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## MSU junior dies in car accident

Frisky was travelling northbound on Ky. Route 519, struck guardrail



Melissa Frisky

SARAH PERRY  
Editor

A Morehead State University junior died Monday night in a single vehicle accident on Ky. Route 519, according to reports from the Kentucky State Police.  
Melissa Frisky Adkins, 21, of West Liberty, died Monday night after her vehicle struck a guardrail approximately 3.5 miles north of West Liberty, according to police reports.  
At 6:45 p.m., Kentucky State Police Post 8 in Morehead received a call from a Morgan County dispatcher in reference to the accident, according to a KSP press release.  
Frisky was traveling northbound on Route 519 in a three-door Saturn when she lost control and hit the north-bound guardrail, according to the release. The car came

to rest facing northbound in a grassy area a few feet north of the point of impact.  
The road conditions at the scene of the accident were wet, according to the release.  
Morgan County Deputy Coroner Greg Bush pronounced Frisky dead at 7:51 p.m. at the Morgan County Appalachian Regional Healthcare Hospital (ARH).  
The funeral is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. today at Herald and Stewart and Halsey Chapel in West Liberty. Burial will follow in the Adkins Family Cemetery, located on state Route 7 in West Liberty.  
The accident remains under investigation by the Kentucky State Police.

## Student charged in campus rape

SARAH PERRY  
Editor

A Morehead State University student was arrested Monday and charged with first degree rape, MSU Police Chief Joe Cline said.  
Cline said Brandon Gross, 22, of Jackson, was arrested and charged at approximately 8 p.m. Monday and was lodged in the Rowan County Detention Center under a \$15,000 bond.  
The alleged incident occurred Thursday night in an MSU residence hall and was reported at approximately 6 p.m. Saturday by a third party, Cline said.  
MSU Police arrested Gross after

speaking with the accuser, a female student at MSU, Cline said.  
According to an MSU press release, the two students are acquainted.  
Cline said the accuser was taken to St. Claire Regional Medical Center Saturday.  
Gross pleaded not guilty at his arraignment yesterday in Rowan District Court and was released on a \$3,000 bond and is...  
A preliminary hearing is scheduled for Sept. 19 at 1:30 p.m.

## MSU grad is new Cincinnati Ben-gal

Whitmore says diversity, appearance and fitness are keys to successful tryouts

ALEXIS DAMRON  
Managing Editor

After try-outs, Katie Whitmore waited impatiently for a letter to come in the mail informing her she had made the Cincinnati Bengals Cheerleading Squad. By Friday she had lost all hope. Then on Saturday her phone rang.  
"Is this Katie? You made the squad!" Charlotte Jacobs, the head coach said.  
"Really?" Katie screamed, overwhelmed with excitement.  
"Wait, is this Katie S?" Jacobs asked.  
Whitmore's excitement faded back to disappointment. She explained to Jacobs that she was not Katie S., she was Katie W., and began to cry.  
"Oh, well, you both made it, actually, I just didn't know which one I had," Jacobs told her.  
It has been more than three months since Whitmore, a Morehead State University graduate from Tipp City, Ohio, found out she was going to be a Ben-Gal, a member of the Bengals Cheerleading Squad. But it was a position she had been working toward for much longer.  
"I have been going to Bengals games since I was little,

but I never knew much about football. I would watch the cheerleaders the entire time, and I decided I wanted to be one," Whitmore says.  
During her last semester at MSU, Whitmore began planning for try-outs.  
"Since I decided to go to grad school near Cincinnati, trying out for the squad just felt like something I should do," Whitmore says.  
The preparation was very hard, she says. Because a big portion of tryouts concentrated on appearance, Whitmore dieted and exercised, focusing on her abdominal section. She also made another change.  
"I went from being a blonde to a red-head because they encourage and welcome diversity on the Ben-Gals," Whitmore says. "Red-heads are rare, so I thought it couldn't hurt to try."  
Because Whitmore tumbled and cheered in high school, and was a member of the MSU Dance Team, she had a

"It is exhausting, both mentally and physically. Being a Ben-gal is hard work."  
—Katie Whitmore

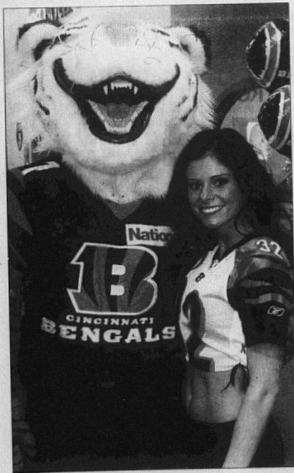


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Ben-gal Katie Whitmore poses with Bengals mascot Who Dey.

