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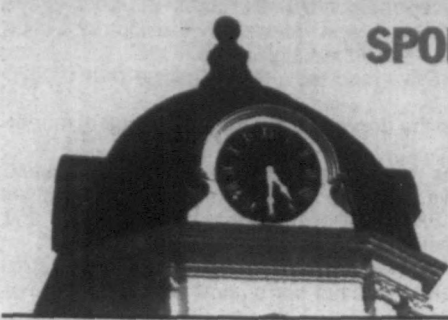
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Henley, Kemp square off in House debate

By KRISTIN TAYLOR
Staff Writer

State Rep. Melvin Henley said he relied on his varied experience in education and economic development — not partisan politics — and will continue doing so if elected to a second term.

Meanwhile, his opponent Hal Kemp said he would improve relationships with state officials by working with Democratic leadership.



Henley

Henley, the Republican incumbent, faces Democratic challenger Kemp in the 5th House District race on the Nov. 7 ballot. The two faced off during a debate Monday night at the Curris Center Theater. The Murray State Young Democrats,

College Republicans and Regents College sponsored the event.

Both candidates made opening and closing comments and then took questions from two MSU journalism students.

"You aren't going to put me in a Republican box. You aren't going to put me in a Democratic box," Henley said. "I think outside the box to solve problems."

Since defeating Democratic incumbent Buddy Buckingham two years ago, Henley said he's

learned the divide in Frankfort is more an urban versus rural mentality and not as much Republican and Democratic. He said western Kentucky legislators need to team with those from the eastern part of the state to make sure all the money doesn't go to Louisville, Lexington and northern Kentucky.

Henley, a former Murray mayor who taught for 36 years in MSU's chemistry department and operates a mobile home

park, said during his first term he helped lobby for what ended up being \$147 million of line items in the budget for Calloway County.

Kemp, who started Holland Medical Equipment with partners before selling it and later buying the local Dairy Queen,



Kemp

doubted Henley's bipartisan approach.

"It is a naive thought to think you can't be party affiliated when you go to Frankfort," Kemp said. "... I have been to Cape Canaveral and I saw a rocket being launched. Just because I saw it doesn't mean I can take responsibility for it."

Politics came to light earlier this year when Murray State

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Judge hears arguments on appointment to MSU Regents

By KRISTIN TAYLOR
Staff Writer

FRANKFORT, Ky. — A Franklin Circuit Court judge is considering whether Jeff Taylor's recent appointment to the Murray State Board of Regents is valid.

Judge Tom Wingate heard arguments during a hearing Monday in Franklin Circuit Court. He said he will issue an order by Friday — in time for the MSU Board of Regents meeting.

The regents' committee meetings are scheduled to start at 9:30 a.m. Friday and the full board meets at 1:30 p.m. in Pogue Library.

Fletcher appointed Taylor, a Court of Appeals judge from Owensboro, in September after rejecting two slates of three names recommended to him from the postsecondary nominating committee. By that time, the original three nominees — Kenneth Shadowen of Benton, Pete Galloway of Mayfield and Sharon Green of Mayfield — had already sued the governor and nominating committee, saying one of them should be appointed to the board.

Wingate is considering their request, and in turn deciding whether Taylor's appointment is valid.

At the heart of the debate is KRS 164.005, which says nominations must be made within 30 days prior to the expiration of a term and the governor's appointment shall be made within 60 days of receiving the names. The law goes on to say that if the governor fails to make

an appointment the committee should select one of the nominees.

Taylor's appointment is to fill the vacancy left when former chairman Don Sparks' eight-year term expired June 30. He was officially appointed Sept. 1.

In his legal arguments, Fletcher's attorney says appointment powers are the governor's responsibility, therefore he's allowed to reject the nominees and request new lists, according to court documents.

In the lawsuit, MSU is named as a defendant — along with Fletcher and the committee — because the university's governance is affected by the outcome, according to the original lawsuit filed Aug. 2.

Yet in a response filed last week, MSU general counsel John Rall argues the governor's motion to dismiss the complaint should be denied, basically siding with the three plaintiffs who think they should be appointed to the board.

"The obvious effect of this statutory framework is to require the governor to confine his appointment to the three persons, and only the three persons, proposed by the nominating committee," Rall wrote in the response. "Otherwise, the provision for appointment by the nominating committee is a nullity."



Taylor



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A MURRAY PUMPKIN PATCH: Pumpkins of all sizes fill this pumpkin patch at Murray State University's Pullen Farm. Students from the city and county schools were able to view the pumpkins as a part of the university's recent "Fall on the Farm" activities.

EDC stays focused on finding new jobs

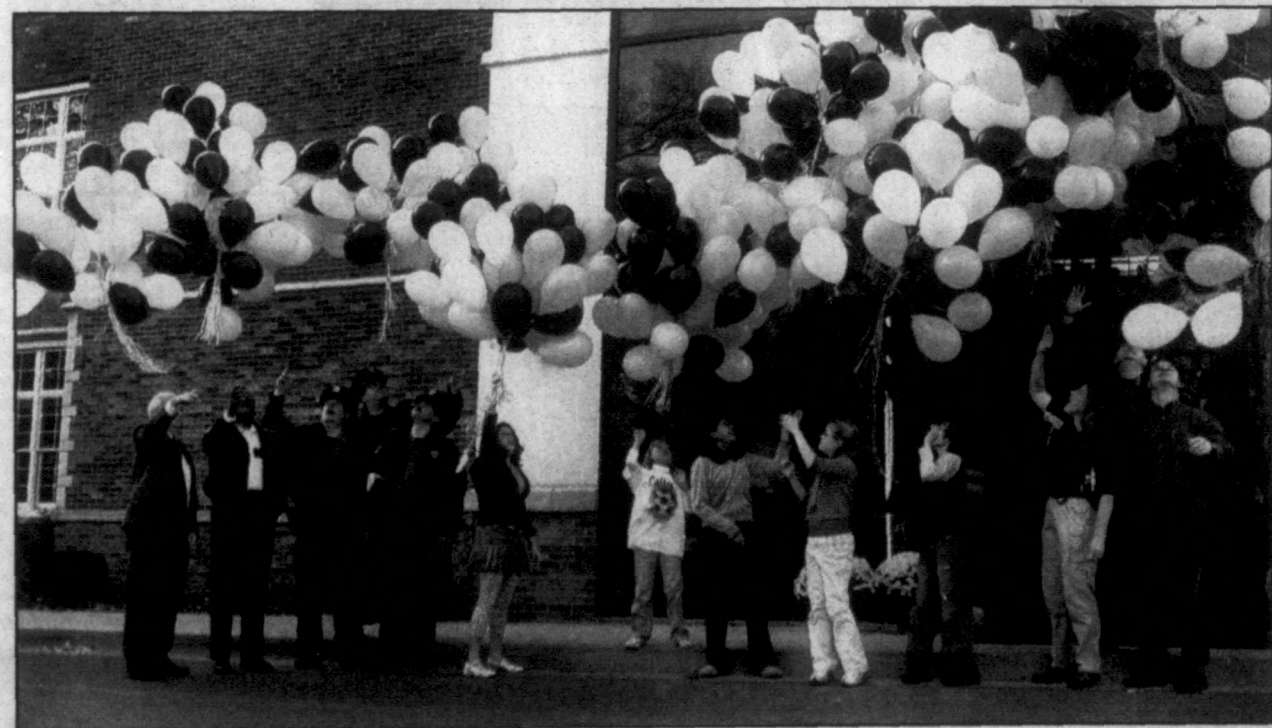
By TOM BERRY
Staff Writer

Murray-Calloway County Economic Development Corp. President Mark Manning said that he feels for the families affected by a planned layoff at Murray's Briggs and Stratton Corp., but that he and others are working hard to find new jobs for the community.

Briggs & Stratton announced the cut of 112 jobs to workers Friday. Plant manager Rodney Bohannon told the *Murray Ledger & Times* Monday that the layoff will begin Nov. 27 with about 10 percent of the plant's 1,130-strong workforce scheduled to lose their jobs. The plant will shut down third shift assembly line operations.

"If you look at it on paper, you see numbers. But the reality is that it's people and families, school books and groceries and things like that," Manning said. "I know it's real difficult. Briggs & Stratton is real committed to their employees and I know it's been real difficult to them to reach this decision."

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RED RIBBON WEEK AT MURRAY MIDDLE SCHOOL: Students at Murray Middle School marked the beginning of the National Red Ribbon Week with a balloon release in front of the school. The morning began with an assembly at which time various officials spoke to the students about drug, alcohol and tobacco prevention. Pictured above, students from each grade level are joined by law and fire department officers and other community dignitaries in releasing the black, white and yellow balloons.

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Former Enron CEO sentenced for 'greed'

HOUSTON (AP) — Expressing no emotion, ex-Enron Chief Executive Officer Jeffrey Skilling watched former employees and investors of what was once the nation's seventh-largest company get up, one by one, at his sentencing and call him everything from greedy, to a liar, to a drunk.

"You should send him to the rest of his life in prison," former Enron employee Anne Beliveaux told U.S. District Judge Sim Lake after saying that Skilling's actions, which helped bring down the company, were the result of "greed, nothing but greed."

Lake did not send Skilling away for life but he did impose a tough sentence Monday: 24 years and four months in prison. It is the harshest punishment by far in Enron's scandalous collapse and one that capped a string of tough sentences for top executives in corruption cases.

"His crimes have imposed on hundreds, if not thousands, of people a life sentence of poverty," Lake said.

Lake approved a request from Skilling that he not immediately be detained but instead be taken into custody sometime during the next 30 to 45 days.

Convictions in the Enron case

Former Enron CEO Jeffrey Skilling was sentenced Monday to 24 years and four months for his role in the company's financial scandal. Founder Kenneth Lay died before he could be sentenced.



Former chief financial officer Andrew Fastow
Cooperated with prosecutors; sentenced to six years



Founder Kenneth Lay
Convicted of fraud, conspiracy and lying to banks; died on July 5



Former CEO Jeffrey Skilling
Convicted of fraud, conspiracy, insider trading and lying to auditors

Lake suggested the 52-year-old be sent to the federal facility in Butner, N.C., for his role in a case that came to symbolize corporate fraud in America. The final decision on where he will be incarcerated is left to the U.S. Bureau of Prisons.

Lake did deny Skilling's request for bond while his appeals are processed and ordered him to home confinement, wearing an ankle monitor, until he reports to prison.

The former chief executive officer will be eligible to shave

up to 54 days a year off his sentence for good behavior in prison. Lake also ordered Skilling to undergo alcohol and mental-health counseling. A successful completion of that treatment would take a year off his sentence.

Outside the courthouse, Skilling vowed to appeal his sentence and continued to proclaim his innocence. "I'll be vindicated," he said.

"I feel terrible about what happened," Skilling said of Enron's collapse into bankrupt-

cy proceedings in December 2001. "That's not to say I did something wrong."

Former employee Diana Peters called the sentence "just" but added, "I am extremely disappointed he wasn't taken into custody today."

In an agreement that was also announced Monday, Skilling's remaining assets of about \$60 million, including a \$5 million mansion in Houston and nearly \$50 million in stocks and bonds, will be liquidated.

