racer volleyball picked fifth in OVC for 2000 season



Laura Deaton/The News

Preseason All-OVC outside hitter Jessica Wood, junior from Colorado Springs, Colo., digs for a ball during practice Monday afternoon in Racer Arena.

BY TIM ALSOBROOKS

If the Murray State women's volleyball team can be described by a song, it would be Tom Cochrane's "Life is a Highway."

In his song, Cochrane says, "Life is a highway; I'm gonna ride it all night long," which is exactly what the team will be doing when they open the season with 10 straight matches on the road.

And that highway might be a tough one, Racer Head Coach Dave Schwepker said. The Racers lost five starters, including four seniors, from last year's squad.

"We are a young team loaded with talent," Schwepker said. "We hope to gel and play competitively against each opponent."

MSU was tied for fifth in the OVC preseason poll. Southeast Missouri University, the defending champiof the eight possible first place votes.

"We will keep our goals set high," Schwepker said. "We aren't going to win the conference outright, but the top six teams get in the tournament. And in tournaments anything can

Two of the top returning starters include the lone senior, Rachel Neighbors, from Santa Claus, Ind., and Jessica Wood, junior from Colorado Springs, Colo., who was named to the 2000 Preseason All-OVC First Team.

"It's going to be easier than we first thought because the team is coming together very well and we are keeping our goals set high," Wood said.

The schedule begins Sept. 1 and 2 when the Racers will compete in the Saluki/Best Inns of America Invitational at Carbondale, Ill. The team then heads to Flagstaff, Ariz., to party.

on, was picked first, grabbing seven compete in the Fiesta Bowl Tournament on Sept. 8 and 9.

"We are really looking forward to flying to Flagstaff to compete with some strong teams like Northern Arizona and two or three more that were in the NCAA tourney last year," Schwepker said.

After logging those miles, MSU opens its OVC schedule at UT-Martin on Sept. 12, then travels to OVC title contenders Eastern Illinois on Sept. 16 and SEMO on Sept. 17.

"We are just excited about getting to have a match against another team," Neighbors said. "So you can just imagine how thrilled we are about flying to Arizona."

The Lady Racers finally come home on Sept. 26 to host Tennessee State at Racer Arena. The residential college with the most people at the first home game will win a pizza

Murray State student-athletes excel at academics in 1999-2000

STAFF REPORT

excelled in the classroom during the 1999-2000 academic year.

Ninety-five Murray State student-athletes, 40.8 percent, had a GPA of 3.0 or better in the spring of 2000. Thirty-six of those were named to the MSU Dean's List, which recognizes students who that." earn a 3.5 GPA or better.

Murray State also had 56 student-athletes on the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll for earning a 3.25 GPA or better.

'We are extremely proud of our Many Murray State athletes student-athletes and the dedication they show both on the playing field and in the classroom," MSU Athletic Director E.W. Dennison said. "At Murray State, we emphasize both words in the phrase 'student-athlete,' and these GPAs help demonstrate

Four student-athletes received honors at MSU Honors Day on

graduate from Mt. Prospect, Ill., received the Honors Program Medallion, women's golfer Jessica Widman, May 2000 graduate from Mansfield, Texas, received the Outstanding Senior in Economics award.

Football player Curt Robbins from Fairfield, Ill., basketball player Michael Turner from Nashville, Tenn. and Widman were all named to Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities.

Turner received two other

awards for his performance on and administrator Steve Hamilthe court and in the classroom. ton. Turner was named a GTE/CoSI-DA District IV All-Academic Team member, along with Widman and junior rower Deborah Schulten from Prospect.

Turner was also awarded the Ohio Valley Conference Steve Hamilton Sportsmanship Award. The Hamilton Award is given annually to an OVC student-athlete who best exemplifies the characteristics of longtime Morehead State student-athlete, coach of Honor (all with 4.0 GPAs)

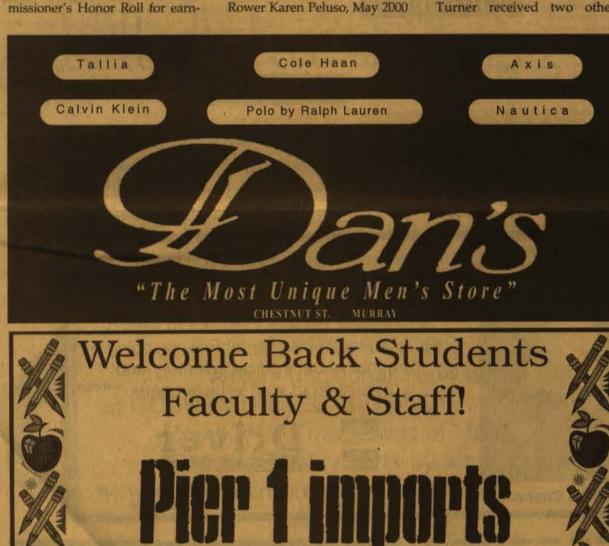
Criteria for this award include significant athletic performance and good sportsmanship and citizenship. The award is voted on by the conference's athletics directors and sports information direc-

Four Murray State athletes were given the OVC Medal of Honor for having the highest GPA in the OVC in their sport.

