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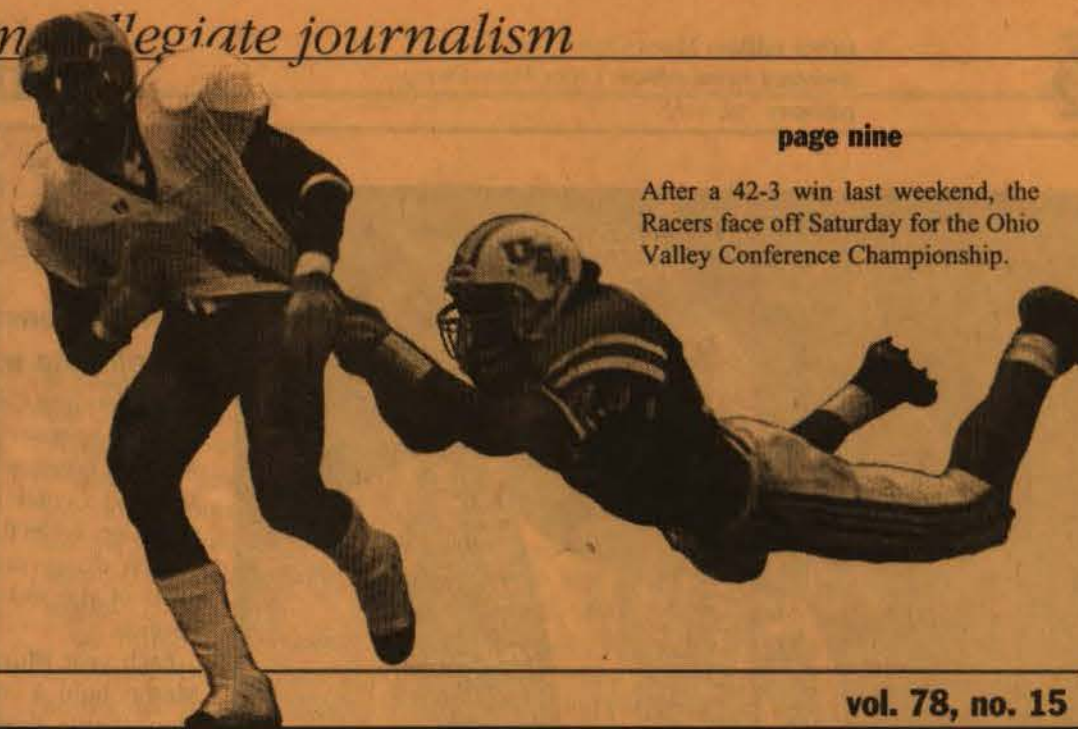


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College life takes a look at toys from the past that are regaining popularity among college students.



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After a 42-3 win last weekend, the Racers face off Saturday for the Ohio Valley Conference Championship.

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## College campuses merge, seek new name

by Tim Siniard  
staff writer

Local citizens have a rare opportunity to help name an area college.

The West Kentucky District Board, the body that oversees the West Kentucky Technical and Community College District, is consolidating Paducah Community College and West Kentucky Technical College and seeking name suggestions for the combined institution.

Janett Blythe, public relations director representing the two colleges, said the move is a major event both schools.

"It's an exciting time for PCC and West Kentucky Tech.," Blythe said.

Blythe said anyone may submit an idea for the new name, but there are some restrictions.

"Originally, we thought we could not name the college for any particular person, but we have found out that we can consider naming the school after a

historical person affiliated with education," Blythe said.

The name must also be reflective of the community where the college is located, Blythe said.

PCC and West Kentucky Technical College make up the West Kentucky Community and Technical College District. The West Kentucky District is one of 16 districts in the Kentucky Community and Technical College System.

The district board authorized the name change.

The deadline for entries is Nov. 27. An ad hoc staff committee authorized by the board will consider the entries and select 50 names to be forwarded to the District Board of Directors. After further elimination, the Kentucky Community and Technical College System will select five names to be considered by the KCTCS Board of Regents. The five names will be publicized and evaluated by marketing and public-relations specialists to determine their viability. They will

pick the top three names and recommend one to the District Board of Directors. After the District Board presents the new name to the KCTCS president's Cabinet, the KCTCS Board of Regents will approve the name for the combined institutions.

West Kentucky Technical College, originally named West Kentucky Industrial College, was established as an educational institution for African-American students in 1909. Paducah Community College, founded in 1932,

was originally named Paducah Junior College. As both colleges grew, they altered their names several times to reflect their increased presence within the community.

Blythe said the consolidation should be completed soon, and the new name approved early next year.

"We expect the consolidation to be complete by December," Blythe said.

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## Speaker stresses 'responsible drinking, knowing limits'

by Melissa Kilcoyne  
staff writer

Author Rick Barnes, who has spoken at more than 150 college campuses, talked with Murray State students about alcohol awareness in a "Drink Think" presentation Monday night. The Campus Activities Board held the event in conjunction with the Student Government Association and Panhellenic Council.

Barnes stressed responsible drinking and presented statistics on

alcohol abuse. He also emphasized the legal drinking age.

"If you're under 21, you really can't say it's your right to drink. (When you're) illegally doing something, you're not being responsible," Barnes said. "Normally, only 25 percent of the student body can drink responsibly."

In Barnes' presentation, he presented several reasons students choose to drink alcohol. Among them were the need to belong, a level of excitement and a belief in the right to drink.

"Don't always get in the mindset of doing what everyone else is doing," he said.

Students who attended the event said they thought it was a valuable learning experience.

"I'd seen it before," Jennifer Guerrilla, senior from Paducah, said. "It was a nice refresher course, and he has a lot of useful information."

Sauna Hawkins, senior from Pinckneyville, Tenn., said she hopes audience members will think about Barnes' words.

"I think he pointed out some things that a lot of people didn't realize, and hopefully he made people think," Hawkins said.

Barnes urged students to know their alcohol limit and not exceed it.

"I don't have a problem with alcohol," Barnes said. "I just think (you) need to think about it first. Know your limit."

Barnes said for males, high-risk drinking is having more than five drinks in one sitting, and for females, four. Barnes classified one sitting as "one night out."

According to Brandon Powell, SGA vice president, SGA decided to host "Drink Think" because of an expressed interest by the Interfraternity and Panhellenic Councils.

"There was a good response from it last year," Powell said. "Drinking is always pertinent on college campuses, and we felt that the lecture was beneficial information-wise and included some humor."

According to Barnes, the body delivers warnings on alcohol limits in five stages. The fourth stage is

passing out, and the fifth is death.

"If you've ever known someone to pass out from drinking," Barnes said, "they were only one stage away from death."

Barnes said he hopes to make a difference in the lives of students across the country.

"I think that students, if they have the right information, they make the right decisions," Barnes said. "The problem with alcohol, I think, is a lot of them get mixed messages about it, and they make decisions based on those negative messages."

## ! Quite the HANDFUL

### Communication student juggles through speech

by Jessica Higdon  
staff writer

When Tom Cecil stepped up to the podium, his classmates had no idea what they were about to see.

Cecil, a senior from Newburgh, Ind., had no problem deciding on a topic for his demonstration speech in Com 161; he would speak about juggling. Not only did he demonstrate to the class how to juggle, Cecil actually juggled throughout his entire speech.

Cecil juggled different objects such as beanbags and juggling clubs, which look like bowling pins.

"Juggling is really easy to learn, and I thought it would be something the class might actually want to learn how to do," Cecil said.

Cecil said he got the idea for the speech from a speech he did in high school.

"I did a similar speech for a class in high school," Cecil said. "It fit the speech requirements for the demonstration speech per-

fectly, and I thought it would be something no one else would be doing."

During his speech, Cecil explained the basic steps of juggling and demonstrated each step. After explaining the basic concepts, he demonstrated different tricks beginners can do after learning the basics.

"The class really seemed to enjoy (the speech)," Cecil said. "At least I didn't notice anyone sleeping at the end of it."

Greg Wurth, graduate assistant, teaches the class and said he was impressed with Cecil's speech and juggling ability.

"The class was completely blown away," Wurth said. "He was such a good speaker, and the way he talked while he was juggling made it really entertaining to sit and watch."

Cecil said he thinks the class enjoyed his speech because it is not every day someone comes into class and starts throwing objects around.

"I thought it was a very unique way to do a speech like that," Wurth said. "It was a heck of a tactic to keep people watching

him."

Cecil has been juggling since junior high school, but said he did not take the practice seriously until he was forced to learn the trick for a high-school play.

"My high school did the musical 'Barnum' and needed people to play the part of circus jugglers," Cecil said. "So, I spent two months practicing after school for my 30 seconds of fame on stage."

Cecil said he doubts many of his friends know about his ability to flail objects into the air, but hopes after learning about it, they will want to give juggling a try.

"I don't think many people know that I can juggle," Cecil said. "I can occasionally be seen tossing pieces of fruit around in reckless abandon, but I haven't found much of a demand for it as a party trick."

Cecil also said he hopes people will take an interest in juggling and try to learn how to do it for themselves.

"Until you try it, you don't realize how easy it can be," Cecil said. "Maybe this way, a few more people will give it a try."

## Unlocked doors allow burglary; Housing advises theft prevention

by Adam L. Mathis  
staff writer

The Murray State Housing Office is recommending students practice simple, theft-preventive measures after two burglaries were reported on the seventh floor of Hart College on Nov. 14.

Savannah Isaacs, sophomore from Lawrenceburg, said she noticed her French, geography and education textbooks were missing Nov. 14.

"I was a little upset, but mostly confused," Isaacs said. "They're just books."

Her suite mate, Celesté Smith, freshman from Louisville, said she noticed a cellular phone and two compact discs missing from her room Nov. 13. She reported the incident to her resident advisor the next day.

Smith said she originally thought the theft was a prank.

"I thought that she (her friend) might have just took something just to be playing," Smith said. "Then when I talked to her, she said, 'No, I haven't been in your room today.'"

Smith said her roommate had forgotten to lock the door earlier that day and thought the burglar entered her room first, then Isaacs' room through the bathroom.

Isaacs said they did leave the bathroom door unlocked that day.

"It's annoying to unlock a door every time you have to pee," Isaacs said.

Both Isaacs and Smith said they received hang-up phone calls before the burglaries occurred.

"Then we (Isaacs and her roommate) realized later that they were calling to see when we were in the room," Isaacs said.

David Wilson, interim director of Housing, said approximately 10 to 15 thefts occur in the residential colleges each year. Four have occurred this year.

"There are probably several thefts that are not reported to us," Wilson said.

To prevent further crimes, Wilson said officials are using signs and word-of-mouth.

"Most steps to prevent theft are things that the individual student must do - locking their room doors, locking the suite bathroom doors, do not leave money and other valuables out in plain view and do not leave book bags laying around," Wilson said.

Officials from Public Safety could not comment since the theft is still under investigation.







Sherry McKinney/Guest

Hamid Alzobaidi, junior from Saudi Arabia, works a booth at the International Bazaar on Wednesday in the Curris Center. The event was part of the Institute for International Studies' International Education Week.

#### Correction

In the Nov. 15 issue of "The Murray State News," Dona Rains' name was incorrect.

#### University buildings to have power outages next week

During Thanksgiving Break, several buildings on campus will experience power outages in order to perform maintenance and repairs.

Hart, Hester, Regents, Clark, Franklin, Elizabeth, White, Richmond and Springer colleges, Woods Hall, General Services Building and Facilities Management Building should expect a power outage of about four hours over the break.

The power will be out in College Courts all day Wednesday and cam-

pus-wide from 7 to 8:30 a.m. Wednesday.

All electrical equipment should be turned off over the holidays.

For more information, phone Facilities Management at 762-4406.

#### SSLD office seeks tutors for Spring 2003 courses

The Services for Students with Learning Disabilities office is seeking tutors for the Spring 2003 semester for the following courses: Art 419; Che 330; Mat 155, 215 and 130; Mgt 350 and 360; Ltd 107; Ele 401 and 402; political science 400 level; communications 300 level and recreation 400 level.

SSLD offers paid positions and flexible hours.

For more information, contact

Loetta Sill by e-mail at loetta.sill@murraystate.edu or by phone at 762-4340.

#### SGA to sponsor blood drive to compete with UT Martin

The Student Government Association is sponsoring a blood drive with the Western Kentucky Regional Blood Center from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 3-4 in the Curris Center.

Each donor must be at least 17 years of age and weigh at least 110 pounds.

Each year Murray State and UT-Martin hold a competition for the Blood Battle Trophy. Murray State received the trophy last October for the first time in seven years.

For more information, phone Brett Keohan at 762-6987.