About \$45 million will be put in a restitution fund for victims. The remaining \$15 million will go to Skilling's legal fees. He still owed his lawyers \$30 million as of Monday.

His attorney, Daniel Petrocelli, said the restitution will be held until all of Skilling's appeals are exhausted.

Skilling, insisting he was innocent yet remorseful in a two-hour hearing, was the last top former official to be punished for the accounting tricks and shady business deals that led to the loss of thousands of jobs, more than \$60 billion in Enron stock and more than \$2 billion in employee pension plans.

SheriffsLogs

- Calloway County Sheriff's Department**
- An injury crash was reported on U.S. 641 South at Spring Creek Oaks at 12 a.m. Friday. It was referred to the Murray Police Department because it was in the city limits.
 - A caller from Valley Drive reported a stolen license plate at 8:20 a.m. Friday.
 - Someone came into the department to report the theft of money at 3:34 p.m. Friday.
 - An injury crash was reported at 8:23 a.m. Saturday on Radio Road at Sunset Drive. The wreck involved a motorcycle driver who hit his head. EMS, Calloway County Fire-Rescue and Murray Fire Department also responded.
 - A caller from 121 Rolling Area Lane reported at 11:21 a.m. Saturday someone broke into her son's home and stole some of her items.
 - Vandalism was reported to a yard and work site on Oaks Country Club Road at 12:26 p.m. Saturday. A third-degree criminal mischief case was opened.
 - White powder was found in a Sunset Drive yard at 6:16 p.m. Saturday. The matter is under investigation.
 - A stolen motorcycle was recovered at a 16th Street location at 3:12 a.m. Sunday. Murray Police Department also was notified.
 - A registration tag was reported missing from a car at Murray-Calloway County Hospital at 7:50 a.m. Sunday. A case was opened.
 - A burglary was reported at a Lancaster Road business at 3:04 p.m. Sunday. A laptop computer and printer were taken. There was no sign of forced entry.
- Marshall County Sheriff's Department**
- Hyeokk K. Yang was arrested on drug charges after Deputy Steven Oakley observed a vehicle on U.S. 641 near Hardin swerve side to side at 1:40 a.m. Sunday. When Oakley approached the vehicle, he detected the smell of burnt marijuana. A search of the vehicle then led to Yang being charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. Yang was lodged in the Marshall County jail.
 - Jene S. Evans, of Hardin, reported Sunday that someone entered her Resort Road home and took firearms valued at about \$2,500. Deputy Mark Balentine is continuing the investigation.
- Information is obtained from reports, logs and citations from various agencies.

Armstrong talks tobacco abuse in Ky.

By JEFFREY McMURRAY
Associated Press Writer

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Several health activists, including cyclist Lance Armstrong, took an anti-tobacco message to the heart of tobacco country Monday in a meeting perhaps more notable for its location than its subject.

Organizers of the President's Cancer Panel acknowledged Lexington likely wouldn't have been a desirable meeting place just a few years ago, but things have changed dramatically since then.

Now the city has banned smoking in public buildings, and leaders in Kentucky — the nation's top producer of burley tobacco, a key ingredient in cigarettes — are actively looking at ways to move beyond it as a major cash crop. The solutions aren't simple anywhere, but particularly not here.



Cyclist Lance Armstrong listens during a public meeting with the President's Cancer Panel in the W.T. Young library Monday.

"We don't want people to lose their jobs," said LaSalle Leffall Jr., chairman of the panel. "We are trying to improve people's livelihoods. But the point is, if you don't have your health, you don't have your livelihood."

Armstrong, a cancer survivor and seven-time winner of the Tour de France, participated in some of the discussion panels. He didn't give any speeches or grant interviews but acknowledged on his way into the session that Lexington's smoking ban was "the best thing we can do."

Researchers at the University of Kentucky said the ban had been immensely effective in reducing dozens of carcinogens that travel airborne through cigarette smoke. However, they said better enforcement — and more-segregated nonsmoking areas in buildings that do have

smoking sections — are needed before secondhand smoke is completely wiped out.

Lexington mayor Teresa Isaac, who was among the politicians who pushed for the smoking ban, said the city has made great progress when it comes to reducing tobacco usage.

"It took a lot of courage for the people of Lexington to stand up and say they want to have clean indoor air, and a lot of the people around the country are following our lead," Isaac said.

Jobs ...

From Front

However Manning pointed out that the company is a publicly-traded corporation and is responsible for maintaining a strong business.

"They are charged by their owners with remaining a strong company. If they are not a strong company that is not good for anybody," he said. "Fortunately there will be other opportunities for some of those employees because we are growing as a community."

"I assure you we will continue to work from the EDC perspective to see that people that live in and around Calloway County can get and keep good jobs."

The cuts are reportedly the result of decreased demand for lawn and garden equipment and an effort to maintain desired inventory levels at the end of the selling season. Other corporate cuts have also been made at plants in Milwaukee, Rolla, Mo., and Auburn, Ala., in recent months.

Debate ...

From Front

officials perceived a budget controversy, MSU interim President Dr. Kern Alexander blamed Gov. Ernie Fletcher and his executive cabinet secretary, Robbie Rudolph, a Murray businessman, for excluding campus projects because of an ongoing lawsuit between former MSU athletic director E.W. Dennison and the university.

"This administration has show they aren't concerned with

Murray State or western Kentucky," Kemp said of Fletcher's administration. "... I think the only reason we didn't get left out of the budget is because of the Democrats and the House. I want to be part of that leadership."

Henley said the budget isn't decided by one party or one chamber but rather it's formed through a series of negotiations. The governor's version is only the first in the process.

The other MSU controversy raised during the forum concerned the recent MSU Board of Regents appointment. Fletcher appointed Court of Appeals Judge Jeff Taylor after he rejected six other names recommended to him from the postsecondary nominating committee. The matter is before Franklin Circuit Judge Tom Wingate, who expects to rule Friday.

Kemp commented on how he perceives the intentions of the appointment. "We have to have a governor who wants to do what's best for Kentucky — not what's best for his people," Kemp said.

But Henley separated the roles of state officials. "I'm not running for governor. State representatives don't have anything to do with the Board of Regents appointment," Henley said. "There has been some confusion in the governor's office. I don't know what they're doing."

Economic development and residential growth also were brought up during the candi-

dates' comments. Henley cited economists' belief that \$1 outside dollar from areas such as retirees, manufacturing jobs, tourism and agriculture turn over six to eight times before leaving the community. He said that's noticeable in the large homes being built in Murray.

"In order to prosper and grow, a community has to attract outside dollars," Henley said, alluding to attracting people as well as recruiting and retaining jobs.

But Kemp cautioned the audience about focusing on big homes. With students acquiring more debt with the rising costs of college, young families are taking longer to become first-time homeowners.

"We are building very large homes in our area ... but I would also like to see us think about the people who need our help," Kemp said.

And the population is aging. Kemp said as more retirees settle in the region, communities like Murray will have to become more focused on health care. Likewise, Henley said the state's Medicaid program has to be addressed because there are more people depending on the state-funded insurance than are enrolled in elementary and secondary education.

He said the younger generation will have to work to keep the older people on Medicaid. "That doesn't bode well for our future," Henley said.

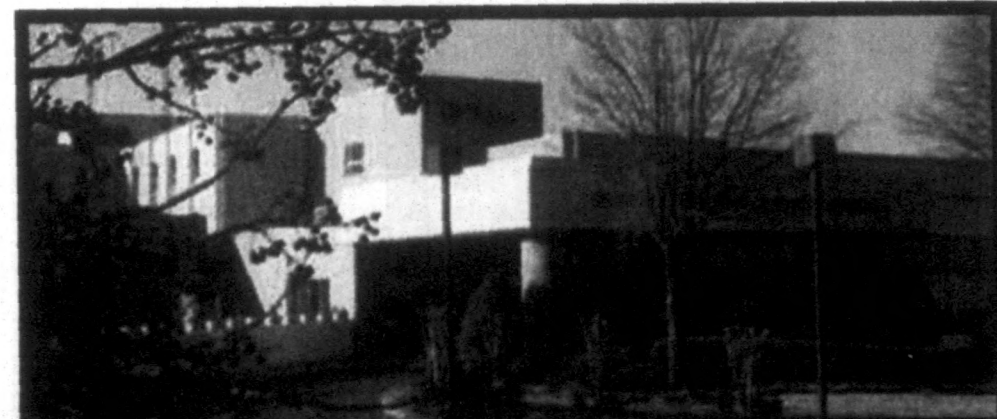
Correction

In the obituary published Monday for Thomas Joel Smith, the name of his son, Joel D. Smith, was listed incorrectly. The Ledger regrets the error.

The Murray Ledger & Times strives to ensure accurate and fair reporting; however mistakes occasionally occur. It is the Ledger's policy to correct errors. To report a news mistake or error, please call 753-1916.

Town Crier

NOTICE
The Murray-Calloway County Hospital Board of Trustees will meet at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday in the hospital board room. The agenda includes health insurance bid review, 2006 turnover summary, discussion on the time for future board meetings and a Center for Health and Wellness report.
To report a Town Crier item, call 753-1916.



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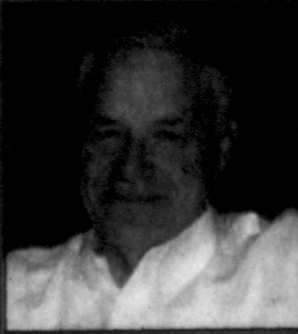
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Audits question accounting in 2 county clerks' offices

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Reviews of two county clerks' offices have revealed significant mishandling of public funds according to a pair of reports released by the state auditor's office.

More than \$10,000 was found missing from the Mercer County clerk's official bank account, and the matter has been sent to the state police, state auditor's Crit Luallen announced Monday.

Luallen also found accounting irregularities in Magoffin County Clerk H.B. Arnett's office in regards to payroll and time sheets last year.

Mercer County Clerk Ronnie Compton's office had more than \$6,700 worth of receipts that were not deposited into his office's account, and more than \$2,700 in "disallowed purchases," according to a review.

The purchases included nearly \$400 for a refrigerator and about \$90 for a TV, according to the audit.

"There is no money missing from the Mercer County Clerk's Office," Compton said.

Officials test for cause of illness on riverboat

PADUCAH, Ky. (AP) — Health officials determined Monday that what caused at least 36 people to complain of flu-like symptoms while on a cruise down the Ohio River was not bacterial, a state health official said.

Passengers aboard the Mississippi Queen likely were made ill from a virus, said Beth Crace, spokeswoman for the state Cabinet for Health and Family Services, though officials were still awaiting test results.

"One of the likely viruses it could be is the Norwalk virus," Crace said.

Delta Queen Steamboat Company, which operates the boat, cancelled the final two days of the cruise on Monday so it could "conduct additional deep cleaning in all areas of the vessel without inconveniencing passengers," according to a statement.

Most of the remaining passengers who continued on the cruise after health concerns were raised late last week were transported to hotels in St. Louis.

The company said it expects the boat to be ready for its next trip, a seven-day cruise from St. Louis to Minneapolis that begins on Wednesday.