Those winning the OVC Medal

were: sophomore pitcher Daniel Wenzel from Harrisburg, Ill.; sophomore track and field participant Lindsay Newlin from Georgetown, Ill.; sophomore tennis player Cheryl Graham from Peachtree City, Ga.; and junior track and field participant Amy Williams from Carmi, Ill.

To view the entire list of student-athletes on MSU's Dean's List and on the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll, go to "The Murray State News Online" at www.thenews.org/sports.htm.



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Maria Alonte earns chance at U.S. Open

BY SAM AGUIAR CONTRIBUTING WRITER

It's not very often that a Murray State student-athlete receives the opportunity to compete at the professional level, but don't tell that to tennis standout Maria Alonte.

Alonte earned the chance to play in the qualifying rounds of this year's U.S. Open Tennis tournament in Flushing, N.Y.

This summer, the junior from Milwaukee participated in various national tournaments. She won the Greater Milwaukee Open last

"I played (in the Greater Milwaukee Open) because one of the guys who used to coach me asked if I wanted to play mixed doubles," Alonte said. "I decided to play singles and

After her success in Milwaukee, Alonte traveled to Tallahassee, Fla. She reached the semifinals in the backdraw at an Intercollegiate Tennis Association event at Florida State University, where she faced some of the best college players in the nation, including Lady Racer teammates Cheryl Graham, sophomore from Peachtree City, Ga. and Melissa Spencer, freshman from Roswell, Ga.

Alonte's victory in Milwaukee, along with "her strong showing in Florida, gave her an automatic berth in the U.S. Open qualifying

However, because the tournament coincided with the beginning of classes this week, Alonte decided to pass on the week-long



Ryan Brooks/The News

Maria Alonte, junior from Milwaukee, hits a return during a match last spring at the Bernie Purcell Tennis Courts.

MSU coach Connie Keasling was pleased with Alonte's performance.

"I am very proud of the way Maria played this summer," Keasling said. "It is rewarding to see a player progress in the offseason the way she has. I am also pleased that she decided to bypass the qualifying tournament and return back to school on time. Her priorities serve as a role model for other players."

Keasling said Alonte's success has given to an Oct. 11 showdown with Southern Illinois.

the program greater national recognition.

"Maria's experience will definitely benefit the program," Keasling said. "Hopefully we can use this as a recruiting tool for high school players, because through Maria's progression, high school players can see the program's capabilities."

Alonte's performances this summer not only enhanced Murray State's national reputation, but also gave her some practical experience for her future.

Alonte's ambition is to teach tennis, and she took advantage of the opportunity to teach tennis in the city of Brookfield, Wis., and for various private clubs in the surrounding Milwaukee area.

"I'm working with two of the top pros in Wisconsin, Rick Vetter and Tim Els," Alonte said. "I want to teach tennis for a living and I'm gaining a teaching mentality. I'm getting a lot of experience with different ages by working with both adults and 3- and 4-yearolds."

This season, expectations for Alonte are high. Last year the Lady Racers graduated two seniors. Keasling said Alonte will be a leader on this year's squad.

"Maria has been consistent for us," Keasling said. "She always finds a way for us to get the points we need to win a match. Her consistency will be crucial for us this year as we hope to improve upon last season's fourth place fin-

The Lady Racers only home match this fall is

Bradley, Calef qualify for U.S. Amateur tourney

BY STEPHANIE ELDER CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Two Murray State golfers qualified for the U.S. Amateur Championship in Springfield, N.J.

Former MSU golfer Rob Bradley and MSU senior Michael Calef are two of the 264 golfers competing in the national tournament.

Calef finished the qualifying tournament with nine birdies, six bogeys and a triple bogey.

"I was with the very first group out, so I wasn't really sure how everyone else was playing," he said. "I came around No. 9 and I expected four or five scores in the 60s. I was really shocked to find nobody shot 60."

Meanwhile, Bradley had a struggle trying to beat out three other golfers for the last three positions.

Bradley, along with another player, quenched their spots on the third hole. Yet it took a fourth hole to determine the other position and the alternate.

"I think it's tremendous," men's golf coach Buddy Hewitt said. "Michael was the low qualifier in his section and he called me to tell me that he was the No. 1 qualifier to come out of his section."

The 264 qualifiers will compete in the first two rounds Aug. 21 to 27 in Springfield, N.J. Match play will begin after the second round, with the top 32 golfers.