#### University honor society to host political program

Murray State's Zeta Phi chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political-science honor society, is sponsoring the program "Women in Kentucky Politics" at 3 p.m. Nov. 22 in the Curris Center Barkley room.

Participants will include Executive Cabinet of Kentucky Government Secretary Crit Luellen, Representative Tanya Puellin, 5th Judicial Circuit District Court Judge Renee Williams and Murray City Council member Doris Clark-Parham.

Participants will discuss their views of women in Kentucky politics. The presentations will be followed by a question-and-answer session.

#### Student Affairs to honor graduates with breakfast

Faculty and staff members are invited to attend the Senior Breakfast honoring December graduates at 8 a.m. Dec. 2 in the Curris Center large ballroom.

Tickets for the breakfast are \$4.50 and can be purchased from department secretaries or the Office of Student Affairs until Nov. 25.

For more information, phone 762-6831.

Campus Briefly is compiled by Taylor Marie Ewing, assistant news editor.

## •police beat

#### Thursday, Nov. 14

12:32 p.m. There was a report of a trespasser at the Applied Science Building. A report was taken.

2:06 p.m. A caller reported someone had stolen his bicycle from his truck. A report was taken.

4:30 p.m. A caller reported several items were stolen from a room in Hart College. A report was taken.

6:12 p.m. A caller requested an officer check on a subject asleep in his truck at Waterfield Library.

7:56 p.m. A caller reported gas was stolen from his vehicle in the 15th Street parking lot. A report was taken.

8:31 p.m. The residence director at Hester College reported the smell of marijuana on the second floor.

11:24 p.m. A caller reported skate boarders behind Franklin College. The subjects were advised to leave.

#### Friday, Nov. 15

8:04 a.m. Construction tools were reported missing from the Industry and Technology Building. A report was taken.

10:54 a.m. A subject had information on a theft and was receiving possibly related, unwanted phone calls.

11:14 a.m. A caller reported her vehicle was hit in the Regents College parking lot.

11:47 a.m. A caller reported two missing laptops from Blackburn Science Building.

1:11 p.m. A caller reported someone had run over a light pole in front of Franklin College.

10:51 p.m. A caller reported several students chasing squirrels in the Quad.

#### Saturday, Nov. 16

2:59 a.m. A caller reported he had been assaulted in Hart College.

3:20 p.m. The Murray Police

Department alerted Public Safety regarding a patient who walked away from Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

10:10 p.m. There was a noise complaint on Waldrop Street.

#### Sunday, Nov. 17

12:09 a.m. A resident adviser at Regents College reported road signs in a resident's room.

1:23 a.m. A caller requested officer assistance for an unwanted male subject at Stadium View Drive.

1:33 a.m. There was a request for officer assistance at Regents College for an unruly male. An officer pursued the subject on foot and Thomas Payne, freshman from Owensboro, was arrested at General Services for alcohol intoxication and fleeing and evading an officer.

2:55 a.m. A desk worker at Clark College reported individuals beating things on a trash receptacle and possibly causing damage.

3:15 a.m. An officer observed suspicious behavior at Regents College. The subject was gone upon arrival.

11:12 a.m. A caller reported people hiding behind a sign and jumping out to scare people on the footbridge. Subjects were gone upon officer arrival.

Monday, Nov. 18

9:54 a.m. An overhead screen was reported missing from Wells Hall. A report was taken.

11:44 a.m. A caller reported someone had been in her room in Springer College and gone through her things when she was not there.

4:26 p.m. A caller reported

someone had tampered with computers in the Alumni Affairs office. A report was taken.

4:45 p.m. A subject was stuck on an elevator in Faculty Hall.

#### Tuesday, Nov. 19

3:22 a.m. A caller reported hearing two loud noises that sounded like gunshots. A report was taken of a plastic-bottle explosion.

11:13 a.m. A subject was stuck on an elevator in Faculty Hall.

6:39 p.m. A caller reported the smell of burning leaves at Alexander Hall.

8:14 p.m. A caller reported the smell of gas at the Industry and Technology Building.

10:27 p.m. A resident adviser at Clark College reported the smell of marijuana on the first floor.

#### Wednesday, Nov. 20

3:18 p.m. There was a non-injury motor vehicle accident in front of White College.

7:01 p.m. A student reported her book was stolen from a classroom in the Industry and Technology Building. A report was taken.

*Crime Safety Tip from Public Safety: As the semester comes to an end, students should be aware of an increase in thefts. Public Safety reminds students to lock up their belongings. Furthermore, when students are preparing to go home for break, they should be careful not to leave anything valuable sitting out in their cars.*

Police Escorts-12  
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### Two Western Kentucky students face home invasion charges

BOWLING GREEN (AP) - Two Western Kentucky University students and two other women are accused of carrying out a home invasion robbery at an apartment.

Ashley N. Moore and Nicole Phillip Hite, both of Bowling Green, and Sallie Trenice Palmer and Tiffany Renee Abernathy, both of Louisville, were arrested Sunday night.

The four 18-year-olds were charged with first-degree robbery and possession of a firearm on school property.

Abernathy was charged with first-degree possession of a controlled substance and promoting contraband after authorities said they found crack cocaine.

Hite and Moore may face disciplinary action at the school, said university spokesman Bob Skipper.

The apartment's five occupants, three of whom are Western Kentucky students, told police two women entered with weapons, bound them with duct tape and stole \$388 in cash and a check card.

### Tyson lawyers claim workers did not follow company rules

HENDERSON (AP) - Two workers who died at a Tyson Foods Inc. plant three years ago were not following company rules when they fell into a pool of chicken waste, which led to their deaths, a company attorney argued.

Tyson is appealing charges filed by the Kentucky Labor Cabinet's Occupational Safety and Health Program that the company committed willful violations of worker safety regulations and should be penalized \$139,500.

The Labor Cabinet maintains Tyson failed to properly enforce its own safety program in July 1999 when the deaths occurred.

Witnesses testified Monday that James Dame Jr., 40, of Slaughters, was overcome by fumes and fell into a vat of chicken byproducts used to make pet food when he was trying to retrieve a "tote" - or container full of chicken waste - that had fallen into a 10-foot-deep bin.

## •nation

### Officials seize illegal snakes from residence

FRUITHURST, Ala. (AP) - Officials seized two illegal poisonous snakes, including a deadly African Puff Adder viper, from the home of a man who apparently sold his collection of snakes at shows and over the Internet.

Officers from the state Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries division arrested the man for possession of two non-native poisonous reptiles and two others he had previously sold. He was also charged with illegally possessing a raccoon. He faces up to a \$500 fine for each count. Besides the viper, the man had a Western Diamondback rattlesnake caged up, officials said. The two non-native snakes were among about a dozen poisonous snakes officers found in cages that were not properly secured, making the home dangerous to anybody inside it.

State law forbids the possession of non-native poisonous reptiles, though one can own native species.

### Guards allow inmate access to contraband

CHESTER, S.C. (AP) - Two guards have been fired and charged with allowing contraband into the Chester County jail after inmates were found drinking alcohol.

Phillip Keith Doster, 23, and Renata Kay Gibson, 21, both of Chester, were arrested and released on Nov. 8, said sheriff's Lt. Billy Alley.

The alcohol was discovered Nov. 2. When officers performed breath tests on the inmates, several of them tested above the state's legal limit for driving.

The jail's director, Vickie Fairfax, also no longer works at the detention center, although officials would not say whether she left voluntar-

ily or was fired. Fairfax left on Nov. 8 and is not charged in the case, officials said.

Sheriff Robby Benson said his department and the State Law Enforcement Division are investigating the incident.

### Tennessee teacher resigns after arrest

GALLATIN, Tenn. (AP) - A teacher resigned after being accused of the rape and sexual battery of a 15-year-old girl, a school official said.

Howard Ray Johnson II, 29, coached baseball and was a special educational instructor at Station Camp High School until last Friday, said Maryanne Durski, interim human resources director with Sumner County schools. The charges against Johnson include rape, statutory rape and sexual battery by an authority figure.

"Part of the investigation included an interview with Mr. Johnson in which he was cooperative," said Chief Deputy Bob Barker of the Sumner County Sheriff's Department. Johnson admitted guilt to some of the allegations, Barker said.

Johnson was freed on \$25,000 bond.

### Study: Eating junk food can raise test scores

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) - Junk food makes you smarter, at least in the short term.

A study released Tuesday by University of Florida suggests that schools offering high-calorie lunches on days where standardized exams are administered do better on the tests than schools serving healthier lunches on those days.

"There exists a well-established link between nutrition and short-term cognitive functioning," the study's co-author, David Figlio, wrote.

## •world

### Diplomat criticizes Western countries

MOSCOW (AP) - A top Russian diplomat criticized the United States and other Western countries on Wednesday for failing to provide promised funds for the destruction of Russia's chemical weapons stocks.

"A number of western countries that promised additional funding unfortunately later did not fulfill their promises, or tied the allotment of funds to political conditions that were for us absolutely unacceptable," Deputy Foreign Minister Georgy Mamedov said in comments shown on Russian television.

"It's not charity, but the fight against a common danger," he added.

Russia has 40,000 metric tons (44,000 tons) of chemical weapons, the world's largest arsenal. The Russian government pledged to destroy those stocks when it ratified the Chemical Weapons Convention in 1997, but has dragged its feet on the disarmament effort, citing a shortage of funds.

### Arab ministers meet to discuss strategy

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) - Amid warnings that war remained a possibility even after Iraqi pledges of cooperation with U.N. weapons inspectors, Arab foreign ministers Wednesday sought to reach a common position on the U.S.-Iraq standoff.

Wednesday's discussions in the Syrian capital Damascus, which also will chart a unified position on a U.S.-backed plan to calm Palestinian-Israeli violence,

were informal for most of the day. An official meeting of Arab League foreign ministers convened Wednesday night and another session was expected Thursday.

Initially, the two-day session was expected to be by a 10-member league committee, but it was expanded to include other Arab countries. Those attending represented Syria, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, the Palestinians, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Bahrain, Yemen, Tunisia, Algeria, Oman, Libya and the league.

### King of Pop admits to 'terrible mistake'

BERLIN (AP) - Media scolded Michael Jackson Wednesday for endangering his young son by hanging him over a fourth-floor balcony railing at a Berlin hotel, with outraged British tabloids demanding an investigation of the star.

After video images of the squirming baby in a blue jumper shocked viewers on two continents, the reclusive pop legend issued a statement saying he had made a "terrible mistake" by holding Prince Michael II aloft from a window 60 feet (18 meters) off the ground.

"I got caught up in the excitement of the moment," the statement said. "I would never intentionally endanger the lives of my children."

### High wind disperses oil slick near Spain

CAJON, Spain (AP) - Winds exceeding 60 mph Wednesday broke up a 22-mile-long oil slick threatening rich fishing waters and

pristine beaches along the Spanish coast, and authorities said the stricken tanker had released no more fuel after sinking to the bottom of the Atlantic.

The winds and heavy seas, with waves of 26 feet, pushed a second, smaller slick northward along the Portuguese shore as workers from both countries fought to protect the environment from the additional 800,000 gallons of fuel oil released into the ocean as the ship split in two and sank Tuesday 150 miles off northern Spain.

### Poll shows Royals losing popularity

LONDON (AP) - Public support for the British royal family has dropped following the trial of former royal butler Paul Burrell and his string of embarrassing revelations, according to an opinion poll published Wednesday.

The ICM survey published by "The Guardian" newspaper found that 43 percent of those questioned believed Britain would be worse off without the monarchy, down from 59 percent in May after the death of Queen Mother Elizabeth.

Burrell's theft trial collapsed this month after the queen belatedly confirmed that Burrell told her he was taking some of the late Princess Diana's personal items for safekeeping. Burrell had been charged in August 2001 with stealing hundreds of items owned by Diana, who called Burrell "my rock."

World Briefly is compiled by Tim Siniard, staff writer.

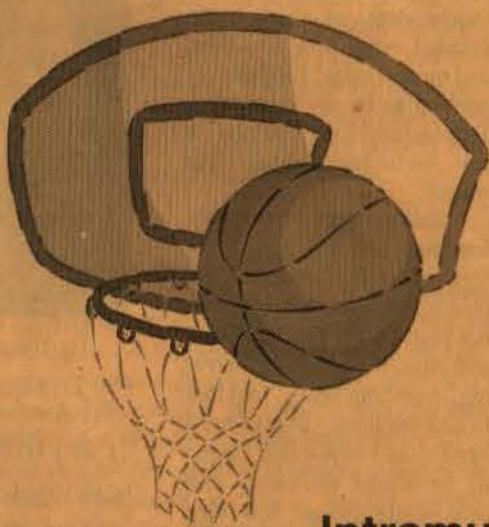
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junior, Madisonville



"I'm grateful for having all the opportunities to do what I want."