Trains collide, four people treated for injuries

CATLETTSBURG, Ky. (AP) — A pair of CSX Railroad trains collided here this morning, resulting in minor injuries to four people, according to Catlettsburg Police.

The collision at 15th and Center Streets caused an insignificant amount of diesel fuel to spill onto the ground, but there was no fire, a police spokesman said.

CSX Railroad officials in Jacksonville, Fla. and their media liaisons could not be reached for comment.

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Friday morning accident sends driver, passenger to hospital

Staff Report
A driver and passenger were sent to the hospital Friday morning following a two-vehicle collision on Pottertown Road.

Calloway County Sheriff's Department responded to the injury crash at 6:42 a.m. Friday, according to its activity log.

Danielle Rushing, 22, of Parson, Tenn., was trying to pass while traveling westbound on Ky. 280 when her vehicle dropped onto the shoulder of the road, according to Deputy Steve Spillman's report. She then overcorrected and struck another vehicle, which was driven by Brian Davison, 31, of Panorama Drive.

The two vehicles were

locked together, forcing Davison's vehicle to the right shoulder, according to the sheriff's department release. The vehicles separated when Davison's dropped off the shoulder. Davison's vehicle left the road and slid into the creek.

Spillman charged Davison for failing to wear a seat belt and having no insurance.

Davison sustained cuts and bruises and was treated and later released from Murray-Calloway County Hospital. Police said passenger 12-year-old Jacob Nickel had serious injuries to his leg and face. Nickel remained in stable condition, a MCH spokeswoman said Monday morning. Another passenger — 2-year-old Marcus Davison — was not injured.

Former Lt. Gov. to run for governor

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Former Lt. Gov. Steve Henry will run for governor next year because he wants to "offer Kentuckians a choice."

Henry served as the state's second in command under Gov. Paul Patton from 1995 to 2003.

Henry, 52, said he's talked to a handful of potential running mates, but won't choose one until next month. State senators Joey Pendleton (D-Hopkinsville) and Dorsey Ridley (D-Henderson) are among those under consideration.

Henry is one of the first Democrats to say they'll run for Gov. Ernie Fletcher's seat. Former Gov. Brereton Jones, a Democrat, could also run, though he said he would prefer to back another Democratic candidate.

"I hear that and I would welcome that, because there couldn't be any more significant difference between two candidates," Henry said. "His history, I think, will be one that gives voters a clear choice. I hope that is the race."

Henry, a pediatric surgeon and the husband of former Miss America Heather French Henry, had some troubles at the end of his term.

In 2003 the pediatric surgeon reached an agreement with the U.S. attorney's office after he was investigated for charging for surgeries he did not attend. He paid the government \$162,000 but avoided any admission of guilt.



Photos provided

RELAY FOR LIFE KICKOFF: Georgia Paschall, Briggs and Stratton Relay For Life team captain, at right, and Steven Dabbs, McKinney Insurance Relay For Life team captain, above photo, far left, accepted top recognition as Platinum teams in Calloway County's 2006 Relay for Life for raising more than \$10,000 each in last year's Relay. Awards were presented at the Relay For Life Celebration/2007 Kickoff held last night at the Weaks Community Center. Twenty-two teams were recognized as Team Fundraising Club members for raising a minimum of \$2500 each. Calloway County's Relay For Life raised a total of \$226,651 in 2006 bringing the total money raised during Calloway County's 11 years of Relay to more than \$2 million. Joining their team captain in accepting the award for McKinney Insurance, a first-year Relay team, were, from left, Tracy McKinney, Ricky McKinney, Angie McKinney, Hope Lawrence and David Winn. Calloway County's 2007 Relay for Life goal is \$235,000 and the event will be held on May 4 at MSU's Stewart Stadium.



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Main Street
By Constance Alexander
Local Columnist

Trouble is, silence is rare in our cacophonous world. People everywhere are talking on cell phones or sending instant messages. Images associated with everyday life can be captured and transmitted almost instantly across oceans, or from one restroom stall to the one next door. Unfortunately, there are few enforceable limits to the assault on privacy and not enough curbs to cut down the chatter. No matter how much we try to shut the world out, it manages to insinuate itself into our lives.

A new series on The Learning Channel explores the landscape of the silent world of Benedictine monks in the mountains northwest of Santa Fe, New Mexico, and opens the door to that world through an "observational documentary." The show, entitled *The Monastery* pulls the curtain aside on monastic life by allowing a five men from widely varied backgrounds to spend 40 days at Christ in the Desert monastery, following the Rules of St. Benedict.

At the beginning of the first episode, Abbot Philip Lawrence explains that the world outside the monastery "values power, sex and money." He goes on to assert that there are deeper human values and connections that are revealed in the rigorous routine of the monks.

One of the group of five, Alex, is a former Marine who lost a leg in Iraq. Though he had no belief in God all through his military service, now he wonders what he has been missing. Unfortunately, Alex seems unable or unwilling to adhere to the rules of the monks. He needs frequent reminders about keeping silence, and refuses to participate fully and respectfully in the daily round of religious services. While others stand, pray and sing out loud, Alex squirms in his seat, mugs for the camera, and then gets up and barges out of the chapel as soon as the service is over.

Another 40-day resident of Christ in the Desert is John, a paramedic. He has seen so much of life's most tragic side, he wonders how God could let such things happen. "But I'm going to give it a good last chance," he says of his stay.

True to the reality show format, participants seem to have been selected for their quirks and peccadillos. The other contestants are an ex-con, an ex-addict and an Episcopal bound for the priesthood. A media release from The Learning Channel reveals that one of the men does not make it though the full 40 days. Though his identity is not revealed in advance press for the show, my bet is on Alex, whose immaturity and loutishness lead him to try and break into a locked cabinet to get a beer.

Kentucky has its own version of Christ in the Desert. The Abbey of Gethsemani, near Bardstown, offers pilgrims private space for retreats on weekends or during the week. Guests are invited to follow the daily prayer regimen of the monks, and the practice of silence is a major component of daily life there, much like it is portrayed in *The Monastery*.

According to one of the monks in the documentary, "You sort of have to be crazy to live this life," he says, adding, "It makes no sense without faith."

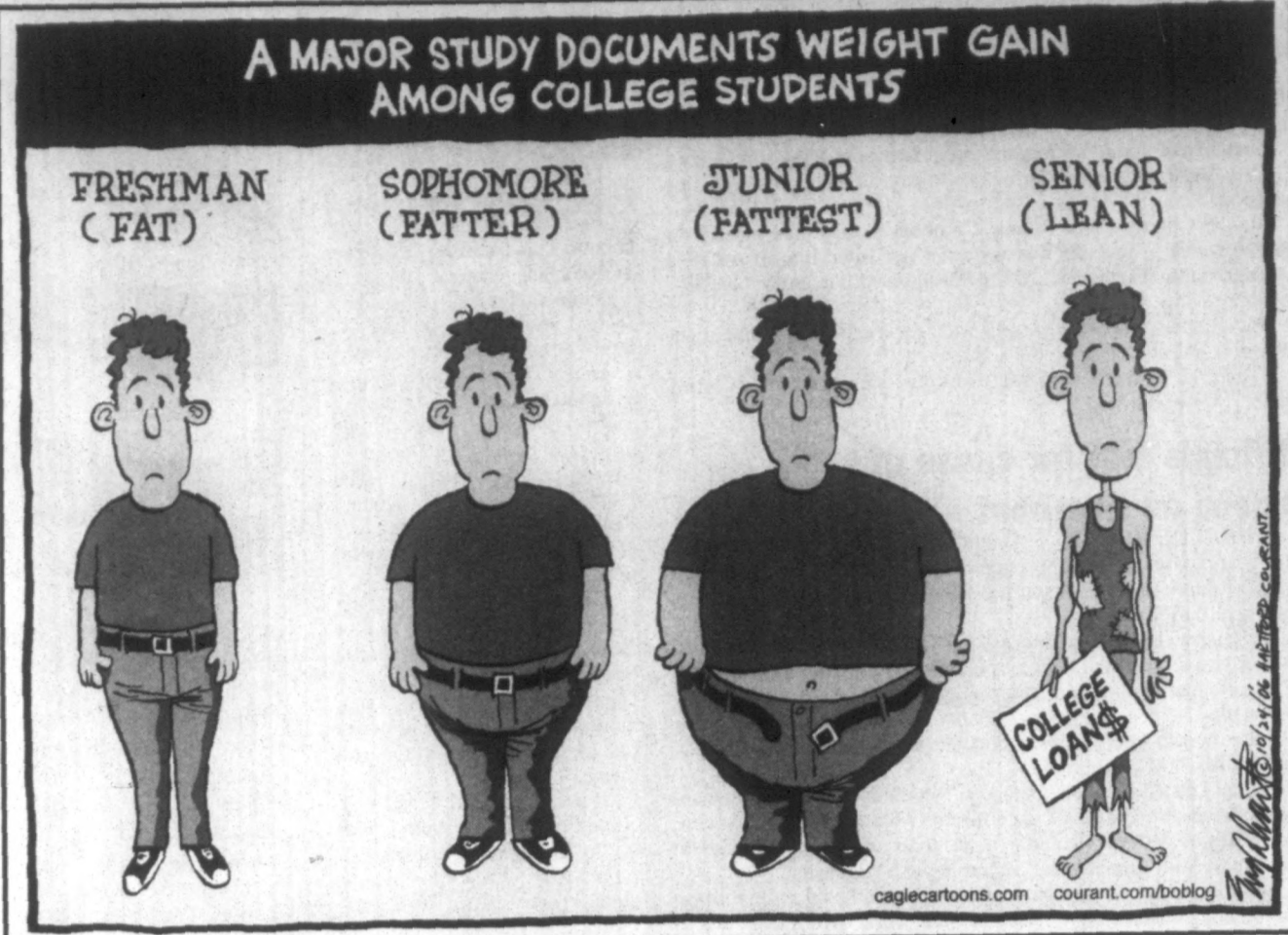
The *Monastery* is certainly not the best new show this season, but it is one that might make you shut down your cell phone, turn off your iPod and be quiet. As St. Benedict advised: "Listen, child of God, to the voice of your teacher."

Other episodes of the show will follow a group of females at another monastic location. Both male and female teams have video cameras to record their thoughts throughout the 40-day period.

If nothing else, *The Monastery* gets you pondering some of the tenets of the Benedictines, including, "The best way to listen is through silence."

For more information about *The Monastery*, log onto <http://www.tlc.com/monastery>. Information about retreats at Gethsemani and the other things it offers, go online to <http://www.monks.org>.

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Humpty Dumpty Government

Of all the pre-election polls, punditry, analysis and forecasts, one stands out. It is a new CNN poll conducted by Opinion Research Corporation that found an overwhelming number of Americans (78 percent) believes "our system of government is broken."

Democrats predictably blame Republicans for this as part of their strategy for returning to majority status in Congress. Just as predictably, Republicans blame Democrats for being "obstructionists" and not letting all that good legislation hatched by the GOP get through.