## Student donors help shortage

SARAH PERRY  
Editor

Jordan Youmans lay watching the red liquid flow from his veins into the intravenous tube attached to the plastic bag. He just helped save up to three lives.  
Youmans is one of the many students who donated blood Monday and Tuesday in Button Auditorium. The blood drive, sponsored by the American Red Cross, helped restore blood bank levels to normal in Central and Eastern Kentucky

where crisis level shortages were reported in August.  
Jim Tinker, director of Marketing and Communication for the Kentucky Blood Center, said Tuesday that blood levels only now were 4 percent below target levels.  
"Target levels ensure there is a constant flow of blood through the system to the hospitals we serve that transfuse 200

blood units daily," Tinker said.  
Tinker said blood levels in August plummeted nearly 50 percent. If levels would have fallen below 50 percent, "we would have needed to reach a decision about if we needed to ration blood," he said.

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Photo by Carlo Angerer

Student Jordan Youmans donates blood during an American Red Cross campus blood drive on Tuesday.

## Cheer

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head start on her training.

"The time on the dance team was very beneficial because I learned a lot of the dance techniques that I didn't get from cheering, such as leaps and turns," she says. "It also helped to dance in front of a larger audience."

The Ben-Gal tryouts began with an optional clinic in early April that was open to everyone interested in trying out. Whitmore and the other women learned about the Ben-Gals year-round schedule and tips for actual tryouts.

For she says hundreds of women were competing for a very few spots. Even the women who were previous Ben-Gals had to try out.

The preliminary round was held one week later. The women were given a dance

routine and 15 minutes to learn it. Groups of three to four tried out in front of everyone, including the other women and three judges.

Katie made the cut for the first round and went on to the semifinals. She says the audition was based mainly on dance strengths. Whitmore had to do double turns, split leaps, and two eight-counts of high kicks, then fall into a split.

This stage eliminated the most people, Whitmore says. Everyone was standing, waiting for their number to be called.

The final tryout came at the end of May. Well-known people with extensive backgrounds in dance replaced the judges who had been at the two previous auditions. In the

first part of the audition, Whitmore had to perform another dance, and the second part was bikini modeling.

"We could wear any swimsuit we wanted, as long as it was a bikini," Whitmore says. "This was the most stressful part because it's not everyday you put on stilettoes and a bikini and strut your stuff in front of strangers."

Whitmore says the women, one by one, walked the length of the judge's table, paused in the middle to turn around, and paused again.

After the audition was over, Head Coach Charlotte Jacobs told all the women that they were selected for the 2007 Ben-Gals with letters in the mail within the week.

Whitmore says the process wouldn't have been so stressful if it had not been stretched out over a long period of time.

"There were hundreds of beautiful, intelligent, talented

women auditioning for the same spot as me," Whitmore says. "I call honesty say I've never been more intimidated in my life."

She says a lot of her strength came from her sorority's emails, phone calls, and Facebook posts.

"It was a lot of fun updating all those girls after each cut," Whitmore says. "They helped me to push myself harder."

Whitmore says her family also was very supportive.

"My family was thrilled when I made the squad," Whitmore says. "Except for my brother. He's a Steelers fan."

Whitmore says practices began the Tuesday after she was notified about making the squad. The Ben-Gals practice three times a week, sometimes for several hours. There are frequent fitness and flexibility tests, which include running two miles, maxing out on push

ups and sit ups, and checking the flexibility of both legs forward, backward, and sideways for splits and straddles.

"It is exhausting, both physically and mentally because not only are you pushing your body to its limits, but you also have to remember loads of choreography at the same time. Being a Ben-Gal is hard work," Whitmore says. "But we also get to do things like photo shoots for the Web site."

The Ben-Gals also produce a calendar, do promotions for the Cincinnati area, help with the Bengals' training camps in Georgetown, Ky., and cheer at football games.