Chris Domrowe  
graduate student, Germany



"I'm thankful for God, my friends and my family."

Candace Jeffries  
junior, Louisville



"I'm thankful for the breath of life."

Chadwick Holliman  
senior, Martin, Tenn.



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# Culture comes to campus

## Our View

University officials hosted the International Education Week.

## POSITION:

Events like this prove Murray State's dedication to promoting diversity on campus.

University officials have always strived to make Murray State as diverse an institution as possible by aggressively recruiting international students and offering various forms of financial aid, such as scholarships, tuition waivers and grants.

However, University officials have not stopped there. The recent celebration of International Education Week is a classic example of how University officials are encouraging diversity on campus.

International Education Week offered opportunities to experience different cultures and perspectives. Events included an international photo contest and exhibit, ethnic cuisine, an International

Bazaar and cultural performances.

Anyone who was interested in seeing and listening to other cultural perspectives was welcome to attend numerous faculty presentations and open discussions.

The festivities also gave members of the international community an opportunity to display aspects of their cultures never before experienced in this part of the world, especially this part of the country.

When the University hosts events such as these, it sends a message to the public. Murray State not only accepts other cultures into the institution, but celebrates those cultures.

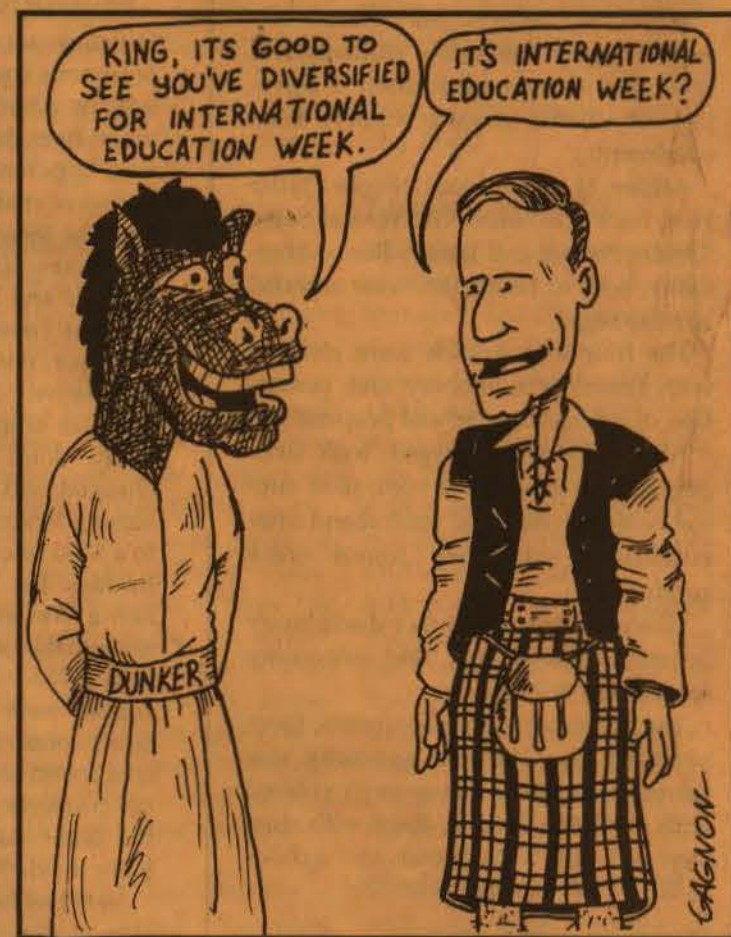
International communities here at Murray State see these

events as a venue to display their traditions and show pride in their countries and cultures. Americans are given the invaluable opportunity of experiencing a variety of diverse cultures in one place.

This intermingling of people and culture fosters tolerance, understanding and the sharing of ideas.

Murray State's International Education Week gets better each year, demonstrating that this University takes diversity seriously.

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# Everyday kindness not so common

## In My Opinion



Kyser Lough

Whoever said chivalry is dead was sorely mistaken. What he should have said is that politeness as a whole is dead. Allow me to explain.

People in this day and age have become increasingly rude to others. Granted, there are nice guys (and girls) out there, but the past few days have shown me they must have gone into hiding or possibly moved to Neptune.

Security policies in Hester College require you to swipe your Racercard to gain entry to the building, a process that is often tedious if you have to dig out your card. Most times, when someone entering or leaving the building sees another person heading toward the door, they hold open the door as to save the other person the trouble of swiping the card. Granted, if the person is in a hurry, or if the approaching subject is fairly far away, it isn't a big deal to just let the door shut.

However, my experience was different. A few nights ago, as I was heading back to Hester after a long day at the newsroom, a student was making his way outside. I was merely two feet away from the door as the subject left Hester. Brushing past me without even a glance, the guy didn't even have the courtesy to take five seconds to hold the door open, or even just give it a little shove to delay its closing! I was left grabbing for the handle right as the lock clicked over the door. Fighting the urge to dash off a few quick, naughty words, I defiantly rolled my eyes at the glass door

and swiped my card.

Another instance happened just the other morning as I was rushing out of Hester to try and make it to my first class, already 15 minutes late. A female, chatting outside with another student, was on her way inside. Taking the five seconds necessary to prop the door open, I watched in horror as the girl breezed right by me in the same manner as the guy had the night before, with nary a "thank you" or even a smile!

I am quite perplexed at what motivates people in this day and age to be so rude. These weren't even major things, just tiny little polite moves that used to be part of our daily routine.

From that point on, I started noticing other examples of the rude revolution we have on our hands. Some were subtle, and some were a direct slap in the face that is impossible to ignore.

The assistant editor of my section was working on a story and picked up the phone to call her main contact. I barely paid attention to this, as it is a quite common occurrence in the newsroom. However, when she hung up the phone less than a minute later with a shocked look on her face, I had to notice. She related the conversation to me, and I soon had the same shocked and angry look gracing my face as well.

During the course of the conversation, she had explained she was with "The Murray State News," was working on a story and wanted to

schedule an interview. The subject responded harshly that she had no time to talk and was not interested in having a story in the paper, then promptly hung up on her.

Not having time to interview is certainly understandable, as is not wanting a story in the paper. However, being rude about it and hanging up on an assistant editor is inexcusable. It wouldn't have taken much for this person to let a few more words slip past her tongue and politely explain that she wasn't interested.

Why are we so rude? Why can't we take a tiny amount of extra time out of our day to say "thank you" or provide someone else with a reason to do the same?

Seriously, people, let's try and be nice here; not to make a bad Hanson reference, but where's the love? We need the nice people to reemerge and show these ill-mannered individuals how to be good people.

This rude revolution has gone too far. Please, people, I beg of you to think next time you have the opportunity to be polite, even if it is just holding open a door. You never know how a small gesture of kindness could brighten someone else's day, or even your own.

Kyser Lough is college life editor for "The Murray State News."

# Damsel gives up on finding prince charming

I am only 18 years old and already asking, "Where is he?" Ladies, you know of this man I am to whom I am referring. He is tall, dark, handsome, and normally he can be found rescuing damsels in distress and riding a white horse. I've been waiting for this man, this knight in shining armor, to come rescue me for quite some time now. While this might sound horribly lame and 1950-ish, I offer no excuse. I am a hopeless romantic who, as a child, always dreamt of being awakened by a gentle kiss from a dashing prince.

However, at 18 years old, I've gone through three serious relationships, two heartaches and given up on the idea of finding a decent guy. I have also come to the conclusion that while there may appear to be many knights in shining armor, they are only figments of our imaginations, paupers on broken-backed mules we have doctored up with the help of fairy tales, bedtime stories and diluted perceptions.

Take this case, for instance. For the past two months, I

have been casually seeing a possible prince charming, and when I say charming, I mean charming. During our friendship, he picked up the tab, pulled out my chair and was good to my friends. Above all, mom would love him. This classic American-made man was perfect to bring home. He was respectful, kind, and the epitome of "Southern gentleman."

My relationship with the "prince" was a peculiar one. For the first few weeks we were together, we were around each other every second of every day. We'd flirt insanely, become slightly affectionate and attempt to repress the sexual tension that looms between two very close friends and ultimately leads them to make that huge, giant leap for all mankind (and I do mean MANKIND): commitment.

So finally, it

happens. After what seems like years of waiting, the kid finally kisses me. A great start to a beautiful thing, right? Wrong. Out of nowhere, he suddenly starts forgetting how to open my door, something I was used to, and starts being rude, crude and obnoxious. Most females would dismiss these transgressions and write them off as the start of a "comfortable shoe"

relationship, a relationship in which you are so comfortable with the person you

are dating, there is no need to put on a good face and make good impressions. While these relationships are great, my relationship with "the prince" was not one of them.

In between his insults, teasing and endless comments both to me and my roommate about how we aren't hot enough or how we really have gained the freshman 15, he starts to behave like the dumb wannabe jock I tried not to see in him, packs up, hops on his horse and rides to a prettier princess in a better village. However tragic this classic case of love-gone-wrong is, I honestly can't say I've lost much sleep.

In fact, meeting this "prince" has taught me one valuable lesson I think all damsels in distress should know. Even though it might comfort you singletons out there to pretend that the perfect guy is somewhere looking, searching and watching out

for you, he's not. In fact, there is no such thing as a knight in shining armor. My "princes" and past mistakes have shown me that firsthand. In the game of love, I think even the most independent gal needs to be rescued every now and then, and quite frankly, I am tired of waiting to be saved. Instead, I've realized I need to hop on my own horse and save myself.

I realize I sound extremely feminist, and although I do feel slightly liberated, I haven't stopped shaving, do not plan on burning my bras, and guys, if you see me carrying something heavy, feel free to take the liberty to give me a hand. Just know I don't need to be saved anymore, and sure, while you are both nice to look at and be with, I am not depending on you to step up to the plate and be everything my mother promised you would be. I am over that fairy tale. I am just waiting for the other singletons to be over it too.

Lauren Drake is freshman journalism and history major from Franklin.

## In My Opinion



Lauren Drake

"I am tired of waiting to be saved. Instead, I've realized I need to hop on my own horse and save myself."

## •your opinion

### Writer wrong about Republicans

To the Editor:

I would like to respond to the commentary by Severo Avila, "Republicans invade Senate and House."

For one, I don't have a problem with people expressing their opinions or ideas, but when they are offensive and bashing, then it crosses the line. To me, as a Republican (and proud of it), I don't think calling the president of the United States names is an appropriate way to show our support for him and

our country in this time of need. The Republican Party stands for a country that is well-protected and will defend itself in the event that something happens in the future. The GOP works toward a government that is less-intrusive in people's lives and lets people decide what is or is not best for them.

I do remember this past summer, millions of Americans received a check from the government in amounts from \$300 to \$600 because of legislation passed by the Republicans.

I also believe it was the Republican Party, if I'm not mistaken, that raised the child tax credit from \$500 to

\$1000.

People are tired of dirty politics and slander in the media. I believe Americans all across this country elected leaders they feel can move this country forward, and that's what happened on Nov. 5. I feel proud as a Republican, but most of all as an American, who stands behind America's leaders in these most trying of times for our country.

I think you need to be less dramatic in your statements and consider other points of view. If you would like, I invite you to an upcoming College Republicans meeting. You can voice

your opinion there.

Thomas Monroe  
Junior  
Hopkinsville

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# Student finds way to feign intelligence

## In My Opinion



Charles Taylor

"First off, you must understand your professors do not make you take their tests to see what you actually know. No, they want to see how big of a fool you can make yourself out to be."

Sometimes confession is needed to cleanse a guilty conscience. Therefore, I (the author) am prepared to reveal a personal secret heretofore unknown: I'm not very bright. You might call me dull-witted or obtuse. In a word, I'm kinda, sorta ... stupid.

Some of you (those of you in class with me) might be somewhat taken aback at this revelation. "Charles," you might say, "I thought you made pretty good grades." Well, yes, I do, but who ever said you have to be smart to make high grades? "But, Charles," you might continue, "how have you managed to fool your professors and those folks that give the ACT all these years?" Read on, my friend, for I am now presenting to you my Essential Guide for Appearing Intelligent!

To fully understand the subtleties of this report, I first must tell you the story of when I first learned of my intellectual deficiencies. I believe the year was 1987, and I was finishing up first grade. Unbeknownst to my fellow students and myself, we had to take the dreaded IQ test when May came around. After we received our scores, my parents were quickly summoned to a conference with my teacher and principal. I thought I must have done something extraordinary to receive this special attention. "Mr. Taylor," the principal might have said, "we're recommending that your son be promoted to third grade immediately." Sadly, I was mistaken. What the principal actually said was, "Your son has, roughly, the IQ of a squirrel. Can we interest you in our special-education program?" Luckily though, I only had a two-week stint on the short bus because I learned early the fact that the "appearance" of intelligence can more than compensate for a dearth of the real thing. That's right — you can't hoodwink the Intelligence Quotient

test, but you can have an alarming degree of success when dealing with ordinary people.