It isn't actually our "system" of government that is broken. The Constitution established an excellent system from which contemporary leaders regularly seem to depart. The Founders gave us the parchment equivalent of a GPS system that, if followed, gets us where we ought to go, but if ignored, causes us to become lost. No, the system has worked quite well until recently. Rather, it is the way Republicans, now, and Democrats when they last had the majority, have made a mess of it. The system is crumbling under the weight of too many expectations.

Members of both parties have asked government to do for them what they should first be doing for themselves.



Cal's Thoughts
By Cal Thomas
Syndicated Columnist

And instead of telling people about self-sufficiency, government has subsidized and encouraged self-indulgence. Instead of telling religious people - conservative

Christians especially - that government can't do more for them than the God they claim to worship, both parties (Republicans more than Democrats, but Democrats are trying to catch up) have allowed, even encouraged, believers to think politicians can help build the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth.

Instead of government as a last resort, too many (Republicans included) turn to government as a first resource. Government was not designed to carry the burdens placed on it by the public, lawyers and lobbyists.

The Founders created a system of limited government. It is not functioning like one today because we now view government as unlimited. For many, faith in government is now stronger than faith in God, in practice, if not in theory. At least God tells us He loves us. Government never can.

Our faith in government to rid the world of totalitarian regimes, while at the same time caring for children and grandparents whose welfare should be the first responsibility of their families, was always destined to disappoint. Democrats tell us if we return them to power things will be better. No they won't, because the problem isn't which party has a majority. It is far deeper than that.

In his book, "The Future of Freedom: Illiberal Democracy at Home and Abroad," Fareed Zakaria, editor of *Newsweek International*, writes that expanding the number of congressional committees and subcommittees (which began in 1974) and opening up the system to more public access had a downside. The post-Watergate reforms were meant to "make Congress more open and responsive," writes Zakaria. "And so it has become - to money, lobbyists, and special interests."

"From an institution dominated by 20 or so powerful leaders, Congress has evolved into a collection of 535 independent political entrepreneurs who run the system with their individual interests uppermost - i.e., to get re-elected." Once, members of Congress met behind closed doors for "mark-ups" of legislation. There, deals were made. Today's openness

means that lobbyists literally monitor the members during this process and if they hear something they don't like, they reach for their cell phones and within minutes, a special interest has swamped the member's office with calls and faxes.

In his book, "Demoscrosis," journalist Jonathan Rauch draws on the insights of economist Mancur Olson to argue (and Zakaria quotes him in his book), "that the rise of interest groups has made American government utterly dysfunctional. Washington is unable to trim back - let alone eliminate - virtually any government program, no matter how obsolete."

That will not change, no matter which party has the majority after the election, unless both parties in Congress decide to repair it. Both Republicans and Democrats helped break the system and voters, as well as non-voters, let them get away with it. We wanted government goodies. They wanted to get re-elected. Lobbyists wanted money. It was an unholy and unhealthy alliance.

Government is like Humpty Dumpty. Unless there is real reform, all the Democratic horses, just like all the Republican horses, won't be able to put government back together again.

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Autism spectrum workshops being held

CADIZ, Ky. — Kentucky Autism Training Center will present a free family session, "Strategies and Techniques for the Home for Autism Spectrum," on Wednesday at Lake Barkley State Resort Park.

These workshops will be for parents, professionals, service providers and those who seek information about autism spectrum disorders. "Autism is estimated to affect 1 in 166 Individuals and the numbers are growing each year," said Kristen Frarey of the training center.

A roundtable discussion and networking session will be Wednesday from 1 to 3 p.m. Registration is required by going to

www.louisville.edu/kyautism-training to print a registration form and fax it to 1-502-853-7148 or bring it to on-site registration.

Four sessions will also be available on Thursday for families and professionals, but a fee and registration will be required for these sessions.

Thursday sessions will be as follows:

"Behavioral Supports for Individuals with Autism" by James Adkins or "Implementing Social Skills and social Stories Across Settings by Katie Carnazzo from 8:30 to 11:45 a.m.

"Adolescent and Adult Issues: Sexuality and Autism Spectrum Disorders by Adkins or "Comprehensive Autism Planning System (CAPS)" by Katie Carnazzo from 1:15 to 4:30 p.m.

Registration and fee are required for the sessions on Thursday. Family member scholarships are also available. Call 1-800-334-6635, ext. 852-4631 or come directly to on-site registration the day of the workshops.



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CHECK PRESENTATION: Melva Hatcher, left, and Jo Anne Auer, right, members of Ladies Activities of Oaks Country Club, presented a check to Mitzi Cathey, center, mammography technician at Murray-Calloway County Hospital. The Oaks' ladies voted to make a \$500 donation to MCCH in recognition of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month to be used for financial assistance with the Radiology Department at MCCH assisting with the distribution of the donated funds. For information on digital mammography or to make a donation, contact the Mammography Department of MCCH at 762-1852.

College Democrats will show movie

Murray State College Democrats will host the movie, "Iraq for Sale," on Thursday at 6 p.m. at Calloway County Democratic Party headquarters at 404 N. Fourth St., Suite

G-H, Murray.

The movie chronicles how big corporations are endangering soldiers' lives and ruining the chance for peace.

Also the movie includes

United States soldiers who have seen first hand the human cost of war-profiteering.

For information, contact Josh Collums, president of MSC Democrats, at 731-336-8302.

Creative Arts Department has cookbook published

The Creative Arts Department of the Murray Woman's Club has published a new cookbook, "Creative Cooking."

The book contains 300 favorite recipes donated by the department members.

Purchase of the book can be from any member or at the Creative Arts Bazaar/Bake Sale on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the club house at Vine and South Seventh Streets, Murray.



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Jo Crass, second right, shows the new cookbook of the Creative Arts Department of the Murray Woman's Club to, from left, Patsy Chaney, Rainey Apperson and Shirley Homra.

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Make A Difference Day scheduled for Nov. 4



Jo's Datebook
By Jo Burkeen
Community Editor

Make A Difference Day will be held Saturday, Nov. 4, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the parking lot of Murray State University Stadium, according to Tootie Oakley, director of Murray Family Resource Center.

Items to be recycled include eyeglasses for Lions Club; used motor oil for Taylor Bus Sales; ink jet cartridges for Big Brothers Big Sisters; aluminum cans for WATCH; clothes for J.U. Kevil; cardboard and papers, tied in bundles, for the benefit of the Calloway and Murray Resources Centers. The shredder will not be present this time.

For more information call 759-9583 or 762-7333.

Friendship Homemakers will meet

Friendship Homemakers Club will meet tonight at 7 p.m. at the County Extension office. New members are welcome to attend.

SS representative here Thursday

A representative of the Social Security Administration will be at the Calloway Public Library Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to assist persons in filing forms. For information call 1-800-772-1213.

Compassionate Friends to meet

Compassionate Friends are scheduled to meet Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the private dining room #1 at Murray-Calloway County Hospital. For more information contact MCCH Chaplain Kerry Lambert at 762-1274 or Hilda Bennett at 1-731-498-8324.

Legion Post meeting Thursday

American Legion Post #73 will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. in the conference room of Murray-Calloway County Chamber of Commerce. The agenda will focus on continued planning for the new Legion Hall. All members and veterans are encouraged to attend. For more information call Post Commander Don Adecock at 227-7939 or 489-2844.

CCMS Council will meet

Calloway County Middle School Based Decision Making Council will meet Wednesday at 3:15 p.m. in the media center.

100 Best Communities to meet

The 100 Best Communities for Young People will be Wednesday, Oct. 25, at 11 a.m. at the Murray Woman's Club House.

Hazel Neighborhood Watch to meet

The residents and businesses of Hazel are invited to attend an informational meeting to help establish a Neighborhood Watch in the area to be held tonight at 6:30 at the Hazel Community Center, 100 Barnett St., Hazel. Persons are asked to bring a snack or drinks for fellowship after the meeting. For more information contact Venita Loranger, Calloway County Coordinator, at 759-5653.

Bingo play at Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus sponsor Bingo each Tuesday from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the building at 332 Squire Rd., Murray, KY 42071. This week free food will be served from 5:30 to 7 p.m. prior to Bingo play. Funds from the Bingo help support local, national and international charities. For more information call 293-7061.

Tiger Backboard Club to meet

Murray Tiger Backboard Club will meet Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Murray High School cafeteria. All parents of Murray Middle and High School girls and boys basketball players are asked to attend. Discussed will be the planning of Tiger Night to be Nov. 11 at the high school.

Alzheimer's Group to meet

Alzheimer's Support Group will meet today at 4:30 in the board room of Murray-Calloway County Hospital. For more information call Cindy Ragsdale L.S.W. at 762-1108.

Al-Anon meeting is tonight

Al-Anon will meet tonight at 7:30 at First United Methodist Church. Please enter from the southside rear door located near the playground. The only requirement is that there be a problem of alcoholism or addiction in a relative or friend.

Singles will meet

Murray Singles (SOS) will meet tonight at 7 in the annex of Calloway Public Library. This is open to all singles. For information call Mike at 759-3180 or Pat at 489-2909.

Lions Club plans promotion

Murray Lions Club has once again kicked off its annual holiday See's candy sales and will continue until Nov. 10. For more information contact any Lions club member or Rowina Wilburn, president, at 753-3080.

MHS Soccer teams plan banquet

Murray High School boys and girls soccer teams will have a banquet on Monday, Nov. 6, at 6:30 p.m. on the third floor of Murray State University Curris Center. Tickets at \$13 per person can be purchased through Oct. 30 by calling the MHS office at 753-5202, Lori Crouch at 809-3964 or Belinda Peebles at 753-8802.

Sessions will be at Extension office

The Purchase District Health Department will offer a series of Diabetes Learning Sessions on Nov. 7, 9, 14 and 16 from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Calloway County Extension office, 310 S. Fourth St., Murfay. Participants are encouraged to attend all four sessions.

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Tiger Den Youth Services Center opens at Murray High School

Eleanor Mills, assistant superintendent of the Murray Independent School District (MISD) of curriculum and instruction, and Tootie Oakley, director of the Family Resource Youth Services Center, recently announced the opening of the new Tiger Den Youth Services Center at Murray High School.

Mills said The Tiger Den was funded through a recent \$33,000 grant from the Kentucky Family Resource and Youth Services Center state office. "We are very fortunate to be a recipient of a state grant to fund this center."

Mills indicated the grant is targeted for high school services and to reduce learning barriers. "Many barriers adolescents encounter such as physical needs, housing, electricity, food, clothing, counseling and guidance needs, substance abuse are addressed," she said. "If assistance cannot be given to the students and families, then they may be connected to other resources."

Samantha Hunt, the Tiger Den student service director, is a

1992 Freed-Hardeman University social work graduate, who specialized in counseling.

A native of southern Ill., Hunt is a former counselor with the Family Counseling Center in Vienna, Ill. Covering Johnson, Hardin and Pope Counties in Ill., Hunt has worked with at-risk adolescents and their families with a wide range of issues. After becoming the director of social services Massac Unit 1 (Brookport Elementary and Metropolis Junior High), Hunt assisted students and families with problems ranging from eating disorders to improving self-esteem.