"The fans really make it worth all the hard work," Whitmore says. "However, I don't think I'll ever get used to people wanting my autograph!"

Whitmore graduated from MSU with a degree in Spanish. She is enrolled full

time in the Accelerated Bachelor of Science program for Nursing at Northern Kentucky University.

"It is a requirement that all Ben-Gals either have a full-time job or are a full-time student," Whitmore says. "It really is important to the organization that Ben-Gals not only be beautiful and in shape, but also extremely intelligent and personable as well. So the women who have made it all have, or are working on, a college degree."

Whitmore says she plans on being a Ben-Gal for at least another year, because the "rookies" do not get all the advantages of the older members. After that, she plans to pursue a nursing career. If that can keep her in the Cincinnati area, Whitmore says she will continue to be on the squad for a few years.

## Blood

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Other hospitals in the country cancelled elective surgeries because of the nationwide shortage, Tinker said.

The shortage is not uncommon for this time of year. Because 25 percent of donors are college or high school stu-

dents, summer donations slow down, he said. Weather and summer vacations also impact donations.

The blood drive at MSU Aug. 29 and 30 also helped alleviate the shortage, Tinker said. There were 155 total stu-

donated.

There were 55 units of blood donated Monday, Sept. 9, with hopes of matching that donation Tuesday, American Red Cross Charge Nurse Angie Fischer said.

Fischer said blood shortages are hard to recover from because donors have to replace the "lost blood" and keep up with normal blood demands.

Students, such as Youmans, say this does not mind taking 40 to 60 minutes out of their day to donate.

"I feel better about myself knowing I've helped someone who really needs the help, and maybe saved a life," Youmans said.

American Red Cross Volunteer Larry Beeman said he has been volunteering for several years and has seen some people donate more

than 20 gallons of blood.

"That's equal to four 5-gallon pails," Beeman said.

Beeman and fellow volunteer Ada Botts stress the importance of giving blood.

"I [the blood shortage] would make it very difficult because there are people that need blood every day," Beeman said.

Botts added, "We need all the blood we can get. You

never know — it might be your family some time."

Botts said she has a young daughter who had surgery and required a blood transfusion.

"I think about it all the time," Botts said.

Nursing student Lyndsey Harris donated blood Tuesday. She said while she sat and drank orange juice to balance her blood sugar, she

thought about all the lives she could be saving.

"You're helping people and you're saving up to three people's lives," Harris said. "If it were me or someone in my family in need of blood, I hope someone would be gracious enough to spend 40 minutes of their time to help."

### AUGUST BLOOD DONORS

- 12 percent - first-time donors
- 52 percent male
- 48 percent female
- Youngest: 17 years old
- Oldest: 85 years old

Source: Kentucky Blood Center

## POLICE BEAT

**Brandon Carty:** Operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol and drugs, Sept. 4

**James Bowling:** Criminal mischief, third degree; resisting arrest; trafficking in a controlled substance, Sept. 4

**James Hillard:** Alcohol intoxication in a public place, first degree, Sept. 10

**Brandon Gross:** Rape, first degree, Sept. 10

**Trenton Tackett:** warrants served, harassing communication, Sept. 11

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## EDITORIAL

### Student donations can help save lives

In August, blood supply levels in Central and Eastern Kentucky plummeted to 25 percent below normal. There was less than a half-day supply of O negative, O positive and A positive blood types ready to ship to hospitals, according to a press release from the Kentucky Blood Center.

A three-day supply of blood types is considered normal. According to published reports, in August, blood centers around the nation were announcing shortages. In Kentucky, a crisis shortage officially was declared Aug. 7.

Blood donation facilities are located at most hospitals and mobile donation centers frequently visit Morehead and communities across the state and nation. Still, according to the Mayo Clinic, only 5 percent of eligible donors give blood each year.

In an effort to attract donors, the Kentucky Blood Center and American Red Cross are offering donors chances on gifts, such as coolers, tickets to the 2008 Daytona 500 and gas grills. These organizations should not be forced into give-aways to lure people into donation centers.