Task #1: Increase your vocabulary.

The truth is, every thought man has ever conceived, and every event that has ever occurred, can easily be described with 200 or fewer words. Take the soliloquy from Shakespeare's "Hamlet" as an example. The title character's whole spiel about "to be or not to be" can be summed up with, "Hey, is it better to live or die?" However, because of government quotas (which call for diversity in everything, even the English language), we have a cornucopia of words at our disposal. Big words, little words, meaningless words — they're all here, with each word being synonymous with about 500 others. And, the best news is the average person does not even know most of these words exist. You can, and must, use this to your advantage. Nathaniel Hawthorne did, and look what resulted — "The Scarlet Letter," a novel literary critics uniformly laud even though it only has two real chapters and abundant, verbose filler material. If this work were adapted to a comic book, it would consist of entirely two pages (with one of those pages being an ad for a video game). So, get out your thesaurus and learn some words with more than two syllables. Sample sentence: "Spot ran to get the ball, but tripped over his own ears and everyone laughed at him." Okay, who spotted the problem with this statement? Besides the fact that it is in dire need of a couple of commas, it also looks like a children's novelist wrote it, which is good if that is your line of work, but inadequate if you ever intend to graduate college. Instead, spice it up like so: "Spot, in an effort to retrieve the spherical object, failed in this endeavor when his biological hearing apparatuses, which represented an obstacle in his running path, caused him to fall. This exposed

him to the derision and ridicule of his peers." An improvement, yes? Also, there is an elite group of words that no one — not even the dictionary committees — knows the true meanings of. These include sycophant, quidnunc, esoteric, consanguine and good old botulism. These are real words — you can look them up, but their definitions will say something to the tune of, "This word was created by Richard Nixon in a presidential address, and, to this day, we still have no idea what he was talking about (and we probably never will because he's dead). Use at your own risk." You can use these words with confidence, since no one will dare to contradict you. To (again) paraphrase Shakespeare: "Cry, quidnunc, and let slip the dogs of botulism!"

Task #2: Improve your test scores.

First off, you must understand your professors do not make you take their tests to see what you actually know. No, they want to see how big of a fool you can make yourself out to be. This was the entire reason essay and short-answer tests were created. Don't play their dirty game. Instead, your strategy (like any good politician's) should be to confuse and evade. One hint: the fact that they want you to write a short answer to their questions does not excuse you from writing in complete sentences. When the test asks, "Who is the greatest American, and why?," don't reply, "Joseph Priestley — he invented oxygen." A better answer would be, "Who am I to judge the greatness of my fellow countrymen? Now, let's look at the history of bubble gum." Your professor will look at your lowly sentence fragment and laugh his butt off. He will put it on his office wall. He will even make copies of it to hand out at the annual professors' conferences. After he finally catches his breath, he will read my statement and think, "Man, this guy has written some-

thing so ludicrous that he must be brilliant!" "A" for me, "E" for you — it's all in the presentation. Multiple choice, alas, presents a special problem, but you can easily curtail this challenge (as I have done for years) by claiming that multiple-choice tests are against your religious beliefs.

Task #3: Learn some stupid trivia.

"Did you know that the male seahorse is the only male animal that gives birth to its progeny?" "I'll bet you'd never guess pearls melt in vinegar." How many times has someone told you these useless bits of information? Despite your efforts to seem uninterested (like shouting, "Who cares?"), I still believe, inwardly, you were green with envy because you had no stupid trivia to reply with. Yes, you can impress people tremendously by telling them things they never wanted to know. "Jack, what is the square root of 64?" Jack's reply: "Did you know that, in ancient China, the penalty for armed robbery was castration?" "That's amazing, Jack! Thank you!" Notice that Jack's reply negates the fact that he has no idea how to multiply. He must be incredibly smart to know so much about Chinese history. After you have established yourself as a source of useless information, you can pass off just about anything as genuine. "Sally told me they were able to clone John Denver before he died, and it must be true because she knows the horseshoe crab has ten eyes."

Well, my sincere hope is you will take these words of wisdom to heart. They have eased my way through four-and-a-half years of higher education, and, with a little bit of luck and the proper dictionary, they just might get me through four more.

Charles Taylor is a senior radio/TV major from Murray.

## Dear John tackles feminine hygiene, pharmaceuticals

Howdy, folks. I know I said last week was going to be the only week I responded to letters sent to me for my "Dear Abby" column, but my editor decided I could dispense advice for one more week before having to return to my usual spiels.

These two letters I received via e-mail; the first one reads as if it came from an issue of "Cosmo" or "Teen Magazine" and deals with a rather feminine issue. The other, well, is just a little odd. So, here you go, guys.

Dear John,

I know that this question may be beyond your gender, but I don't know where else to turn. As a 21-year-old female, my friends often tease me because I still use Maxi Pads every month. They all tell me that if I were to try using tampons, I would never turn back. However, I am also a 21-year-old virgin. I'm scared to ask my friends for fear they would taunt me, but here goes: If I were to use a tampon, would I still be considered a virgin?

Miffed in Murray

Dear Miffed,

Well ... uh-huh ... about your problem ... ummmm ... I ... uh ... HEY! IS THAT ELVIS?! (Insert sight of John throwing down two smoke bombs while exclaiming, "Ninja vanish!" and then disappearing into the smoke caused by said bombs. John then catches a plane ride to Rio de Janeiro, where he changes his name to Jose con Queso, and decides to make a living selling funny novelty hats, doing all this just so he can avoid answering this question.)

Dear John,

Why use expensive pharmaceutical drugs when nature has provided what you need? Over-the-counter and prescription pharmaceuticals are expensive, usually treat only one condition and almost always have one or more side effects. Mesosilver® is a natural health supplement that fights viral, bacterial and fungal infections of all kinds. Click here for more info. Mesogold® is an all-natural mineral supplement that helps people with arthritis, restless-leg syndrome, ADD and other conditions and is a natural energy and performance enhancer. Click here for more info. Colloidal Gold and Silver work with no side effects and no inflated prices that go to the big drug companies' profits, packaging and advertising. To read testimonials from our many satisfied customers, click here. For a complete list of conditions helped by colloidal minerals, visit our Web site at: www.ColloidsForLife.com — The Web's Best Source For Colloidal Minerals.

MesoSilver Incorporated.

Dear Mes,

While your message does intrigue me, I find it hard to believe nature can provide the cure for all ailments, especially this restless-leg syndrome of which you speak; perhaps you should send me future e-mails about your product. I assure you that when I clicked "unsubscribe" the past four times you sent me e-mails, it was just an accident. Tell me something: I have this weird growth on the small of my back; can Mesosilver take care of that? And can Mesogold protect my home from unwanted intruders or get me a date? Because if so, then I am sold on your product. And have you decided to let the rest of the world know about this? Might I recommend a mass e-mail campaign. Those are not annoying at all, especially when they fill up both of my e-mail accounts, and I have heard it is such a popular idea that the bigwigs at the Totino's Party Pizza Corporation are looking into it as a possibility.

As for your opening question about why should we use over-the-counter drugs, well ... I really don't know why, Mes. It is quite obvious from reading your e-mail that Mesosilver ranks right up there as chief of the greatest inventions of our time, above atomic fusion, fire and the wheel. God bless you, Mesosilver.

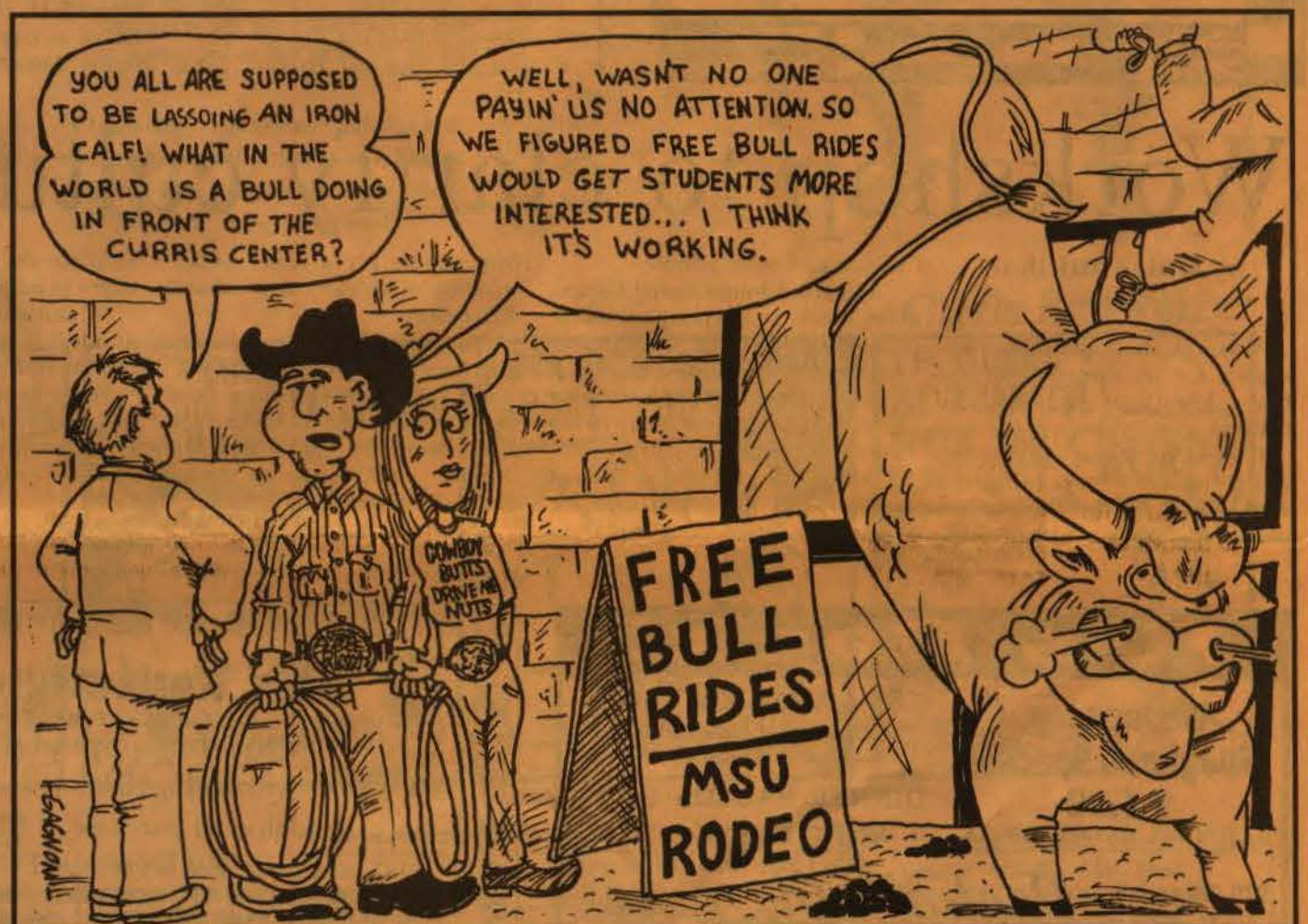
John Gibson is a columnist for "The Murray State News."

## On the John



John Gibson

"I have this weird growth on the small of my back; can Mesosilver take care of that? And can Mesogold protect my home from unwanted intruders or get me a date?"



## Writer contemplates ways to 'symbolize' his name

What's in a name? I've always felt my name was unique — after all, there aren't many people in western Kentucky that have a name that means "harsh" in Spanish. However, after noticing that R&B songstress India.Arie has a dot in the middle of her name, it got me thinking. Do I need an addition to my name, too? At first, I contemplated just using one big symbol, like the Artist Formerly Known As, but that would be too cliché. I wanted to stand out. Like Miss Arie, I too would like to add a symbol to my name. I feel this will enhance the aesthetic appearance of my name while adding some creativity and artistic symbolism.

So to help me decide, I've compiled a list of the various symbols I could possibly incorporate into my name to make it even more unique, or possibly just pretentious.

For a long time, I had thought about the usual addition to any Spanish name — the accent. It would certainly have cleared up mispronunciations. It would have read Severó Avila. Everyone would know what letters to stress. Also, I think accents would add a certain je ne sais quoi to my name. There's a mildly Mediterranean, debonair, wine-connoisseur-from-Tuscany air about a name with accents. A man with accents in his name gets things done. A man with accents in his name commands respect. Women want him, and men want to be him. Unfortunately, I don't even want to be me, so I don't think an accent is the way to go.