Hunt has also served as an advocate for families whose children were being tested for special education services. "I helped them understand the system, their rights as parents, the programs offered and provided explanation of the testing results terminology," she said. "Overall, I just tried to fill a gap between school and home to make the educational experi-

ence better for the students and am confident we will provide these same services to the students and families associated with The Tiger Den."

Bob Rogers, MISD superintendent, said the MISD is very excited about this new service. "We are excited about broadening our Family Resource Youth Service Center (FRYSC) services to our P through 12 students."

Hunt is married to Dr. Jason Hunt, a MHS graduate. They have two children, Lindey and Jason.



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Pictured from left are: Tootie Oakley, director of the Family Resource Youth Services Center; Teresa Speed, MHS principal; Samantha Hunt, Tiger Den student service director; and Meagan Pember, MHS senior and former student of the week.

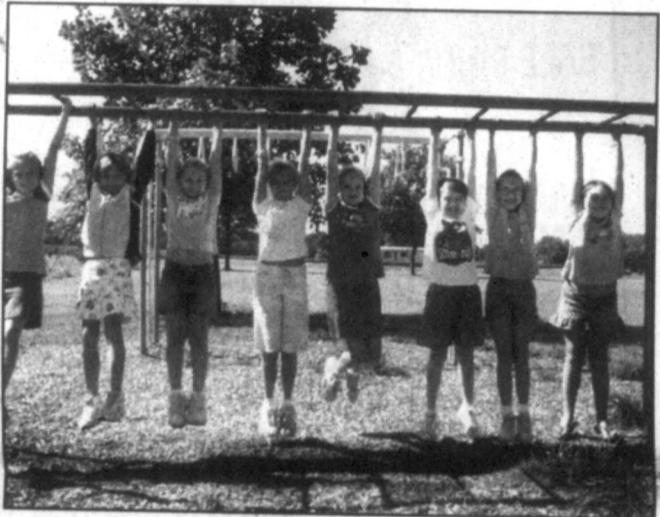


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HANGING AROUND: Third-grade students Alyx Olinde, Kattlyn Jones, Madison Roe, Julia Herndon, Brianna Willet, Hallie Ray, Bethany Armstrong and Brittanie Hornbuckle enjoy a break at Calloway County's Southwest Elementary School.



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NORTH ELEMENTARY ART CLUB: The North Calloway Elementary Art Club recently took a field trip to the Wayne Bates' Studio. Fifth grade art students under the direction of Sandy Sasso are shown gathered around Mr. Bates as he works at his potter's wheel.

Tails from the Bluegrass II

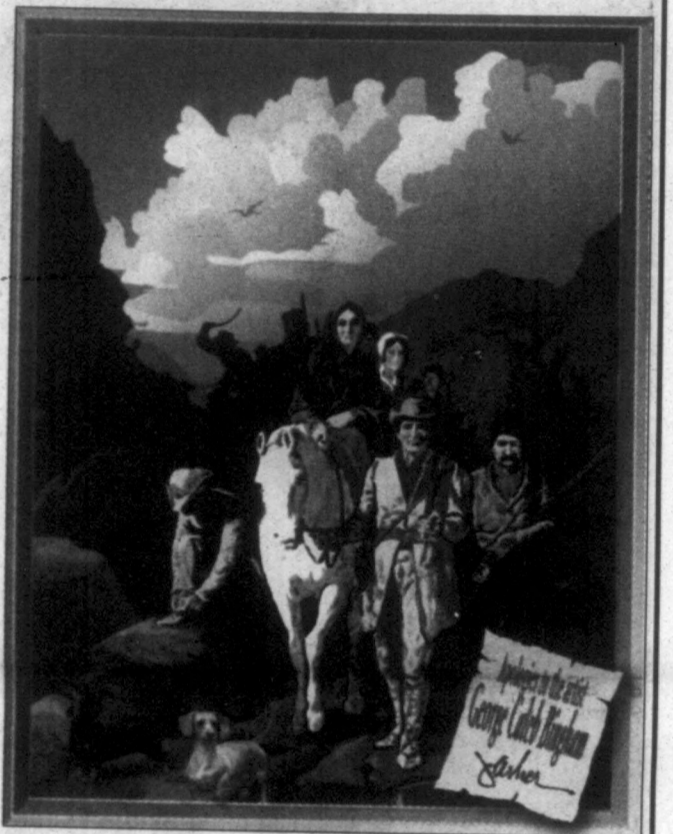
CHAPTER 7

Boy it's great to be out of the doghouse and those PAW-cuffs! That was not a smart move. It seemed like an excellent idea, but next time I will definitely think through an idea before jumping in with all fours. Though it's never fun being in the doghouse and giving up dessert, it did give me the opportunity to spend time exercising. I did plenty of sit-ups, crunches and jumping jacks! I was proud of my muscles before the tour, but you should see them now! (Sniff, sniff!)

The helicopter ride was a thrill. Once we landed in Bell County and bid farewell to Mr. Pete, the four of us decided to explore the Cumberland Gap. The Gap is a major break in the Appalachian Mountains that was formed by nature. Though the history of Cumberland Gap dates back to the 17th century, it became known in 1775 when Daniel Boone was commissioned to blaze a road through the gap. Boone's Trace became Wilderness Road and is now known as U.S. 25E and U.S. 58. We walked along the shoulder while Mom and Dad held tightly to our leashes. Mom reminded us we could never be near the highway without her or Dad, and we always had to look both ways when we crossed the street. As we walked along the edge of Highway 25E, I tried to imagine myself in a coonskin cap, fighting a bear, just like Daniel Boone. My imagination was interrupted when a large charter bus approached. It was the longest bus I had ever seen. I always thought The Woody Bus was big, but this was huge. The bus stopped and the driver opened the door. We saw a lady, wearing a blue bus-driver uniform, with a big smile on her face. "Well if you aren't the two cutest wiener dogs I have ever seen!" When she said that, I fell in love!

The driver introduced herself as Miss Rose. She was taking a group of passengers to Berea. The passengers invited the four of us to join them on the trip. They didn't have to ask twice. We piled in the bus and immediately started singing one of my favorite travel songs, "The Wheels on the Bus go Round and Round." It was too fun. By the time we finished the verse, "The puppy on the bus goes bow wow wow," we had driven from Middlesboro to Corbin on Highway 25E. Merging on Interstate 75 North made me realize that this was the first time on our tour that we had been on the interstate. Then I saw the sign that said "No farm equipment, no pedestrians, no animals on foot!" (No wonder we had not been on the interstate.) It had been nice to be on the back roads, but the interstate allowed Miss Rose to drive faster with all of the lanes of the highway and the higher speed limit. Miss Rose said she remembered the days before the interstate system. In fact, I-75 was finished 1970. It is the second longest north-south interstate in the nation, about 192 miles, and runs from Covington to Williamstown. I-75 and I-65 are the state's busiest interstates. I-64 stretches across the state from east to west. Miss Rose said that you can always tell which direction an interstate runs by its number. For instance, if the number is an odd number, like 75, then it runs north and

Woody, the Kentucky wiener dog, his sister Chloe, and their human parents travel around the state. Follow along on this great adventure every Tuesday for this 10-part story, written by Leigh Anne Florence and illustrated by James Asher.



south. If the number of the interstate is an even number like 64, then the interstate runs east to west. In fact, there are over 762 miles of interstate in Kentucky. Wow! What an interesting, I mean, interesting fact.

All the information kept us occupied. Time passed quickly. We were surprised when we arrived in Berea, located in Madison County. Known as the "Folk Arts and Craft Capital in Kentucky," it also is home to Berea College and welcomes plenty of visitors each year, like the group on the bus. Visitors love to come to Berea and tour the galleries and shops to see the jewelry, view the artwork or hear the dulcimer. With so much to do, I'll sign off for now. I don't really know anything about jewelry or arts and crafts, though Chloe can make a beautiful necklace out of candy, cereal and dog vittles. Hey, maybe Chloe could make jewelry one day.

Next time, see what we've purchased in Berea. In the meantime, learn some interesting facts and work and dream like a Big Dog!

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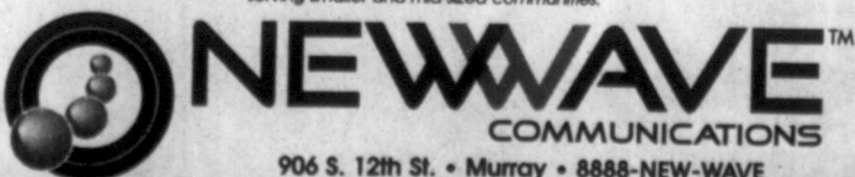
EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH FOR SEPT. 2006



Pictured: Cameron Miller, West KY & West TN District Manager with Robin Brittain, Employee of the Month for Sept. 2006. Both are holding the plaque in which her name was added.

Robin Brittain, the Administrative Assistant to NEWWAVE'S West KY & West TN District Manager, Cameron Miller, has been selected as Employee of the Month for September 2006. She is married to Danny Brittain.

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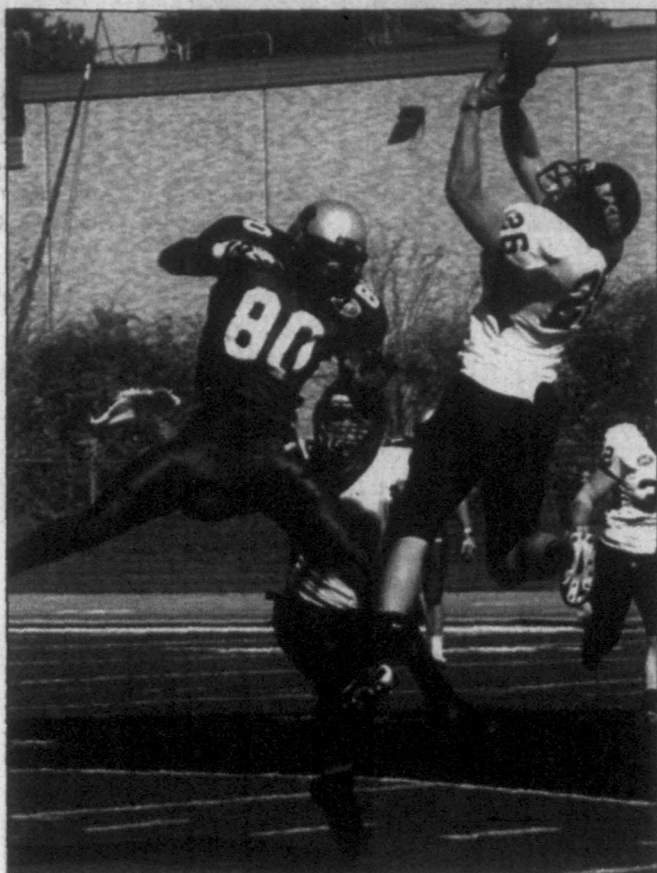
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RACER FOOTBALL

Griffin continues to preach patience



SANDY KING/Eastern Illinois University
Murray State freshman linebacker Taylor Lanigan (26) has a possible interception slip through his fingertips during last Saturday's OVC action at Eastern Illinois. Lanigan is one of several newcomers to a young Racer team that has first-year MSU head coach Matt Griffin excited about their potential.