Horrors, such as the Sept. 11 terror attacks, sometimes are the only events that persuade Americans to make donating a priority. According to the Red Cross, more than 900,000 people gave blood at a Red Cross blood drive following 9/11 — 46 percent more than during the previous September. Each whole blood donation can help as many as three people. Imagine — in Sept. 2001, blood donations could have saved as many as 2.7 million lives.

It should not take such catastrophic events to persuade Americans to donate blood. In a nation where many people spend numerous hours each week involved in leisure activities, it is inescapable that most don't take time to go to the nearest blood donation center and help save a life.

The process of donating whole blood takes just 45 to 60 minutes. Those few minutes could give years of life to a mother, father or child needing emergency surgery. Those minutes could mean the difference between life and death for a newborn needing a transfusion or the bleeding victim of an automobile accident.

Remember, it could be you or your loved one needing the gift of life. Take time to donate blood.

S.P.

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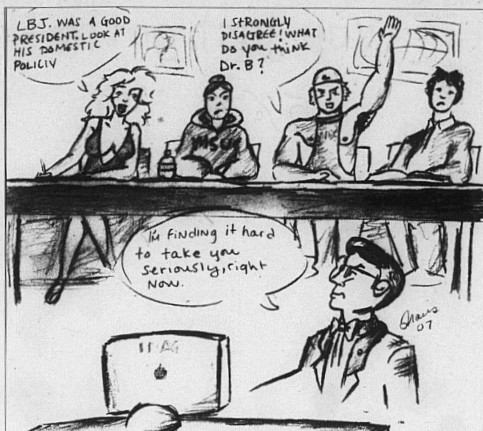
—John Scott Redd, director of the National Counterterrorism Center

"I thought the role of justice would prevail here, but really it's a kangaroo court."

—Joseph Estrada, former President of the Philippines who was sentenced Wednesday to life in prison for corruption

### Do you have an opinion?

The Trail Blazer welcomes reader responses. Letters should be 400 words or less and signed. Addresses and telephone numbers should be included (for verification purposes only). Letters must be received in Room 317 Breckinridge Hall or e-mailed to editor@trailblazeronline.net by 4 p.m. Friday for the next week's publication. The Trail Blazer reserves the right to edit letters for purposes of clarity, brevity and legal considerations.



## Commentary

### Boobs, buns, butt cracks bombard us



ALEXIA DAMBORN

This week's weather has seen sporadic changes in temperatures, which has created a drastic change in students' clothing — jeans and longer sleeves for those who accept the cooler days. — skirts and tanks for those who want to hold on to summer.

Whatever the weather, some students still are wearing jeans too low, skirts too short, and tops that fall into both categories. These bare-all students leave many wondering — how can they go out in public like that?

There is no dress code at MSU. It's assumed college students are mature enough to decide on their own what is appropriate for class. But what about the students who don't seem to have a clue what is or is not appropriate

attire for class?

Most of us have had class with these people, both male and female, who come to class wearing clothes meant for clubbing, sleeping, or not meant to be worn by anyone above the age of 13.

Maybe students think they look good, or maybe they're just exhibitionists. Who knows. But part of the college experience is transitioning from a teenage "look-at-me" culture to adult life and adult culture.

This dress (or undress) situation, while bothersome to some students, is probably even more troubling to professors. What teacher wants to look out over his/her half-asleep class at 9:10, and actually "see" some of their students? You know — "really see" them? It cannot be easy to try and give a lecture when some students are giving their own anatomy lesson, or to grade a student

when the teacher knows what color underwear he or she is sporting? Just imagine how you would feel if you got an eye-full of a professor bending over, wearing the same ones?

It doesn't matter how bad your night is or how hot you think you look, do not draw negative attention by wearing shorts or a skirt that can't cover your cheeks. Just because you can't see something when you look in your mirror, doesn't mean that when you climb the stairs to your class that everyone below is not getting a show.

It is unacceptable when a class's attention is dependent on what someone wears. If a girl is displaying an enormous amount of cleavage, every male in that class might as well be on another planet.

It is just as bad when guys wear T-shirts with cut out sleeves. OK, we get it, guys

— you work out.

What students need to understand is, although parents are not here to monitor, now is not the time to wear everything parents wouldn't allow. Professors are not likely to ask students to students to leave class when they show up in embarrassing attire. It is up to students to decide how they want to present themselves to the campus community.