Calef has a two-year career average of 76.51 at Murray State. His low was a singleround score of 68 during the 1999 Drury Intercollegiate in Cape Girardeau, Mo. He also finished fourth in the 103golfer EKU Fall Classic in Richmond, which was his best for the 1999-2000 season.

Bradley completed his career at MSU in 1998, when he fired a 76.80 per-round average. In that season his best finish was at the 67golfer EKU Spring Intercollegiate in Richmond, where he tied for fifth.

Many of the world's top golfers got their start in the same place that Bradley and Calef were. Golfers such as Jack Nicklaus, Robert Jones and Tiger Woods are just glimpses into this national tournament's tradition.

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Renovations will cut down on spaces

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saw the biggest cut, with 84 spaces eliminated. The renovations will be complete by 2002 and will take up 55 of those spots permanently.

"This is the only place where we are permanently losing space," Southerland said. Other renovations will eliminate park-

- ing spots in the following areas: · Twenty-seven spaces will be lost around Regents and White colleges for renovations to the Carr Health Building. An additional 13 spots will also be taken on Payne Street for that project, which is expected to be complete next year.
- · A cable rewiring project at Franklin College is expected to be done by early September and is blocking 14 spaces.
- · While Woods Hall receives a new roof and electrical upgrade, 22 spaces will be unavailable until September and another 22 until October.
- Twenty-five spaces around the Business Building will be eliminated until March 2001 while a new front entrance is constructed.

· The Collins Center for Industry and Technology renovations will tie up to 14 spaces until November.

Southerland said although some parking areas have been eliminated, University police have noticed plenty of open areas.

"There's still plenty of space based on our watching of what's going on in the parking lots," she said.

After the first week, officers will not give breaks for students who park illegal-

"We try to do parking enforcement as everything else we do on a fair and equitable basis," Southerland said.

A 100-space parking area was constructed this summer in Hamilton field at Kentucky Street and College Terrace, and a new 45-space lot will be available at Hamilton Avenue and Broach Street in October. Also, 16 parking spots are under construction at the site of the former Westside Baptist Church and will be completed mid-September.

Southerland said the farthest walking distance to Faculty Hall from University lots is 1,890 feet, the distance from the sorority complex on Poplar Street.

"How many of us don't really need to walk a third of a mile a day?" Southerland said. "It's not like it's an over-taxing thing."

PHI MU ALPHA: MSU

disagrees with fate From Page 1

required to carry the paddle until he officially became a member. Members have not been struck by the paddles since the

that they don't care if we carry them, it just had a negative connotation," said senior Mark Sauerbrunn, who was elected last spring to be president of the fraternity this semester.

Sauerbrunn said the allegations against the fraternity - with the exception of the blindfold recital - included practices that have not been implemented since 1997 when the chapter started revising its policies.

Phi Mu Alpha was founded at Murray State in 1938. It was fundamental in starting Campus Lights, an annual student "The biggest thing with the paddles is music production. The show is the longest-running student produced musical in the nation.

"There is a lot of history on this campus along with Phi Mu Alpha - not that that should be an excuse for what they did," he said.

Campus Lights will continue this year and those involved will meet to determine its future, Sauerbrunn said.

Robertson said the University would have supported the nationals' decision if the hazing involved physical harm.

"On the other side, their national is to be commended for taking a very serious stand," he said.

Phi Mu Alpha could establish another chapter after all current members have graduated, in about five years.

The hazing policies were investigated last semester.

ORGANIC:

Neighbors worry about health

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expressing disapproval of the plant is Lynn Sullivan, owner of Sullivan's Par 3 Golf and Sports Center. He said the

Sullivan has been in contact with rhinitis and asthma. Immunocompro-

Peter S. Thorne, a professor of toxicology at the University of Iowa with expertise in bioaerosol exposure assessment, control and health effects. Thorne's assessment of Murray's plant worried him.

A letter from Thorne to Sullivan states: "Fungal spores of the genus One of the most vocal of the group aspergillus become airborne at composting facilities and can be carried off site by prevailing winds. A number of species within this genus are recogplant has destroyed the value of his nized causal agents for pulmonary diseases including aspergillosis, allergic

mized individuals and asthmatics are at an elevated risk for adverse consequences ... It is likely that there are asthmatics exposed to bioeffluents from this composting facility. It is my opinion that the facility should be relocated at a site that is far from private homes or businesses."

Sullivan doubts reports that the plant's emissions are at safe levels.

Said Sullivan: "You just don't know if it's at a level that can cause health problems to our golfers and our neighbors, especially to those with breathing problems."

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Renah Rushing: Chosen to serve as a consultant for National Sigma Sigma Sigma. Renah was president from 96-97 and 97-98 for Murray State's Alpha Chi Chapter

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