RACERS STILL LOOKING FOR FIRST CONFERENCE WIN

By SCOTT NANNEY
Sports Editor

Inconsistency has been a problem for the youthful Murray State football team in 2006. However, it was far from unexpected by first-year Racer head coach Matt Griffin and his staff.

Patience has been Griffin's by-word since preseason practice began in August. And it's a motto he's sticking with as the Racers struggle through what is now a 1-7 campaign, including a winless 0-4 mark in Ohio Valley Conference play.

"We don't draw a whole lot of attention to it. It's a negative any way you look at it," Griffin said of the rebuilding project being conducted this season at Roy Stewart Stadium, which has often been compared to his reclamation effort at Tennessee-Martin. "These are the cards we've got, and these are the cards we're going to play."

"We all know where we're going, and we're going to get there. We've got the right type of kids who've got character. We've got good young players, and we'll go recruit a

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Tennessee St.	3-0 (4-3)
Jacksonville St.	3-2 (3-4)
Tennessee Tech	2-2 (2-5)
E. Kentucky	2-3 (3-5)
S. East Missouri	1-3 (3-4)
Samford	1-4 (3-5)
Murray St.	0-5 (1-6)

bunch of good young ones in a couple of months. That's how you overcome those things," he added.

For the time being, the Racers will focus on securing as many wins as possible for the remainder of this season, which begins with Saturday's 1 p.m. home contest against old rival Southeast Missouri State.

A victory over a struggling Redhawks squad — which is also in rebuilding mode under new head coach Tony Samuel — would end a dubious string of 12 consecutive OVC defeats by MSU, which hasn't won a

■ See RACERS, 3B

RACER GOLF

MSU men in first place after first day

By MSU Media Relations

Both Murray State men's and women's golf squads are teeing the ball up at the Austin Peay Intercollegiate, being held at The Links at Novadell in Hopkinsville.

On Monday the men's competition played 36 holes, while the women's side played 18. The two divisions were scheduled to switch today to finish the 54-hole event.

On the men's side yesterday, Murray State made a move from fifth place up to a tie for first place after a team score of 284 in the afternoon's second round. The Racers had fired a 291 in the first 18 holes. MSU is tied for the lead with Troy, which turned in team scores of 285-290=575.

Austin Peay was in third

after scores of 284-295=579, and Belmont sat in fourth place with team scores of 294-290=584.

The Racers were led in the second round by Jerry Price, who fired the second-best round of the tournament with a three-under 69. After a first-round 72, Price was in sixth place with a total of 141.

MSU's Mitchell Moore, who fired a morning two-under 70 and followed with an afternoon 71, is also in sixth place. Michael Craft is in 16th position after an afternoon 70. He had a first-round 74 and has as a total score of 144. Nick Griffin is in 36th place after rounds of 76-74=150, and Kyle Landrum is in 52nd place with rounds of 75-77=152.

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RACER BASKETBALL

Fraliex commits to MSU

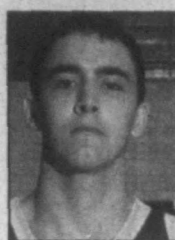
DECORATED CALDWELL COUNTY HOOPSTER GIVES VERBAL TO RACERS

Staff Report

The Murray State men's basketball team didn't have to look far for a commitment to its 2007 recruiting class.

According to at least one news source, Caldwell County's Matt Fraliex has committed to the Racers and new head coach Billy Kennedy.

The Times Leader of Princeton reported on Monday that Fraliex, a 6-foot-4 shoot-



Fraliex

ing guard who has been rated among the top 25 seniors in Kentucky by at least one recruiting outlet, is expected to sign scholarship papers with MSU during the early signing period in November.

According to the newspaper, Fraliex enters

the 2006-07 season ranked third on Caldwell County's all-time scoring list with 2,069 career points after averaging 26.0 points per game last season for the Tigers, who finished the 2005-06 campaign with a 14-12 record. He also pulled down 5.1 rebounds per contest in being selected as a First-Team All-Second Region honoree and as an honorable mention pick to the all-state squad.

GIANTS 36, COWBOYS 22



Giants wide receiver Plaxico Burress (17) pulls in a 50-yard touchdown pass in front of Dallas Cowboys safety Patrick Watkins (25) in the first quarter Monday.

Goin' Through the Big D in Dallas

DISASTEROUS COWBOYS BATTERED BY GIANTS

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The New York Giants have the NFL's leading rusher, a quarterback-harassing defense and, suddenly, firm control of the NFC East lead.

Now, after a 36-22 victory over the Dallas Cowboys on Monday night, they play three straight games at home. Considering their 1-2 start,

the Giants (4-2) couldn't ask for a better situation.

"A couple weeks back, we decided we've had enough," coach Tom Coughlin said.

"We are playing smarter football. We are not getting stuck in a bunch of bad situations," Eli Manning said. "Everybody has got to make a good commitment to this team."

The Cowboys could only hope things were so peaceful.

Drew Bledsoe was replaced after throwing an interception at the goal line with the Cowboys poised to take the lead just before halftime. Tony Romo wasn't any better, getting picked off on his first pass and having another of his three interceptions returned for a touch-

down. "That was really a poor performance," coach Bill Parcells said. "I'm ashamed to put a team out there that plays like that. I mean, really. We ought to apologize to the people that came out to watch that. That's not good football."

■ See MNF, 2B

WORLD SERIES

La Russa on Rogers: 'I don't believe it was dirt'

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A day later, baseball was still trying to get a grip on what Kenny Rogers had on his hand.

The Detroit pitcher answered wave after wave of questions Monday, making this percolating World Series flap seem like an innocent mistake. Mud, resin, spit, dirt — he insisted that's what everyone saw at the base of his left thumb in Game 2.

An hour or so later, the Tigers found out what St. Louis Cardinals manager Tony La Russa thought about Rogers' explanation.

"I don't believe it was dirt," La Russa said. "Didn't look like dirt."

The Tigers got to hear it for themselves, too, because La Russa's words from the interview room boomed all around Busch Stadium, courtesy of the PA system. He never mentioned



La Russa

pine tar, but many believed that's what Rogers really used.

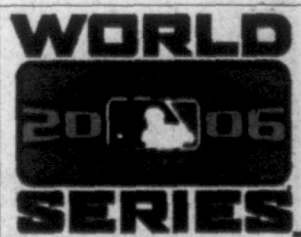
Beyond the ballpark, it was the No. 1 topic in sports.

"We know it's all over the place right now," umpires' supervisor Steve Palermo said.

Partly because some photographs from Rogers' start in the AL championship series against Oakland showed what appeared to be the same kind of yellowish-brown smudge on his pitching hand that caught everyone's attention Sunday night.

Prompted by La Russa, the umpires asked Rogers to clean off his left hand before the

■ See SERIES, 2B



Schedule

Detroit vs. St. Louis
Saturday
St. Louis 7, Detroit 2
Sunday
Detroit 3, St. Louis 1, series tied 1-1
TONIGHT
Detroit (Robertson 13-13) at St. Louis (Carpenter 15-8), 7:33 p.m.
Wednesday
Detroit (Bonderman 14-8) at St. Louis (Suppan 12-7), 7:27 p.m.
Thursday
Detroit at St. Louis, 7:27 p.m.
Saturday
St. Louis at Detroit, 6:57 p.m., if necessary
Sunday
St. Louis at Detroit, 7 p.m., if necessary

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Buffalo	2	5	0	.286	Dallas	3	3	0	.500		
Miami	1	6	0	.143	Washington	2	5	0	.286		
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Indianapolis	6	0	0	1.000	New Orleans	5	1	0	.833		
Jacksonville	3	3	0	.500	Atlanta	4	2	0	.667		
Houston	2	4	0	.333	Carolina	4	3	0	.571		
Tennessee	1	5	0	.167	Tampa Bay	2	4	0	.333		
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Baltimore	4	2	0	.667	Chicago	6	0	0	1.000		
Cincinnati	4	2	0	.667	Minnesota	4	2	0	.667		
Pittsburgh	2	4	0	.333	Green Bay	2	4	0	.333		
Cleveland	1	5	0	.167	Detroit	1	6	0	.143		
West					East						
W	L	T	Pct		W	L	T	Pct			
Denver	5	1	0	.833	Seattle	4	2	0	.667		
San Diego	4	2	0	.667	St. Louis	4	2	0	.667		
Kansas City	3	3	0	.500	San Francisco	2	4	0	.333		
Oakland	1	5	0	.167	Arizona	1	6	0	.143		

Sunday, Oct. 29
 Houston at Tennessee, Noon
 Arizona at Green Bay, Noon
 Baltimore at New Orleans, Noon
 San Francisco at Chicago, Noon
 Seattle at Kansas City, Noon
 Atlanta at Cincinnati, Noon
 Tampa Bay at N.Y. Giants, Noon
 Jacksonville at Philadelphia, Noon
 St. Louis at San Diego, 3:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Jets at Cleveland, 3:15 p.m.
 Indianapolis at Denver, 3:15 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Oakland, 3:15 p.m.
 Dallas at Carolina, 7:15 p.m.
Open: Chicago, St. Louis, New Orleans, San Francisco, Baltimore, Tennessee
Monday's Game
 N.Y. Giants 36, Dallas 22



HABITAT WINNERS: The team of Alan Lanier, Jeremy Boyd, Gary Boyle and Patrick Zimmerman posted a score of 59 to claim the Habitat for Humanity Golf Tournament, which was held Oct. 6 at Miller Memorial Golf Course. Twelve teams competed in the annual event, which will donate its proceeds to the construction of the next Habitat home in Murray and Calloway County.

■ MNF

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Parcells isn't sure if he'll go back to Bledsoe, the quarterback he picked first overall with the New England Patriots in 1993, or stick with Romo with the Cowboys (3-3) playing their next three games on the road.

"I have to think that over," Parcells said. New York has won three straight since an early break. More importantly, the Giants are 3-0 against NFC East after refusing to let Dallas gain any momentum Monday night.

"Early in the year, we made so many mistakes. We have not done that a lot in the last three weeks," Tiki Barber said. "We were able to find some focus during the bye week."

Michael Strahan had two of the Giants' six sacks against Dallas to match Lawrence Taylor's career club record at 132 1/2. There were also four interceptions, the first by Sam Madison on Bledsoe's last pass when the Giants led only 12-7.

The offensive highlights included Barber running for 114 yards, Brandon Jacobs scoring on a 3-yard run, and Manning throwing for 189 yards and two touchdowns — a 50-yarder to Plaxico Burress on the fifth play of the game providing a quick start.

Even after Bledsoe had been sacked four times, once by LaVar Arrington for a safety, he had a chance to put the Cowboys ahead just before halftime. Instead, Madison stepped in front of Terry Glenn.

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■ Golf

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The MSU women's team was in 10th place after a first-round 343. Butler was the leader after a 322, Belmont was in second at 324, and Eastern Illinois third at 325.

The Racers were led by Andrea Downer, who had an 83 for 19th place. Christi Baron's 86 had her in 37th place, while Bethany Yates and Lauren Hughes were in 39th place after a

pair 87's. Jessica Wilson's 96 put her in 69th place. MSU's Ashley Yates and Jena Lancaster are playing as individuals. Yates fired a first-round 87, and Lancaster carded a 94.