So women — save that tube top for the party. Maybe don't come to class in your "Come Pet My Kitty" T-shirt, the mini skirt you can't bend over in, or the low riders hanging on the bottom of your pelvic bones. And guys, the wife-beater shirts and Jcoos have to go. No body wants to see your armpits, pecs or your boxers.

Remember, you may like the way you look, but others might want to appreciate a bit less of you.

## Letters to the Editor

### Writer supports preacher's message

Editor: As a passerby and as an ordained minister I agree that the preacher that was on campus the past week was a bit abrasive. However the message that they preached was correct. That is what upset most of the students. It makes people mad when you point out their wrongdoings. Shining light into someone's darkened eyes hurts! Many may have been offended but the seed was planted. Free speech is a

right guaranteed to us by our founding fathers. ONLY at a Liberal university could students be found that were fighting against free speech. I especially found the (Campus Comment) section interesting. There was no hate speech given. Just speech against what is wrong. Just because someone does not like it does not make it hate speech.

Homosexuality IS a sin. Those that partake of it and do not repent and be saved

WILL go to Hell. That is plain and simple. Read Romans chapter 1 verse 26-30 for Biblical truth. A promiscuous person will also be judged guilty without repentance. God is just and will not tolerate sin. Yes I know more supposed hate speech. You know maybe your right. Maybe it is hate speech. Because God does hate sin!

The way Jesus preached was not the same as the preachers did last week. But

the message they preached was the same. You cannot sin and go to Heaven. You must repent and be Born again in the Blood of Jesus Christ. John 14:6

The Bible says that in the end days the preaching will offend many and the preachers themselves will be persecuted. That is fine. It just tells me that Jesus is that much closer to returning.

Rev. Kenneth Fouch Morehead, Ky.

## Campus Comment: Do you think some MSU students dress inappropriately for class?

Walking down campus sidewalks can sometimes seem like a peep show. The Trail Blazer asked students if they think some people dress inappropriately for class.



Damen Bach  
Freshman Undecided  
Powell County, Ky.

"Yes, I guess it's a way to express themselves, but some people don't want to see it."



John Allen  
Sophomore Education  
Martin County, Ky.

"No, people can wear what they want."



Kendra Conley  
Sophomore Radiology  
Johnson Co., Ky.

"Yes, some people show parts you should have to ask to see. It's a distraction for students and teachers."



Lyndsey Harris  
Junior Nursing  
Pikeville, Ky.

"Yes, it's a distraction if you are looking at someone's clothing (or lack of) instead of focusing on the important stuff."

# CAMPUS LIFE

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## You just gotta know . . .



The starting of a student's college career at Morehead State University can be a very exciting time. But, sometimes the excitement of new friends and activities tempts students to engage in harmful activities. MSU Assistant Police Chief Scott Baker urges students to keep it safe:

### ✕ Don't try to sneak

alcohol into a dorm room. Hiding beer bottles under coats or in laundry baskets often does not camouflage a violation very well. And even students of legal age cannot drink in dorms. Barker said, "Drinking on campus is illegal, period — even if you are 21."

### ✕ Don't walk alone at night. It's always

a good idea, even on small campuses like MSU's, to follow safety regulations for nighttime. Some common suggestions for students are to travel in groups or carry mace, pepper spray or air horns for protection. When students are out at night, they always should make sure to be alert and on the lookout for suspicious people, Barker said.

✕ **Don't hit and run on campus.** It is not legal on the streets and it is not legal in Morehead, Baker said. No one wants to return to a smashed-in car and odds are witnesses or cameras have caught the criminal act. "The parking lots are monitored 24/7, mostly by cameras as well as officers," Barker said. The costs are a lot greater if students are caught after a hit-and-run incident rather than reporting the accident when it first occurred, he said.

## Don't

### ✕ Don't streak on campus.

Barker said about 30 years ago, when the Ray Stevens song "Streak" first came out there were a few guys who made it a habit to streak on campus. One man even decided to ride a bike naked down Eagle Lake hill. Unfortunately a speed bump on the way down crashed his fun, literally, breaking his bike and throwing him from it. Barker said police almost were laughing too hard to arrest him.