Then, I thought about a hyphen to separate my first and last name. There's an idea, I thought. A hyphen isn't too pretentious. But, I realized that a hyphen is most commonly used by women who get married and choose to retain their maiden name by adding it and a hyphen to their married name. So, I decided to let these women have their hyphen — lord knows we try to take everything else from them. That's my part in the feminist fight. I give to women sole

use of the hyphen. Except of course for men in Latin America who have seventeen surnames and need hyphens to allow a person to breathe while saying Jose De La Cruz-Salvador-Velasquez-Quintanilla-Obregon.

Another sign I could use would be the dollar sign. Very appropriate for the times, I thought. It would go along with the whole "bling-bling" trend sweeping the nation. Severo Avila — it says so much. Too much, now that I'm seeing it on-screen. It seems a bit over the top. What would people think? That I have money? I think I can safely say I am the most impoverished student at Murray State. Honestly, there are Malaysian sweat-shop employees who make more money than I do.

You can imagine the quandary in which I now find myself. The @ sign seems a tad too e-mail-oriented. People might mistake it for an e-mail address. An ampersand (&) is too bulky. A star (\*) ... waaaaay too pretentious. A percentage sign? Too mathy; I'm not good with numbers over one. The # sign is too abrasive. And the exclamation mark just screams "whack job."

Wait ... what about a ~ sign? It's simple, bold, close enough to the hyphen to get my point across, yet different enough to distinguish me from a married woman, and just odd enough to make people read my name and say, "What is that? Who the hell does this guy think he is, India dot Arie?"

It's settled then. It'll be Severo~Avila for a while. I don't know exactly what that little squiggly thing is called, but it's very me. Hopefully this new trend of name personalizing will catch on here on campus. You have to live with your name all your life; why not spice it up a bit?

Severo~Avila is opinion editor for "The Murray State News."

## In My Opinion



Severo~Avila

"A man with accents in his name commands respect. Women want him, and men want to be him. Unfortunately, I don't even want to be me, so I don't think an accent is the way to go."



## Basile discusses 9-11 effects



this week

•friday

•Dance - Foreign Language Club mixer, 6 p.m., Curris Center dance lounge. Admission costs \$3 and includes food, drinks and fun dance music. All are welcome.

•Friday Night Live Scribes and Vibes, 7 p.m., Curris Center Stables. Free admission.

•Art Auction Annual Holiday Art Auction, 7:30 p.m., Clara M. Eagle Gallery.

•saturday

•Recreation - Pick-up basketball, 1 p.m., Beshear Gym.

•OVC Championship - Murray State vs. Eastern Illinois, 1:30 p.m., Roy Stewart Stadium. Free admission.

•sunday

•Bible Study - University Church of Christ, 9 a.m.

•Bible Study - Chi Alpha, 9:15 a.m., Elizabeth College back lobby. Rides to the church of your choice afterward.

•Flute Recital - Murray State flute studio recital, 2:30 p.m., Performing Arts Hall. Free admission.

•Bible Study - Murray Christian Fellowship house, 7 p.m.

•monday

•Concert - Quad State Junior Band Festival, 7 p.m., Lovett Auditorium. Free admission.

•tuesday

•Admissions - Last day to withdraw from all courses.

•CAB - Campus Activities Board meeting, 4:30 p.m., Curris Center Tennessee Room. All are welcome.

•wednesday

•Thanksgiving Holiday - No classes.

•thursday

•Thanksgiving Holiday - No classes.

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# Toys for tots US

## This season, adults rediscover what kids never forget: Toys are fun

by Erin Richards  
assistant college life editor

Toys: They're not just for kids anymore.

Although the shopping boom that begins the day after Thanksgiving is still a week away, retailers and industry specialists can already see that toys, including electronic gadgets and action figures that debuted more than 20 years ago, will top gift lists of college students and young adults this year.

Action heroes from the 1980s have leapt back onto store shelves in Paducah, and it is not just children who are clamoring for He-Man, GI Joe, Care Bear and Strawberry Shortcake figurines.

Robert Bricken, associate editor of "ToyFare" magazine, said going into a toy aisle in 2003 will be like going through a time warp. Major toy companies are rereleasing old toys in order to appeal to the younger generation and members of the 20-something crowd who remember owning the pop-

ular figurines when they were young.

"The hottest grown-up boys' toys is easily the new He-Man line, which originally debuted in 1982," Bricken said. "Today's toy-makers are cashing in on the nostalgia of the kids who grew up in the '80s and now have reasonable disposable incomes. And, for some reason, they all want their childhoods back."

In addition, Star Wars toys remain consistently popular, while the exact rereleases of '80s Transformer toys, complete with retro-style packaging, are eagerly sought by early holiday shoppers, Bricken said.

Electronic toys are also popular this year. Employees at On Cue in Murray and Circuit City in Paducah reported that major game systems such as the X-box, PlayStation 2 and Gamecube, all priced between \$150 and \$200, as well



Hasbro has created new versions of its "G.I. Joe: The American Hero" line, which includes Sgt. Slaughter from the popular 1980s cartoon.

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as video games themselves, will sell as fast this year as they did last year.

"Metroid Prime for the Gamecube, which has been around since the '80s, as well as Grand Theft Auto IV Vice City for the PS2, all have faithful followers, which will help increase sales," James Hust, On Cue assistant manager, said.

Roger Ashley, Circuit City sales specialist, predicted high-tech toys in the higher price range, including digital cameras, DVD players and stereo systems, would also be items many college students will be hoping to receive this holiday season.

"Digital cameras and DVDs have remained popular since last year when the price dropped several hundred dollars and the items became much more affordable," Ashley said. "Although the price decrease is not as significant as last year, we've got

Playalong Toys has rereleased both plush and plastic Care Bears figures this year, Robert Bricken of "ToyFare" magazine said.



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some pretty decent equipment that has currently dropped about \$20 to \$30."

But timeless classics, such as remote-control cars, seem to still have as much appeal this year as new high-tech gadgets.

Radio Shack's \$20 ZipZap remote-control race cars are picking up speed and becoming another checkered-flag gift for the toy-loving college student.

The one-by-one-inch racers come with interchangeable motors, gears, hubcaps and body designs. After charging for a minute, the cars can speed, turn, peel out and race for about five minutes.

"We can't keep ZipZaps in stock," said Joshua Polk, assistant manager for the Radio Shack in Murray.

Whatever the reason for the return to older toys, Bricken said manufacturers are clearly capitalizing on the nostalgia of today's 20-somethings.

Said Bricken: "Clearly, based on today's toy industry, fewer are growing out of toys, or if they have, they're growing back into them."



[www.zipzaps.com/default.asp](http://www.zipzaps.com/default.asp)

Adjusting and changing the gears, motors and tires of Radio Shack's pocket-sized ZipZaps can increase the speed of the remote-control race cars.

New sculptors of the classic He-Man action figure below are hot gift items for adults as well as children.



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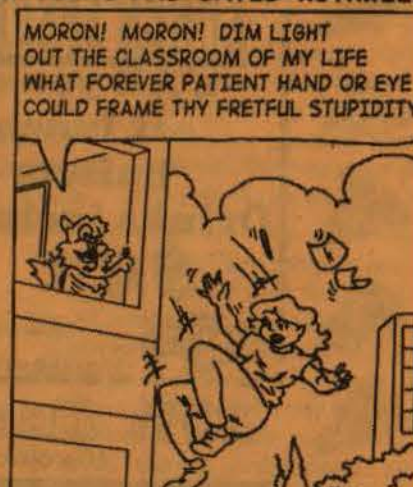
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- Tilly and Ryan
- Jodie Foster film
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- "Rosie!" co-star
- King novel
- Baseball stat
- Swiss mountain
- Want
- Peggy or Spike
- Org. founded by Juliette Low
- Pomeranian or Samoyed
- Yeah, right
- Greek Cupid
- Classic sitcom
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- Pizzeria fixture
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- Compass pt.
- Intense anger
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- Ready to go
- Household

- nickname
- Organic fats and sterols
- "Nothing in Common"
- co-star
- Square measure
- Steed
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- Russian ruler
- Word with yard or garage
- Requirements
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- Ray
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- Song for Sills
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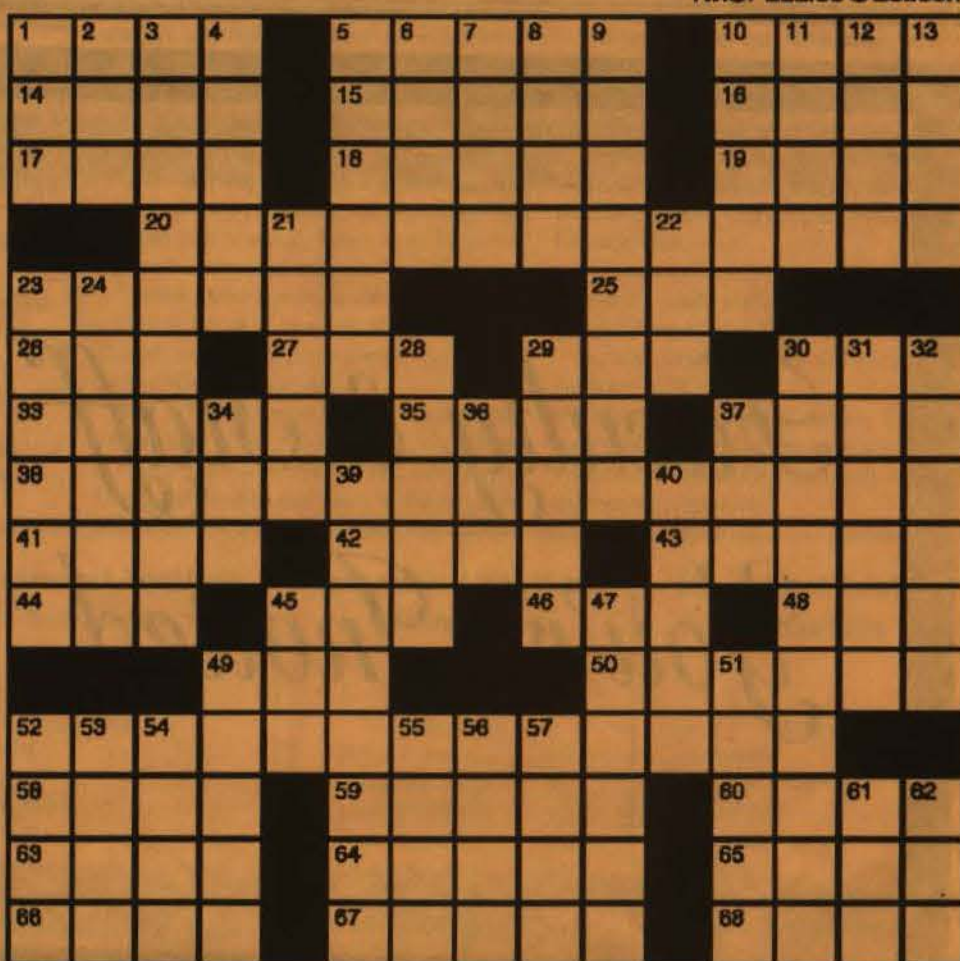
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## The Weekly Crossword

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## this week

## •music

1. Soundtrack - "8 Mile"
2. Justin Timberlake - "Justified"
3. U2 - "The Best of 1990-2000 & B-Sides"
4. Christina Aguilera - "Stripped"
5. Santana - "Shaman"

Source: Associated Press

## •movies

1. Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets  
Starring Daniel Radcliffe
2. 8 Mile  
Starring Eminem
3. Santa Clause 2  
Starring Tim Allen
4. The Ring  
Starring Naomi Watts
5. Half Past Dead  
Starring Ja Rule and Steven Seagal

Source: Associated Press

## •books

1. Nora Roberts - "Table for Two"
2. Lemony Snicket - "A Series of Unfortunate Events, Book 9"
3. Nora Roberts - "Chesapeake Blue"
4. Janet Evanovich - "Visions of Sugar Plums"
5. Dean Koontz - "One Door Away From Heaven"

Source: Associated Press

## •web site

**www.butterball.com**  
With Thanksgiving just around the corner, it's time to start planning for the big feast. This site gives all the ins and outs of a successful turkey dinner, and even includes instructional videos.

## Fuhrman documents Murray State history

by Lydia Barrow  
contributing writer

Murray State is entering the history books yet again, but this time, the University takes center stage.

Joseph T. Fuhrmann, Murray State history professor, recently completed his eighth historical book, "The History of Murray State University." Fuhrmann, who specializes in late imperial Russia, has been teaching at Murray State since 1978.