The Links at Novadell is playing to a par of 71 for the women's competition and 5,852 yards, while the men's division is playing the course to a par of 72 and 6,841 yards.

■ Series

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second inning. He wound up pitching eight shutout innings in a 3-1 victory that evened the World Series at one game each.

Game 3 is Tuesday night, with reigning NL Cy Young winner Chris Carpenter starting against Nate Robertson. The forecast is for cool conditions.

It's commonly known with-in baseball that pitchers sometimes put some sort of substance on their hands in chilly weather to help them grip the ball. A little bit, that's OK; too much, that borders on cheating.

"There's a line that I think that defines the competition. And you can sneak over the line, because we're all fighting for the edge," La Russa said. "I always think, 'Does it go to

the point of abuse?' And that's where you start snapping."

Rogers, who's gone from playoff farce to postseason force this October, stood in the clubhouse and tried to explain away what happened.

"I rub up the balls between the innings and before the game all of the time," he said. "I rub up the bullpen balls I pitch with with mud, resin, spit. I do it all the time. They rub the ball up, too, with mud before the games."

"The game balls, they're dirty. Usually, when I get done, there's not much on my hand, but I guess a little bit more than normal. I wiped it off and proceeded to pitch seven pretty good innings," he said. "Mud, resin, sweat. It's always there. I try not to go crazy with it, but it's not making my pitch-

es do anything crazy."

Rogers has pitched 23 scoreless innings this postseason — after going 0-3 with an 8.85 ERA in previous postseasons.

La Russa said he brought the smudge to the umpires' attention, but did not demand they search Rogers because he didn't want to make a big deal about it.

And yes, La Russa said the Cardinals were aware Rogers had a similar spot earlier in the postseason.

"I said, 'I don't like this stuff, let's get it fixed.' If it gets fixed let's play the game. It got fixed, in my opinion," La Russa said.

"If he didn't get rid of it, I would have challenged it. But I do think it's a little bit part of the game at times, and don't go crazy," he said.

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Racers

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league game since the final outing of the 2004 season. That streak was extended with last weekend's 20-10 loss at first-place and 16th-ranked Eastern Illinois.

While he does not believe in moral victories, Griffin did concede that the mere sign of an improved effort from his ballclub against the Panthers was a step in the right direction — particularly considering how the Racers played in a humbling 33-7 Homecoming loss to Samford on Oct. 14.

"I loved the effort, compared to the week before," he said. "That's something we addressed throughout the course of (last) week."

As pleased with the effort as he was, Griffin still lamented over the Racers' inability to hang onto a 10-0 halftime lead, which dissolved when EIU's powerful running game turned things up in the second half to finish with 335 of the Panthers' 388 total yards.

"In the first half, I thought we did some good things. But in the second half, we didn't execute in some areas that we really needed to. It could have been a 14-point lead going into the fourth quarter, to be honest with you," Griffin explained.

"I don't think they made any adjustments. ... They came back with an inside zone play a little bit in the second half.

They probably thought going in that they couldn't run it, but then they decided they could. Hats off to them. We've just got to get better there, and that will come over time."

As Griffin and the Racers keep fighting for victories in the present, there continues to be glimpses of the team's future showing up on the field.

Despite his desire to keep some freshmen out of action this season, Griffin allowed two of his prized youngsters — wide receiver Shane McClesley and defensive lineman Rashad Fambro — to burn their red-shirt years for the final four games of the regular season.

"We took the shirt off those two guys. We tried very hard to keep them on. But both kids were thrilled about playing, and they both played well," he said. "You hate to do it for just four games. But, at the same time, come August of next year, and particularly in September, that's going to be a step up for those guys."

"I know there's going to come a time in the next two or three years when I will wish I had them for one more year. But if we do our jobs, by that time we'll have more guys coming in to take their place."

For perspective on the rebuilding phase of the MSU program, comparisons continue to be drawn between the Racers and the stunning revival

of a downtrodden UT-Martin program.

In just three short years at UTM, Griffin transformed the Skyhawks into a relevant program, which posted its first winning season in 2005 (6-5) in over a decade.

Building off that momentum, Martin has made the quantum leap to contenders for this season's OVC championship. Under first-year head coach Jason Simpson, the Skyhawks have a league-best 6-1 record and are undefeated in conference play entering Saturday's first-place showdown with Eastern Illinois.

The nucleus of that UTM squad was constructed by Griffin, who continues to claim that his first Murray team is well ahead of schedule in attempting to make that same leap.

"Comparatively, this year is very much like our second year at Martin," he noted. "We're right there, but we're not there yet. That may sound silly, but that's just how it is."

"I think this is as talented a freshmen class (at MSU) as I've been associated with to this point. Let's wait and see how they finish their academics before we put that kind of label on them. But I think we're going to be fine in that area, too. ... We're certainly pleased with the physical evaluation."

UK faces must-win situation in Starkville

WILDCATS NEED WIN SATURDAY TO BE BOWL ELIGIBLE

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — As wide receiver Dicky Lyons Jr. waited to talk with reporters Monday, he thumbed through the stat book to find where Kentucky ranks among others in the Southeastern Conference.

Two categories caught his eye. Last in rushing offense and last in total defense.

"We're low down there," said Lyons, who has seven of the Wildcats' 15 touchdown catches. "I didn't know it. Dead last in rushing and defense? That's what wins games in the SEC, and that's what we need to do."

A Kentucky season that showed promise after a victory over Mississippi and close loss to Florida is now at a crossroads following 49-0 loss to LSU.

Next up is a trip to a revived Mississippi State (2-6, 0-4 SEC), and the Wildcats (3-4, 1-3) are well aware of the stakes. Lose Saturday in Starkville, and likely kiss goodbye any chance at a bowl game.

"If we want to get to what we announced as our goal at the start of the year, then this is a huge game for us," said coach Rich Brooks. "If you can't get excited about this one, then you ought to be playing another sport."

With just five games left, Kentucky must win three to be eligible for postseason play. Two of the remaining games come against SEC powerhouses Georgia and Tennessee, so a loss Saturday would force

the Wildcats to pull off an upset to compensate.

Earlier this season, Mississippi State appeared vulnerable against any SEC foe, but the last two weeks it has found new life. Quarterback Michael Henig has returned from broken collarbone and is playing well, but his fumble against Georgia halted a shot to win on the final play.

"At the beginning of the year, Mississippi State was a team trying to find consistency, kind of like we're trying to find ours," defensive end Jeremy Jarmon said. "Now it looks like they've found it."

Kentucky, on the other hand, has been anything but consistent lately. The defense and offense haven't been on the same page most weeks, and neither was effective at all against LSU.

"We've just got to erase LSU out of our minds," center Matt McCutchan said.

Most puzzling is the struggles of the rushing offense, which was supposed to be one of the team's strengths. André Woodson ranks among the national leaders in touchdown passes, but the Wildcats haven't been able to move the ball on the ground in key situations.

Injuries are partly to blame. Starting tailback Rafael Little remains sidelined with a knee injury, meaning backup Tony Dixon must carry the load against a Mississippi State team more susceptible to the run than the pass.

State Football Polls

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — The top teams in the Kentucky Associated Press high school football polls, with first-place votes, records, total points and previous rankings:

Class 1A				
Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Bardstown	(10)	9-0	118	2
2. Beechwood	(2)	7-2	99	3
3. Cov. Holy Cross	-	8-1	78	4
4. Danville	-	9-1	74	1
5. Mayfield	-	7-2	66	5
6. Frankfort	-	7-2	60	6
7. Bethlehem	-	9-0	49	6
8. Raceland	-	8-1	33	7
9. Metcalfe Co.	-	8-1	31	8
10. Lex. Christian	-	7-2	17	9

Others receiving votes: 11, Newport Central Catholic 14, 12, Harlan 7, 13, Russellville 5, 14, Fulton City 4, 15, Somerset 3, 16, Pikeville 2.

Class 2A				
Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Mercer Co.	(10)	9-0	118	1
2. Lou. Western	(1)	9-0	107	2
3. Russell	(1)	8-1	98	3
4. Middlesboro	-	8-1	87	6
(tie) Caldwell Co.	-	8-1	87	5
6. Sheldon Clark	-	8-1	58	7
7. Bellfry	-	7-2	44	8
8. Breathitt Co.	-	7-2	29	4
9. LaRue Co.	-	7-2	28	10
10. Fort Campbell	-	7-2	27	9

Others receiving votes: 11, Fleming Co. 8, 12, Trigg Co. 7.

Class 3A				
Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Bowling Green	(9)	8-1	116	1
2. Highlands	(1)	6-3	92	2
(tie) Johnson Central	(2)	9-0	92	3
4. Lex. Catholic	-	7-1	89	4
5. Lou. Central	-	8-1	64	6
6. Cov. Catholic	-	6-3	62	5
7. Rockcastle Co.	-	8-1	45	7
8. Hopkinsville	-	5-4	22	9
9. Franklin Co.	-	7-2	17	10
10. Bell Co.	-	7-2	16	11

Others receiving votes: 11, East Jessamine 13, 12, Ashland Blazer 10, 13, Warren East 8, 14, Paducah Tilghman 6, 14, Lou. Valley 6, 16, Mason Co. 2.

Class 4A				
Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Lou. Male	(11)	8-0	119	1
2. Lou. Trinity	(1)	8-1	108	2
3. Lou. St. Xavier	-	7-2	92	3
4. Lex. Lafayette	-	9-0	85	5
5. Lex. Henry Clay	-	9-1	62	4
6. Owensboro	-	7-1	47	7
7. Christian Co.	-	7-2	44	6
8. Warren Central	-	7-2	31	9
9. Scott Co.	-	7-2	22	10
10. Lincoln Co.	-	8-1	20	11

Others receiving votes: 11, Lou. DuPont Manual 13, 12, Henderson Co. 8, 13, Ryle 3, 13, Lex. Tates Creek 3, 15, Apollo 2.

All Associated Press members in Kentucky are eligible to participate in the high school basketball poll. Those who voted for this week's poll are: Advocate-Messenger, Danville; The State Journal, Frankfort; Times, Glasgow; Daily Enterprise, Harlan; The Gleaner, Henderson; Kentucky New Era, Hopkinsville; Mayfield Messenger, Mayfield; Messenger-Inquirer, Owensboro; The Paducah Sun, Paducah; Kentucky Enquirer, WLKY.

2 UofL players suspended

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Louisville wide receivers Chris Vaughn and Scott Long were suspended after being arrested on charges of second-degree assault for allegedly shooting a woman with a paintball gun Sunday.

Vaughn and Long were outside the Haunted Hotel in downtown Louisville early Sunday when they fired at people coming out of the building, Louisville Metro Police public information officer Dwight Mitchell said.

The incident occurred hours after the sixth-ranked Cardinals had returned from a win at Syracuse on Saturday afternoon.