Stories by Natasha Fields, Addie Herman, Stephen Maynard and Heather Webb  
Illustrations by Carlo Angerer

Some students assume there is nothing to do in Morehead because it is a small town. Upperclassmen know better and share a few of their ideas:

### ✎ Do go to the park.

Skateboarding, basketball, and baseball all are available at the city park. Get a group of buddies together and play something, Riddle said.

### ✎ Do get

involved. Getting involved on campus can make time here better, Riddle said. Students can join Greek organizations or socialize with other students in their majors. People are known to be friendly in Morehead, so there is no need to be lonely, she said.

### ✎ Do go bowl-

ing or golfing. Uneek Golf closed down, but Viking Bowling offers bowling and miniature golf. Joy Brown of the Morehead Tourism Commission said.

### ✎ Do check out on-campus recre-

ation. Betty Jo Wallace, a student services specialist, said, Laughlin has racquetball and basketball courts, the McClure pool is open and the Wellness Center has many options for fitness. Participation in intramural sports is available for all students.

✎ **Do get to know the locals.** If students want the full experience of Morehead, locals will help pave the way, junior Amanda Riddle said. Four-wheeling and boating are great activities locals are familiar with, she said.

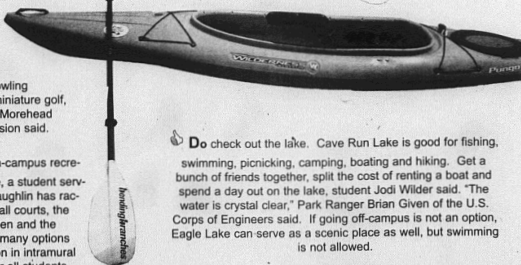
### ✎ Do extend your course

options. Take advantage of MSU's choice courses, such as bowling or modern dance. Check online for a class that breaks the monotony of constant lectures, studying for tests and writing papers. "It [bowling] was the only class I never missed," student Jonathan Webb said.

## Do

### ✎ Do Free Movie Night! SAC sponsors

Free Movie Night at University Cinema every Friday night where MSU students can get in free with an MSU ID.



### ✎ Do check out the lake.

Cave Run Lake is good for fishing, swimming, picnicking, camping, boating and hiking. Get a bunch of friends together, split the cost of renting a boat and spend a day out on the lake, student Jodi Wilder said. "The water is crystal clear," Park Ranger Brian Given of the U.S. Corps of Engineers said. If going off-campus is not an option, Eagle Lake can serve as a scenic place as well, but swimming is not allowed.

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# Two 24-hour labs now open to students



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Students work in one of two new 24-hour computer labs opened this semester on campus. A lab, originally located in Camden-Carroll Library was closed and computers were put into two new locations, one in 111 Ginger Hall and the other in the basement of Fields Hall.

KYLA WATER  
Staff Writer

The Student Open Access Lab (SOAL) formerly located in the basement of the Camden-Carroll Library has moved to two new locations, one in 111 Ginger Hall and the other in the basement of Fields Hall. SOAL held 50 computers available for student use.

The lab in Ginger Hall contains 30 personal computers running Windows XP available for students. According to an MSU press release, as of Sept. 4, this facility was open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The Fields Hall SOAL site holds the remaining 20 computers and also is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Beth Patrick, vice president for Planning, Budgets

and Technology, said the lab will be used as a student study lounge and soon will be furnished with help from MSU's Student Government Association (SGA).

Patrick said the decision to make Fields Hall a student lounge area was irrefutable to a suggestion from SGA.

Jackie Larson, a senior RA in Fields Hall, said, "I like using this space as a study environment. Graduate students live in this building and it's important for them to have a quiet place to study."

Jessica Stott, a sophomore education major, said the lab in Ginger is more accessible for education majors than the lab in the library's basement.

"It allows for breaks in

between classes and (students) use (breaks) as a study period," Stott said.

Student Jered Miller said having two labs open 24 hours benefits students living on campus.

While some students thought having two computer labs is a good option, other students, including Caysey Stewart, said the change is a hassle.

"I don't even know where Fields Hall is," Stewart said.

Both labs are under camera surveillance and require a student ID to enter the facility and access the computers.

The vacated space in the library will house the University Instructional Support Center.