Fuhrmann said the book would be a unique way to do Murray State a service. Fuhrmann wrote a history of Tusculum University, one of the universities he taught at before coming to Murray State, and said he felt confident undertaking a history of Murray State, which he began in 1997.

The book, which features more than 70 photographs and 400 pages of historical essays, describes the evolution of Murray State over the past 80 years. One of the major changes the University underwent was its progression from a Normal School, which began in 1922 and trained teachers at a basic level, to a four-year Teacher's College in 1962. It then became a regional university, and finally a comprehensive university.

"(The progression) was not an easy one as it required, among many things, visionary leadership and a dedicated faculty and staff," Fuhrmann said.

Fuhrmann said one of the leaders he features

and relates to personally is former President Kern Alexander.

"He (Alexander) was helpful and supportive with my writing the book, but did not in any way try to influence my thoughts and ideas," Fuhrmann said. "He instead urged me to tell the truth as I saw it."

Other features include biographies of past University presidents and faculty members. In addition, Fuhrmann said photographic essays illustrating changes in the campus' architectural design also are a major feature.

Fuhrmann said he wanted to not only write of administrative developments, but reveal the spirit of Murray State through the years. Campus hallmarks such as the Shoe Tree are represented in order to demonstrate the proud heritage of Murray State and its students, he said.

Although the book has not yet been released, Duane Bollin, Murray State history professor, said he expects it to be a success.

"Although I haven't read the book as yet, I'm confident that it will be a solidly researched, well-written book," Bollin said. "The book will help us know about our past, and that's always valuable to help us know who we are today."

"The History of Murray State University," a limited-edition book, is being offered to the public for \$29.95, or \$49.95 for a deluxe leather edition. To order, contact Turner Publishing Company at (270) 443-0121.



Karri Wurth/The News

Joe Fuhrman, history professor, has written eight historical books, including "The History of Murray State University."

## CD Review

## Fleetwood Mac releases successful compilation

by Michael Driver  
staff writer

In 1975, the lineup that would make Fleetwood Mac a household name came together: Lindsey Buckingham, Mick Fleetwood, Christine McVie, John McVie and Stevie Nicks.

"The Very Best of Fleetwood Mac" is not the only greatest-hits compilation from the chart-topping rock group, but is easily the most complete. The 1988 disc it replaces was a solid 16-song outing, but the 36-song, two-CD "Very Best" is hard to top at a retail price of only \$5 more than its predecessor.

The first CD opens with "Monday Morning," a country-rock track from the band's 1975 self-titled album, characterized by the foot-tapping sen-

sibility found in many of the band's songs, such as "Never Going Back Again," "Love in Store" and "Family Man."

The first disc is filled with essentials to any Fleetwood Mac library. "Rhiannon," "Never Going Back Again," "Songbird" and "Dreams" all appear on the first disc.

The second CD is filled with lesser-known songs that showcase the '70s influence much more clearly than the distinct tracks of the first disc. Every fan of Fleetwood Mac's music will have his or her own favorite song on the album, and it is a greatest-hits collection for a good reason: There is not a song on the album that is not worth hearing. The songs that originally stood out are still standouts, particularly the

painfully sad and resentful "Silver Springs."

However, the album completely omits the band's pre-1975-era music. Still, only the most discerning fans will miss the early music, and the addition of an extra disc would have resulted in a less-friendly price tag.

For anyone who enjoys Fleetwood Mac, this is the best introductory disc available. The representation of the band's albums is even, and the choice and order of the songs is tremendous.

For the Fleetwood Mac fan that already has all the previous albums, there probably is not much new here. However, the songs sound great in digital format. Newer technology allows for better mixing of the tracks,

and three live tracks from the band's 1997 reunion tour are included.

Of all the things "The Very Best of Fleetwood Mac" is, it is not a last hurrah for the enduring band. Buckingham, Nicks, Fleetwood and John McVie have produced their first new studio album in 15 years for the spring of 2003.

Until then, "The Very Best of Fleetwood Mac" is exactly what it claims to be. Most fans who have not purchased the previous albums but enjoy Fleetwood Mac could make no better choice than to pick up this album. Long-time fans will probably find the new mixing and inclusion of the live tracks enough to justify the purchase.

Grade: A

## road trip

So you crammed all week, took that last test and collapsed in a tired heap in your dorm room. Don't let your weekend suffer. All you need is semi-reliable transportation, gas money and the sheer, unadulterated will to have a good time ...

## •around town

**Murray** - Go back in time to the 1800s when Christmas presents were made instead of bought. "Toys from the Farm" is a program that will teach methods of making old-fashioned toys out of everyday items. The program will run from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at The Homeplace. For more information, phone (800) LBL-7077

## •1 hour drive

**Paducah** - Forget "8 Mile" and see "8 Women" this weekend at the Maiden Alley Cinema. The film is a comedic murder-mystery set in 1950s France. A vacationing family is rocked when a lone male is murdered, and all eight members of the family are suspected. The film shows at 7 and 9:30 tonight, 2, 4:30, 7 and 9:30 p.m. Saturday and 2, 4:30 and 7 p.m. Sunday

## •2 hour drive

**Carbondale** - Don't miss the chance to see James Taylor in concert tonight at the SIU Arena. Tickets are \$40, and the concert begins at 8. For more information, phone (618) 453-5341 or visit [www.siu.edu/~arena](http://www.siu.edu/~arena). Tickets can also be bought online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

## •3 hour drive

**Louisville** - Catch singer/poet Jewel tonight at Whitney Hall. The show starts at 8, and tickets range from \$29 to \$47. For more information or to order tickets, phone (502) 361-3100 or go online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)



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Writer gives  
two cents  
about BCS

Winter is almost here, and for sports fans, that means many things. The NBA season is rolling along, college basketball is getting started and in the NFL, we are only a few weeks from the playoffs and a champion being crowned. However, in college football (well, in Division I college football, at least), the crowning of a champion is much more difficult. This, of course, is because of the insanely idiotic system in place, known as the Bowl Championship Series (BCS).

For years, voters have decided who should be named champion, and now, a computer decides who will play for the championship. In other words, college football, one of the most watched and beloved sports in America, decided its champion in much the same way as figure skating. What college football needs is a playoff system that will determine who is the champion beyond any reasonable doubt.

Sports Talk



Nick Batts

“What college football needs is a playoff system that will determine who is the champion beyond any reasonable doubt.”

There are naysayers out there who still think, for various reasons, that the current system is still the best way for college football. Since we're all open-minded people, let's invite those dissenters to our little discussion and allow them to voice their opinions.

**Naysayer No. 1:** Having a playoff would cause players to miss valuable study time during the end of the semester and finals.

This would be a very valid point, if it weren't for the fact that THEY HAVE A PLAY-OFF SYSTEM AT EVERY OTHER LEVEL OF COLLEGE FOOTBALL. Heck, if Murray State wins Saturday, fans will get an opportunity to see the Racers in playoff action. Are we to believe that the education of Division I football players is more important than that of our beloved Racers? Of course it's not, and if a McNeese State tight end can buckle down and study his physics homework while worrying about this week's big play-off game, then so can a tight end from Miami or Oklahoma.

**Naysayer No. 2:** Having a playoff system would cost millions of dollars, as only a handful of bowl games would matter.

Well, as the system stands now, only one bowl game a year matters. It seems to me that any kind of playoff system would only increase the number of important bowl games. Doesn't it seem that way to you too, Naysayer No. 2? There, I thought so. I'm glad we could agree.

**Naysayer No. 3:** The BCS, as it stands now, more often than not comes up with the best matchup.

I guess your point is that there are only two unbeaten teams, so the system has worked itself out, huh? Well then, let me ask you this: Do you think that Ohio State would beat Oklahoma? How about two years ago, when Miami was left out of the title game, or last year, when Nebraska was included, despite being beaten by 8,976 points the week before? Let's say Michigan beats Ohio State and Miami loses to Virginia Tech in the upcoming weeks. Then, I ask you, which should play in the title game? As the standings are now, it would probably be Oklahoma and Washington State. But Ohio State beat Washington State, and they both have one loss, so why should Washington State take the honor? Oklahoma has lost to Virginia Tech, which lost to Pittsburgh and Syracuse, both of which Miami will have beaten by then (or lost to by then, eliminating them from this whole discussion).

Well then, what about Iowa? It lost to Iowa State, which Oklahoma dismantled. Then Georgia deserves to go to the title game. But the Bulldogs were beaten by a Florida team that lost big to the Hurricanes. Well, that's good news for the Golden Domers, as they are the rightful title-shot recipients. Well, not if you ask Boston College players, who managed to squeak by Notre Dame but were crushed by Miami. It's a system so idiotic, it seems as if Vin Diesel created it. Not even our beloved rocket-scientist tight end from McNeese State could keep this one straight.

So there's only one thing left to do: Cheer on Michigan and root Virginia Tech to victory so that there are seven one-loss teams and total chaos. Hmmm, seven one-loss teams; throw one more in there and you have the perfect number for a playoff. Anyway, above all else, go to Roy Stewart Stadium and cheer on the Racers so that you may get to see some actual college-football playoff action.

Nick Batts is a staff writer for "The Murray State News."

Racers to play for championship

by Chris Jung  
sports editor

With a 42-3 victory Saturday over Tennessee-Martin, the Racers (6-4, 4-1 Ohio Valley Conference) won their first game on the road this season, setting up the OVC Championship game Saturday against Eastern Illinois for the conference title and a potential berth in the Division I-AA Tournament.

Head Coach Joe Pannunzio said his team has come a long way in three months. "When you start fall practice in August and have those first meetings with your kids, you talk about a lot of things," Pannunzio said. "We had five goals we set from the very beginning. We've achieved three of them, and we're in position to reach the last two."

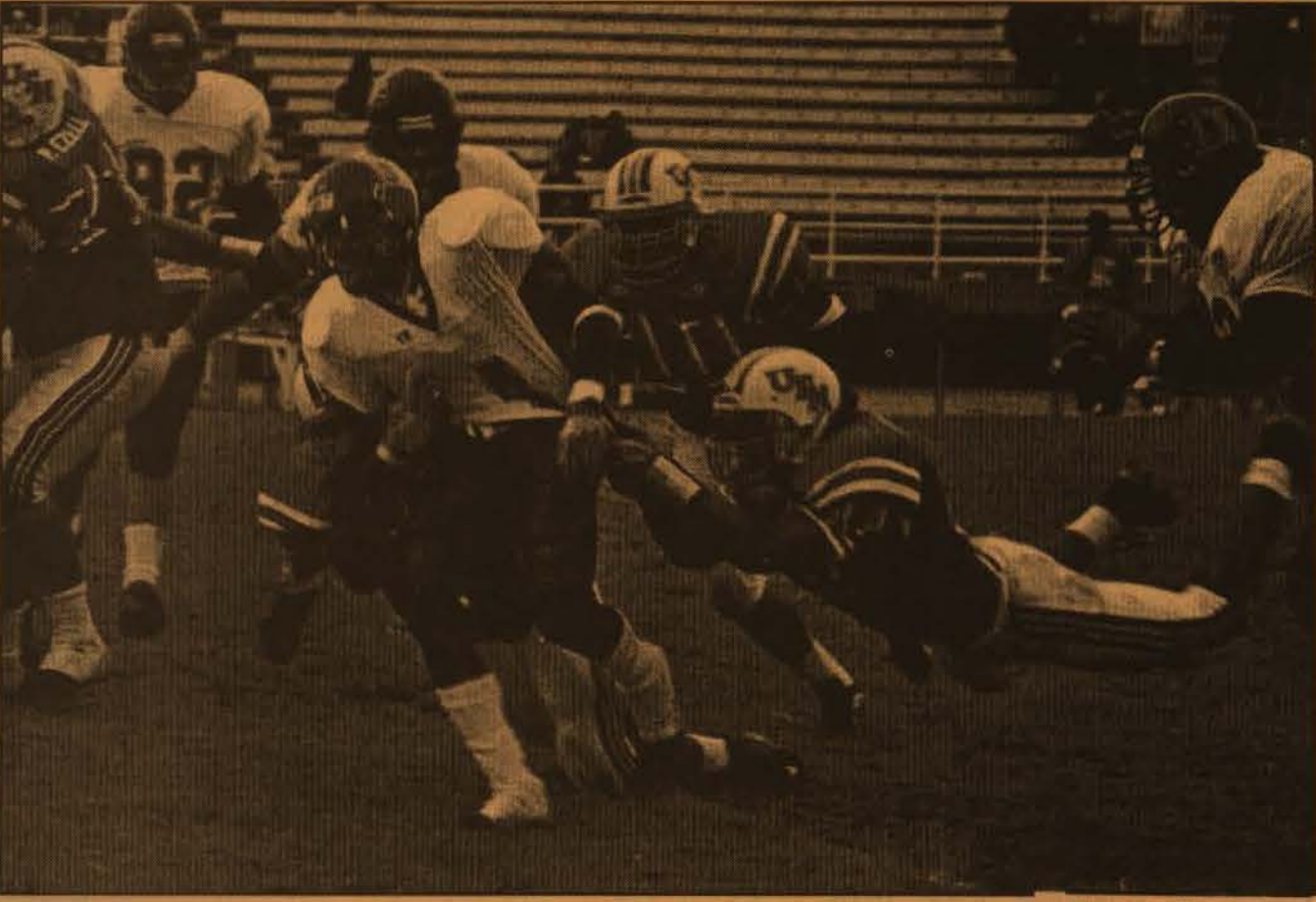
Saturday's win featured a familiar box score for MSU, with senior running back Billy Blanchard rushing for 158 yards and a touchdown and junior quarterback Stewart Childress completing 12-of-18 passes for 126 yards and two touchdowns, both to junior wide receiver Deandre Green.

The Racer defense also held strong against Martin, allowing only 248 yards of total offense and a fourth-quarter field goal that had no bearing on the game's outcome. Three interceptions and two recovered fumbles also aided the rout.

"Our kids have done everything we've asked of them," Pannunzio said. "They really believe in what we're doing and in our approach to playing defense."

Blanchard's score was the first of the game and got MSU rolling with nine minutes remaining in the quarter. With the Racers controlling the ball for nearly the entire period and windy conditions keeping the ball out of the air, Blanchard racked up 110 yards in the first quarter alone.

Despite being limited on his pass attack, Childress was accurate when he needed to be and hit Green with a 21-yard stripe in the second quarter to give MSU a 14-0 halftime lead. Green's second touchdown reception was the first score of the second



Ryan Brooks/The News

Murray State freshman running back Ron Lane pulls away from a defender during the Racers' 42-3 win over UT-Martin. With the victory, MSU put itself in a position to win the OVC title Saturday against EIU.

half and put the game away for MSU. "It was very important that we take care of business and not look past UT-Martin, and I feel like we did just that," Pannunzio said. "Our kids played hard today, and we're pleased to have the chance to play for an OVC title."

The remaining scores were earned on touchdown runs by sophomore running back Ulysses Odoms, freshman running back Ron Lane and, for the second consecutive week, senior defensive tackle James Bridges.

MSU, which completed its third-consecutive game without a single turnover, scored in every quarter against Martin and

even gave playing time to both freshman backup quarterbacks, Stephen Hatchell and Trevor Larson.

"I'm excited about the way our kids have progressed," Pannunzio said. "I'm so proud of where they're at and the chemistry we have. Hollywood couldn't have written a better script for us if we can pull this sucker off, and that's what we're going to try to do Saturday."

The "sucker" is MSU's first crack at an OVC Championship since 1996, when the Racers, then 11-2, advanced to the I-AA playoffs but eventually lost 31-3 to Troy State in the second round of the tournament.

For Saturday's contest, Pannunzio said he and his staff decided to put the team on the sideline closest to the bleachers in order to pump up the crowd.

"We cannot beat (Eastern Illinois) by ourselves," Pannunzio said. "If we're going to win, we're going to have to have our fans there with us with the same type of emotion they had for the SEMO (Homecoming) game."

Kickoff will be at 1:30 p.m. at Roy Stewart Stadium, and Pannunzio said his squad will be challenged but ready.

"This is what you coach for and what you play for," Pannunzio said. "We came here to dance, and we're going to dance."

Volleyball ready for OVC Tournament

by Nick Batts  
staff writer

Despite coming into last weekend knowing they would be the No. 4 seed in the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament, it has still been an eventful week for members of the MSU volleyball team. The Racers continued their winning ways with victories over Austin Peay State on Nov. 15 and Tennessee Tech on Saturday.

The wins were the fourth and fifth in a row for the Racers, and they have now won nine of their last 11 games.

The Racers took a two-game lead against Austin Peay State and then held on as the Lady Goves evened the match at two games apiece. The Racers pulled out an exciting fifth game for the win, 30-18, 30-20, 29-31, 27-30, 15-12. While the game

provided many tense moments for Racer fans, it did serve a purpose for the team, said Head Coach Dave Schwepker.

"What we were trying to do was let our girls understand how to handle pressure," said Schwepker. "We want them to always play hard."

MSU was led by senior Sara Schmitt, who had a career-high 24 kills, along with four aces and three blocks. As a result of her performance, Schmitt was named OVC Player of the Week.

"We were more worried about using our last few matches as scrimmages for preparation," Schmitt said. "Austin Peay was bringing their best play in the fifth game, but we never really doubted ourselves. I think it was healthy for our coach because we were able to show him that we can handle those high-pressure situations."

Freshman middle blocker Abbi Gui had 22 kills, a match-high 28 digs and a match-high five aces. Freshman outside hitter Paige Sun contributed 17 kills, 20 digs and a co-match-high five blocks. Freshman setter Nikki Wong led the team in assists with 55.

MSU carried the momentum of its victory into its Saturday match with Tennessee Tech. Murray State was able to shut out the Golden Eaglettes, 30-24, 30-19, 31-29.

Gui led the Racers' victory with a match-high 19 kills and match-high six blocks. Schmitt added 11 kills, and senior setter Chrissy Dabbert led the team with six aces, tying a team season-high. Senior outside hitter Lindy Northcutt had a co-match-high 12 digs, and senior libero Eleanor Reed added 10 digs. Wong led the Racers again with 32 assists.

The Racers' success on the court was not the only positive for the volleyball team this week: OVC post-season awards were released and featured several Racers. Nikki Wong led the Racers' postseason honors by being named OVC Freshman of the Year. Wong had four triple-doubles this season – the first triple-doubles in Murray State volleyball history – and averaged 10.86 assists, 2.87 digs, 0.53 blocks and 2.07 kills per game with an attack percentage of .257. She ranked fifth in the OVC in assists per game and 10th in the OVC in attack percentage.

Wong was joined on the All-Freshman Team by outside hitter Paige Sun. Sun led Murray State's qualified players with 4.49 kills and 0.43 service aces per game and had 3.36 digs and 0.23 blocks per game. She led the league in kills per game

and ranked second in aces per game. Both Wong and Sun also were named to the OVC All-Conference Second-Team.

Sara Schmitt was named to the OVC All-Conference Honorable Mention Team. Schmitt, whose performances against Austin Peay and Tennessee Tech earned her OVC Player of the Week honors, averaged 3.29 kills, 0.38 aces and 0.50 blocks per game. She ranked fifth in the OVC in aces per game.

Following practice Wednesday, Schmitt was confident with the team and said the seniors understand what they're up against.

"One of the coolest things is that we just keep getting better," Schmitt said. "For me and Chrissy and Traci, we have been here before, and we have seen our teams fall apart this time of year. This time seems different though. We are ready."

From behind the Shadows



John Sullivan/Guest

The Murray State men's soccer club, which placed fourth in last season's Southern Collegiate Tournament, is ready to take the next step into Division I.

by Amanda Lee  
assistant sports editor

The Murray State men's soccer club may not be a varsity team, but the squad offers strong competition against Division I-level teams such as Ole Miss, the University of Kentucky, Georgia and Vanderbilt.

The club, a member of the Southern Collegiate Soccer League (SCSL), was formed four years ago by Manager Jim Bauer and Coach David Thigpen to give area athletes the chance to

compete in soccer beyond high school.

The club has been successful in its four seasons, placing fourth in the 2001 SCSL Tournament and posting records of at least .500 the other three seasons.

The players won the gold medal at the Bluegrass Games this summer and returned this season to place seventh of 15 teams (above such schools as Ole Miss, Georgia, Alabama and Georgia Tech) with a record of 3-3.

The team also won the Best Sportsmanship Award, which signals a great improvement from

the previous season when the club received the most red and yellow cards in the league.

"To me, that was one of the biggest accomplishments," said Thigpen. "To make that kind of turnaround shows our dedication to the game."

In addition to the team's achievements, senior John Sullivan scored the most goals in the league to earn the Golden Boot Award. Sullivan, the team captain and assistant coach, scored six goals during the 2002 fall season.

"Our level of play as a team has stepped up," said Sullivan, who was an All-American in high school. "It's a matter of continuing the success we've had."

Both Sullivan and Thigpen said they recognized the potential for a soccer club in this area.

"We set this program in place to provide kids the opportunity to display their talent and play competitive soccer against Division I schools," Thigpen said.

Recruiting has never been a problem, and every year between 40 and 60 players try out. Thigpen said he usually keeps about 18 on the team and is not surprised by the level of interest.

"I think the idea of being able to play soccer after high school is appealing to most players," Thigpen said. "It's a pretty competitive field as far as getting on this team."

The competitiveness of the soccer club attracts some of the state's best players. Sullivan is one of two All-Americans who have played for the club, and he said many of the members

made First-Team All-State in high school.

"The level of competition we're playing at now is Division I-level," Sullivan said.

Club members must possess a level of dedication and passion for the sport in order to be successful as a club. Though the team receives some money from the University, players must contribute for uniforms, food, insurance, referees and travel expenses.

Thigpen said women's soccer Head Coach Mike Minielli helped the club by allowing the men to play on Cutchin Field.

"Without his support, we'd have to use one of the high-school fields," Thigpen said. "We feel like if we're going to be a Murray State team, we want to play at the University."

The next goal for the club is to reach NCAA Division I status. Thigpen and Sullivan both said it is impossible to predict a time frame for the transition.

Thigpen said Murray State is ready for a men's Division I soccer team because the sport is becoming increasingly popular in the Western Kentucky area.

"I think this community would be very supportive of a varsity team, and they are supportive of the club team," said Thigpen.

For now, though, the club will continue playing in the SCSL.

"These guys are doing nothing more than coming out and playing the game we all love," Thigpen said. "Academics and family come first, and then we play soccer."

OVC Football Standings		
	OVC	Overall
Eastern Illinois	5-0	7-2
Murray State	4-1	5-4
SEMO	4-2	7-4
Eastern Kentucky	3-2	7-4
Tennessee State	1-4	2-8
Tennessee-Martin	1-4	4-7
Tennessee Tech	0-5	2-8

OVC Soccer Standings		
	OVC	Overall
*SEMO	6-0-0	14-4-2
Eastern Illinois	4-1-1	11-7-3
Tennessee-Martin	3-2-1	9-7-3
Tennessee Tech	3-3-0	12-6-1
Murray State	2-2-2	8-7-2
Morehead State	0-5-1	2-12-1
Austin Peay	0-5-1	0-12-3

\* OVC Regular-Season Champion

OVC Volleyball Standings		
	OVC	Overall
*UT-Martin	15-1	22-5
*Morehead State	13-3	20-11
*SEMO	13-3	18-11
*Murray State	10-6	11-11
*Eastern Kentucky	6-10	12-17
*Austin Peay	6-10	10-19
Tennessee Tech	5-11	8-18
Eastern Illinois	4-12	9-21
Tennessee State	0-16	13-21

\* clinched OVC Tournament berth

Intramural Football Standings		
Residential College		
Men		
Franklin	4-0	
Hester	4-1	
White	3-2	
Clark	3-2	
Richmond	2-3	
Regents	1-3	
Hart	0-5	

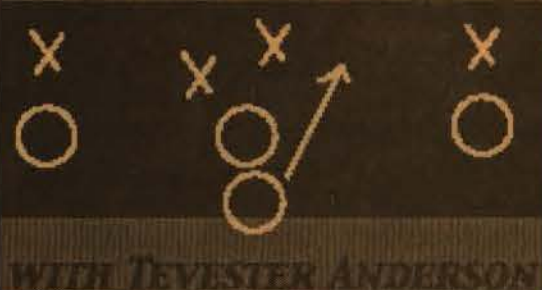
Intramural Football Standings		
Women		
Hart	5-0	
White "A"	4-1	
Regents	4-2	
Clark	5-3	
Springer	3-3	
Hester	3-4	
Richmond	3-4	
Elizabeth	2-5	
White "B"	0-8	

Intramural Football Standings		
Greek Leagues		
Fraternity		
Pi Kappa Alpha	6-0	
Alpha Tau Omega	5-1	
Lambda Chi Alpha	4-2	
Alpha Sigma Phi	3-2	
Sigma Chi	2-2	
Alpha Gamma Rho	2-3	
Phi Kappa Tau	1-4	
Sigma Pi	0-2	
Sigma Phi Epsilon	0-5	

Intramural Football Standings		
Sorority		
Squirrels	6-0	
Alpha Omicron Pi	4-2	
Newbies	3-2	
Ladybugs	2-2	
Pearls	2-4	
Sigma Sigma Sigma	2-4	
Alpha Omicron Pi "B"	0-4	



## IN THE PAINT



WITH TEVETER ANDERSON

The Racer basketball program has gotten off to a great start during its pre-season schedule. Chris Schumate, who missed most of last season with an illness, is making a big splash. If he keeps up his current aggressiveness, he could have an illustrious season. Having to sit out and watch his team play last year may have made him a better player. Rick Jones, who did not play the last two years, also is working off the rust.