Photo by Carol Angerer

On Tuesday students attended a Sept. 11 Memorial ceremony held at the Bell Tower on campus. Members of the MSU ROTC Eagle Battalion presented the flags as the bells tolled at the time the first tower was hit by a plane six years ago.

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Sept. 14  
Baird Music Hall  
11:30 a.m.

Family Weekend Tailgate  
Sept. 15  
AAC Lawn  
5 p.m.

"Sudan: The Land and the  
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Sept. 16  
Kentucky Folk Arts Center

"A Natural Order: Artists  
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Art Exhibition  
Sept. 17  
Claypool-Young Art Building

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## From the Sports Desk

CARLO ANGERER  
Sports Editor



## MSU football proved to be ready for the season; what about the fans?

MSU Head Football Coach Matt Ballard told the Trailblazer before the start of this year's season that the team was ready to go. He also said he is looking forward to an exciting and challenging year.

That sounds very confident, but not overconfident considering Ballard has 17 returning starters on his roster. The experience they gained playing in the Pioneer League during the last few years will help the new team members.

During practice in Jayne Stadium the team also showed the concentration and teamwork it needs to be successful this season. Practice is a lot, but the team still has to be able to perform under pressure.

The Eagles had the chance to show that during the season-opening game against St. Francis. Playing the first game so far away from home must have been tough for the players, but they pulled off a 21-14 point win.

That is definitely a good start. MSU also won the total offensive battle for the game, 383 to 292 yards.

Halfback Jerrod Pendleton definitely was the player of the game. The sophomore scored 20 of MSU's 21 points. He will be one of the players to watch this season. Pendleton will have a lot of confidence starting a season with such a blast. Hopefully, he will continue strong and the rest of the team will follow.

Saturday's home game against West Virginia Tech will be the next challenge, but not just for the players. The MSU fans have to show they are ready for this season, too. They have to get out in the stands and support the Eagles.

The players on the field only can do so much. The fans can help carry them to victory with their cheers.

MSU might not be an NCAA top 25 team, but fans still can learn from those schools. Look at the "Geaux Tigers" spirit of LSU or the 12th man concept of the Aggies at Texas A&M.

For the visiting team, a strong fan crowd is disturbing. Fans make a lot of noise and boost the confidence of the home team, helping them to a win. This was proven in European Football in 2006.

Before the Soccer World Cup in Germany nobody thought the home team would make it into the playoffs. Even German soccer experts said the German team was too young and too inexperienced to have a shot at the World Championship.

But every expert forgot to look at the home advantage. The German fans filled the arenas and the streets with their cheers and the team made it all the way to the semi-finals and took third place, further than anybody expected. But they only got so far in the tournament because of the fan support.

The MSU Eagles might not have a whole nation behind them, but MSU can still show that football team has a whole campus behind it.

MSU doesn't need a 12th man like Texas A&M, it needs the 10,000th fan to fill up every spot in Jayne Stadium. Then the Eagles can continue what they started last weekend — winning.

## Lady Eagles struggle in Kansas volleyball tournament

TYLER SMITH  
Staff Writer

The University of Kansas volleyball team knocked out the Lady-Eagles 3-0 in the last game of the University of Kansas Jayhawk Classic over the weekend.

MSU also lost 3-0 against Wyoming, but won 3-0 against St. Peters.

On the first tournament day MSU lost the match against Wyoming (25-30, 25-30, 23-30). Middle hitter Erin Peak lead the Eagles with 20 kills and 10 digs.

The Eagles defeated St. Peters college (30-14, 30-28, 30-16).

Peak led the way with 15 kills and just five errors, with a 294 hitting percentage.

The team played solid defense accumulating 82 digs for the match against St. Peters. Sophomore libero Kristina Schoo had a good match with 17 digs.

On offense junior setter Katelyn Barbour had 34 assists and 12 digs.

“I am pleased with the team's performance.”

—Jaime Gordon  
MSU Volleyball Coach

of only eight points, but it was not enough. MSU lost the match 3-0.

Libero Kristina Schoo had one assist, three aces, and 16 digs on defense.

Despite losing two of three games, Head Coach Jamie Gordon said, “I am pleased with the team's performance so far on the season. I would have liked to come out with a win from the Kansas Classic, but we gave a solid performance and games like these are building blocks for a better team.”

The Eagles record stands at 5-5 on the season.



Rebekah Kendall (12) gets ready to shoot the ball with three Georgetown opponents in pursuit.

Photo by Carlo Angerer

## Soccer team beats Georgetown in first home game

CHRIS CASKEY  
Staff Writer

Morehead State scored a go-ahead goal with 20 minutes left as the Lady Eagles won their home opener against Georgetown College Sept. 4.

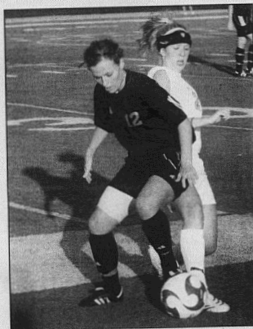
Rebekah Kendall's free kick in the 70th minute resulted in an on goal as the kick hit a Georgetown player and rolled into the Lady Tigers goal, giving the Lady Eagles a 1-0 advantage. Three minutes later freshman Erin Adams scored her first collegiate goal to give MSU a 2-0 lead.

The Lady Eagles had problems the entire first half with poor execution and missed opportunities. MSU had 16 shots in the first frame, seven shots on goal, but could not hit the back of the net.

The MSU defense had problems of its own in the first half. The Eagles allowed nine shots by the Lady Tigers, five on goal, but MSU goalkeeper Leslie King hung tough with five saves.

MSU's execution in the first half also was sluggish. The Lady Eagles could not connect on several passes and sometimes over shot players on passes.

Slippy play was not Morehead's only problem. Junior forward Kelly Busch received a



Georgetown's Savannah Evans (12) and MSU's Lindsey Stefanini fight for the ball.

Photo by Carlo Angerer

the first half.

With Busch's absence the Lady Eagles' struggles continued and

will be on Friday against the Purdue University Boilermakers in West Lafayette, Ind.

The Lady Eagles execution was a lot better in the second half. Morehead attacked the goal and had 14 shots, eight of them on goal. They also had five corner kicks in the second half.

The MSU defense tightened in the second half. Georgetown did not get a single shot in the final 45 minutes. King recorded her first shut out of the season with the 2-0 victory.

“It was a really great adjustment we made in the second half,” said Lady Eagles Head Coach Erin Aubry. “I felt we could have played better the first half but the girls came out and played really well in the second half.”

Kendall's goal in the second half moved her seven goals away from breaking the Morehead State all time goal record.

The game gave Morehead its first victory of the season and makes it 1-1 for the season. Georgetown fell to 1-2 on the year.

The Lady Eagles' next game



Photo by Carlo Angerer

Eagle griders practiced last week for their Saturday matchup against St. Francis that gave them a season-opening win.

## Halfback shines in 1st win

TYLER SMITH  
Staff Writer

Halfback Jerrod Pendleton scored 20 of the Eagles' 21 points in their 21-14 victory Saturday against the St. Francis Red Flash.

Pendleton scored three touchdowns and caught a 2-point conversion pass to lead the Eagles to the win in their season opener in Pennsylvania.

“Not only is this a character type of win, but this win will do wonders for us the rest of the year,” MSU Coach Matt

Ballard said in a press release.

The Eagles' first touchdown from Pendleton came on a six-yard touchdown run capping off an eight-play, 72-yard drive in the first quarter with 7:35 left. MSU's second score was a 15-yard touchdown pass by quarterback Brian Yost, caught by Pendleton with 12:43 left in the second quarter. After a missed extra point by Max Hammond the half-time score was 13-0.

With a second left on the

clock in the third quarter, St. Francis wide receiver Troy Elson caught a 32-yard touchdown pass from quarterback George Little.

Only 21 seconds into the fourth quarter St. Francis scored again after an interception with a one-yard rushing touchdown by Little.

With 4:05 remaining, Yost threw the game-winning touchdown pass to Pendleton. The Eagles went for a two-point conversion and

Pendleton caught Yost's pass again.

MSU out-produced the Red Flash in offensive yards, racking up 338 to the Red Flash's 292.

Pendleton had seven carries for 43 yards with one rushing touchdown and five receptions for 71 yards and two receiving touchdowns.

“It was a total team effort. The O-line blocked well,” said Pendleton. “Yost had a good game finding receivers.”