We have made a few changes in our offense, including shooting the ball better from the perimeter than we did last season. This allows us to get better shots and more assists, which were evident in our two preseason games in which we averaged more than 27 assists.

We need to become a better rebounding team on the defensive boards in order for us to be a good team. We hope to have Andi Hornig back in a couple of weeks. He has been missed very much and will provide a big presence in the middle when he returns. Chiwale Bedeau has given the team a great lift off the bench and is playing well. With Andi and Chiwale, we will be a much stronger team in the post.

I hope our fans will come out in big numbers for our opening game at 7 tonight against West Florida. West Florida will see a much-improved team from the team it played last season.

## Men, women finish preseason with wins

For the second-consecutive game, junior guard Chris Schumate led the Racers in scoring with 25 points and seven rebounds in the basketball team's 104-70 rout of the EA Sports All-Stars Saturday.

Four Racers scored in double digits in the game. Joining Schumate were junior guard Rick Jones, junior forward Cuthbert Victor and senior guard Kevin Paschel. Jones was 5-of-9 from the 3-point line and contributed 19 points, while Victor's 12 points were part of a double-double that also included 11 rebounds.

The women won their game 72-62 over the Nashville All-Stars Friday.

The Racers were led by a dominant performance from freshman guard Rebecca Remington, who finished 11-of-18 from the field for 28 points and grabbed 10 rebounds.

The men will host their regular season and home opener at 7 tonight against West Florida, while the women open Saturday at the Hawkeye Challenge.

## MSU volleyball players earn top OVC honors

Three MSU volleyball players were awarded Ohio Valley Conference honors after clinching a spot in the OVC Championship Tournament.

Senior outside hitter Sara Schmitt was named OVC Player of the Week for the final week of regular-season play after leading the Racers to wins over Austin Peay and Tennessee Tech last weekend.

Schmitt posted a career-high 24 kills in Murray State's 3-2 defeat of Austin

Peay. Schmitt was the third Racer to be named Player of the Week this season.

Schmitt also was named to the All-OVC Honorable Mention Team, announced Tuesday, which is determined by a polling of the league's coaches. Schmitt ranked fifth in the conference in aces per game.

Freshman setter Nikki Wong became the first Murray State player ever to be named OVC Freshman of the Year and was named to the All-Second Team as well as the All-Freshman Team.

Wong also made MSU history when she posted the school's first-ever triple-double in volleyball. Wong finished the regular season with four triple-doubles. She ranked fifth in the OVC in per-game assists.

Freshman outside hitter Paige Sun also was awarded conference honors, making the OVC All-Second Team and All-Freshman Team. Sun led the league in kills per game and was second in aces per game.

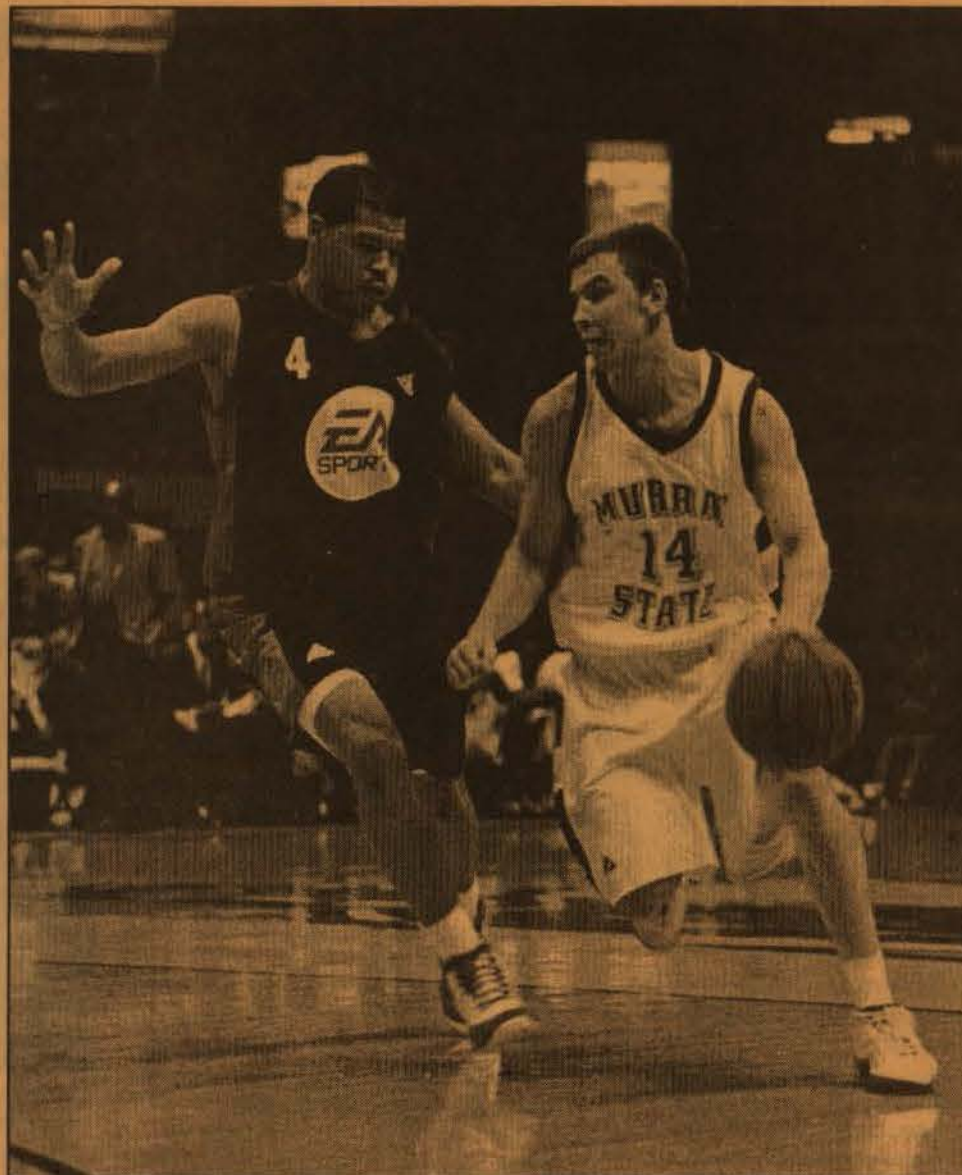
The OVC Championship Tournament began Thursday; Murray State took on Eastern Kentucky in Martin, Tenn. Results were unavailable at press time.

## Women's golf team signs Mayfield senior

Mayfield High School senior Lauren Hughes signed a national letter-of-intent Nov. 13 to play golf at Murray State next season.

Hughes won the 2002 Region I individual title and earned All-State honors as she led her team to the championship title.

The senior also won the Union County Invitational and the Pepsi Tournament of Champions this season. Hughes is a member of



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Murray State junior guard Rick Jones positions himself for a shot on goal in MSU's 104-70 exhibition win over EA Sports on Saturday. For the game, Jones was 5-of-9 from the 3-point line and scored 19 points in 24 minutes.

the Beta Club and made the honor roll at Mayfield High School; she plays tennis in addition to golf.

## Racers to host pre-game activities

Murray State football fans will have several pre-game options Saturday when the Racers play Eastern Illinois for a spot in the NCAA Division I-AA Tournament.

A faculty reception will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Alumni Center.

The Racer Band will perform outside the center and lead fans to the stadium prior to the game.

The Hail Racers organization encourages all student organizations to bring their flags to the south end zone at 12:30 p.m. Students are still able to sign up for Hail Racers memberships, which include a free T-shirt, for \$5.

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Sports Briefly is compiled by assistant sports editor Amanda Lee.

## OVC Action

## Volleyball Scores

Nov. 12

Tennessee Tech 3  
Austin Peay 1Tennessee-Martin 3  
Tennessee St. 0

Nov. 15

Tennessee-Martin 3  
Tennessee Tech 0Morehead St. 3  
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Eastern Illinois 0Murray St. 3  
Austin Peay 2

Nov. 16

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Nov. 16

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# Women's Center hosts banquet

by Nichole Lopez  
contributing writer

To celebrate 10 years of promoting awareness of women's issues on campus, the Women's Center held a banquet Tuesday.

For the festivities, Women's Center volunteers turned the lobby in Ordway Hall into a banquet room, complete with candles and soft lighting. The volunteers provided food and a pictorial exhibit spanning the center's history. A scrapbook of past events also was on display.

Kimberly Barrett, vice provost of Student Affairs at Lakehead University in

Ontario, Canada, was the banquet's featured guest speaker. Barrett, who received a masters of science in clinical psychology from Murray State, addressed the progress of the center and equity women and minorities.

"There have been a lot of challenges and triumphs in the last 10 years," Barrett said.

Barrett also said there has been an increase in associate degrees received by women and minorities.

"Between 1987 and 1999, women who have received an associate's degree have risen from 32 percent to 39 percent," Barrett said. "In

the same time frame, minorities' degrees have risen from 10 percent to 15 percent."

Despite the increase in women and minorities' educational achievements, inequalities in the workplace are still prevalent. There is still a large gap between pay to minorities and women and the salaries earned by men, Barrett said.

"There is a \$9,000 (salary) difference between men and women, and with minorities, you have to add an additional 13 percent," Barrett said.

To confront social inequities, Barrett said people must find others who are willing to help rather than

tackle problems on their own.

"A key issue is, if you want to make positive changes, you need allies, and allies that are part of the program," Barrett said.

Women's Center HEAT coordinator Jillian Payne said she enjoyed hearing Barrett discuss the history of the center on campus.

"I've worked here for four years, and I didn't know much about how the center got started," Payne said. "It's nice to hear how much not only the office has changed, but how the center has changed with the programs we do and the resources we have."

## Merger:

## Officials hopeful merger will increase enrollment

From Page 1

The time line developed by officials organizing the consolidation set the new name to be selected by Feb. 23.

Blythe said the consolidation will result in a student enrollment of 6,000, with the college ranking No. 10 in all state-supported postsecondary institutions. In addition, the colleges' consolidation will result in a No. 2 ranking among Kentucky state-supported technical and community colleges.

According to information based on 2001 enrollments for the fall semester

from the Council on Postsecondary Education, Murray State University currently ranks No. 10 among state-supported colleges in Kentucky.

John Yates, Murray State Dean for the Center for Continuing Education & Academic Outreach, said the consolidation should not affect Murray State.

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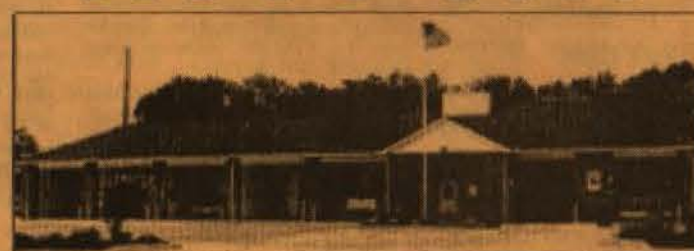
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Sun., 11 a.m.-8 p.m.

Bar & Drink Specials

Mon. - • Margarita Specials • Bloody Mary \$1 off

Tues. - • Beer Specials • \$1.50 Longnecks •  
• \$1 off domestic pitchers • Dart Tournament

Wed. - Well Specials • \$1.75 Well Drinks

Thurs. - Closed for Thanksgiving

Happy Hour 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

August Christopher

- Dec. 5th -

Must be 21 to stay for the band!

Corner of 10th & Arcadia • 759-8866

## RACER BASKETBALL

Murray  
State  
vs.  
West Florida

Friday,  
November 22<sup>nd</sup>  
7:00 p.m.



Regional Special Events Center

CONTINUING THE LEGACY

For Tickets, call 270-762-4895

## THE BULL PEN

Steaks and Spirits

Est. 2001

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KILLER STEAKS & CHICKEN

• MONDAYS •

- Watch Monday Night  
Football on the big  
screen TV

- Appetizer Specials  
\$3.95

- \$1.75 Longnecks

"Our Brothers Keeper"

Nov. 29th & 30th • 9 p.m. - 12 a.m.

COME PARTY IN OUR GAMEROOM!

NIGHTLY DRINK SPECIALS!