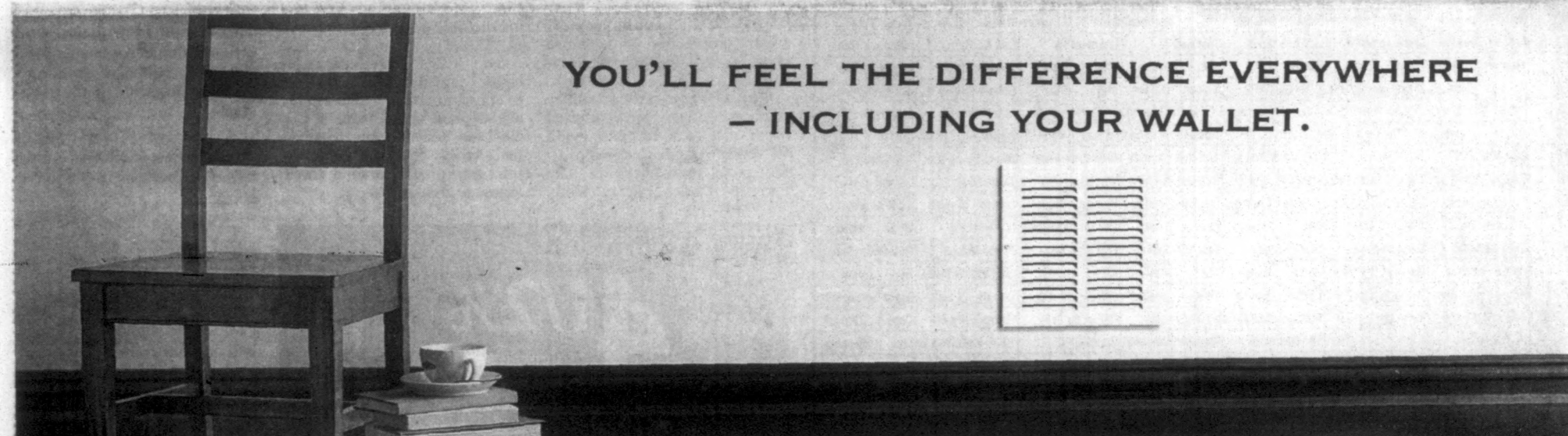
Louisville coach Bobby Petrino suspended

the players while the matter is investigated.

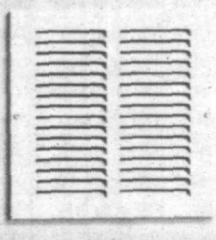
"It's definitely something we don't condone in our program and I'm very disappointed," Petrino said in a statement. "Both players know they made a mistake and their actions are not acceptable."

Louisville (7-0, 2-0 Big East) is off until Nov. 2, when it hosts No. 4 West Virginia (7-0, 2-0).

Vaughn, a sophomore transfer from Notre Dame in his first season with the Cardinals, has four receptions for 54 yards in limited action. Long does not have a reception this season.



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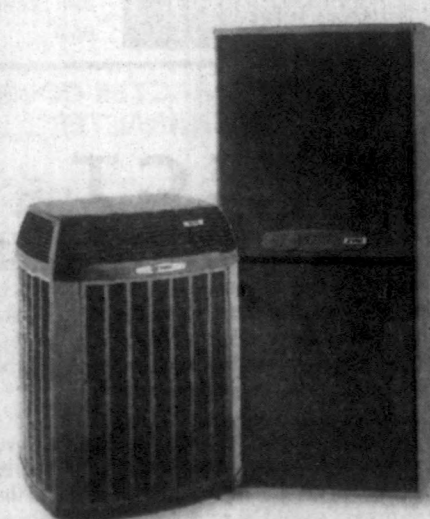
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Roundabout Murray to explore Racer Days at MSU

This week on Roundabout Murray, John Oliver, from Murray State University's School Relations office will introduce viewers to Racer Days.

Phil Dishon of the Murray Independent Filmmaker Association (MIFA) will talk about Movie Night. The last MIFA Movie Night was on Monday, Oct. 16 at the Curris Center theater.

Roundabout Murray will offer a recap of MSU's 2006 Homecoming events: "New Faces, Same Racer Spirit."

Cinema International to show English comedy this week

Murray State University's Cinema International program continues on Oct. 26-28, with Shallow Graves, a 1994 film from the United Kingdom.

Keith Urban cancels appearance on CMAs

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Keith Urban, who checked himself into a rehabilitation treatment center last week for alcohol abuse, will not appear at the Country Music Association awards next month.

Halloween 'Late Night' to air in 'skelevision'

NEW YORK (AP) — Watching Conan O'Brien's "Late Night" on Halloween may be a scary proposition — the entire episode will be in "skelevision."

The Grammy-winning country singer released a statement Friday that said he entered rehab Thursday night with his wife, actress Nicole Kidman, by his side.

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Looking Back

10 years ago Published is a picture of Hadley and Brynne Kelsey reaching out for flowers on Main Street during a ride in their Radio Flyer.

20 years ago Murray Elementary School will hold a one-of-a-kind disaster awareness drill on Oct. 24, according to Eleanor Mills, principal.

The Rotary Club's annual Christmas parade will be Dec. 7 at 10:30 a.m., according to Don E. Jones and Bob Billington, co-chairmen of the event.

30 years ago Published is a picture of the ribbon cutting opening of the Dixieland Shopping Center on Oct. 22. The photo was by Staff Photographer David Hill.

40 years ago Published is a picture of the Calloway County High School Band with Robert Singleton as director marching in the Murray State University Homecoming Parade.

50 years ago Published is a picture of the new concrete reinforced bridge built to replace the old narrow iron bridge on New Concord Road.

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ident of Mid-Continent Bible College, Mayfield, died from injuries sustained in a traffic accident Oct. 22 in Stewart County, Tenn.

Patsy Jo Burkeen and Robert Grant Black were married Oct. 2.

Murray High School Tigers won 28-7 over Hopkinsville in a football game played at Murray.

2nd Lt. William P. Sturm, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul W. Sturm of Murray, has completed nine weeks ordnance officers basic course at Army Ordnance Center and School at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

Murray High School Tigers lost 16-8 to Hopkinsville Tigers in a football game.

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New officers of the Murray Unit of National Hairdressers and Cosmetologists are Mrs. Lowell King, Mrs. Jean Weeks, Mrs. Judy Adams, Mrs. Edith Sledd and Mrs. Kathryn Lax.

Wylene Jones is worthy advisor of Murray Assembly No. 19 Order of the Rainbow for Girls.

Readers divide on sending 'Dear John' letter to soldier

DEAR ABBY: You printed a letter from "Feeling Guilty, Memphis, Tenn." (9/6) from a woman wanting to call off her engagement to a soldier stationed in Iraq.



Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Military personnel stationed in a war zone develop bonds stronger than blood ties. They eat, bathe, sleep, live and die together.

Soldiers face enough problems readjusting to civilian life without dealing with a broken heart. If she waits and he dies, it will scar her for life.

MILITARY WIDOW, VAL-DOSTA, GA.

DEAR MILITARY WIDOW: Please accept my deepest sympathy for your loss. Although I did receive mail from some readers who agree that the young man should be told, I received more thanking me for having urged the writer not to send a Dear John letter.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend of almost two years has recently been deployed. Before he left, we had a discussion about what to do if I met someone else.

DEAR ABBY: When my son got married, just before his first deployment, my sister-in-law said to me, "She better not write him a Dear John letter while he's over there!"

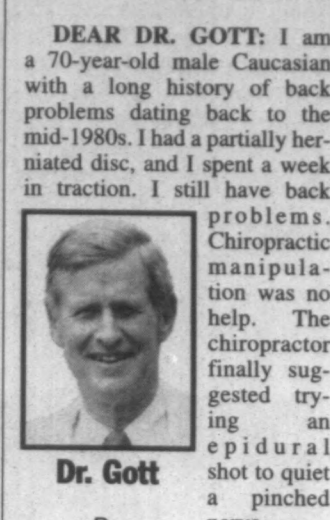
My son got a Dear John e-mail from his wife (his first and only love), spoke to her on the phone as soon as he could get through, and about an hour later he was gone -- a self-inflicted gunshot to the heart.

I hope your column will save some other Marine's life. He showed no signs of depression before this and did not use drugs or alcohol.

DEAR ABBY: Regarding "Feeling Guilty," do you think you would have given the same lecture had it been a man asking about breaking up with a woman in the military in Iraq?

DEAR CHERYL: Absolutely! Readers, more on this tomorrow.

Back problems need a specialist



Dr. Gott

By Dr. Peter Gott

I went to my orthopedic surgeon to get a referral, but he said shots wouldn't help. My regular doctor said there's no surgeon that will touch my back.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am a 70-year-old male Caucasian with a long history of back problems dating back to the mid-1980s.

DEAR DR. GOTT: If my spouse is sick with a common virus or infection, such as a cold, sore throat, flu, etc., can that be passed on through sexual intimacy?

had an MRI within the past six months? These and other questions need answering. While you are unraveling this problem, I urge you to have a neurosurgeon review your case.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Managing Chronic Pain."

DEAR DR. GOTT: If my spouse is sick with a common virus or infection, such as a cold, sore throat, flu, etc., can that be passed on through sexual intimacy?

DEAR READER: Upper-respiratory viral infections are passed on by respiratory droplets, such as coughing and sneezing, not by sexual intimacy.

Moreover, unless you have developed a revolutionary new technique during intimacy, you cannot avoid breathing with your partner.

I should mention that other viral infections, notably herpes, are contagious by direct sexual contact -- unlike colds and flu.

Today in History

By The Associated Press Today is Tuesday, Oct. 24, the 297th day of 2006. There are 68 days left in the year.

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In 1901, widow Anna Edson Taylor became the first person to survive going over Niagara Falls in a barrel.

In 1931, the George Washington Bridge, connecting New York and New Jersey, opened to traffic.

In 1939, nylon stockings were sold publicly for the first time, in Wilmington, Del.

In 1940, the 40-hour work week went into effect under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938.

In 1952, Republican presidential candidate Dwight D. Eisenhower declared, "I shall go to Korea" as he promised to end the conflict.

In 1962, the U.S. blockade of Cuba during the missile crisis officially began under a proclamation signed by President Kennedy.

In 1991, "Star Trek" creator Gene Roddenberry died in Santa Monica, Calif., at age 70.

Contract Bridge

North dealer. Both sides vulnerable. NORTH: ♠K5, ♥Q652, ♦AKQJ, ♣A74. WEST: ♠QJ10963, ♥A4, ♦10, ♣J1082. SOUTH: ♠84, ♥K873, ♦952, ♣KQ93.

Card-reading is the art of deducing how the opponents' cards are divided. Each bid made and each card played by the defenders tells a story.

dummy's jack. Declarer's problem was to avoid the loss of more than one trump, since he had already lost two trumps.

South saw that he would have to lose more than one trump trick if the suit was divided 4-1 or 5-0. Only if the hearts were divided 3-2 was there a chance of losing just one trump trick.

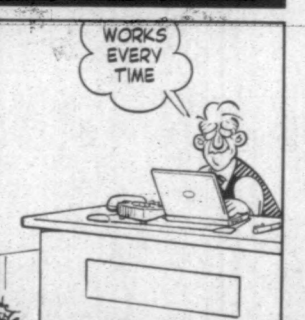
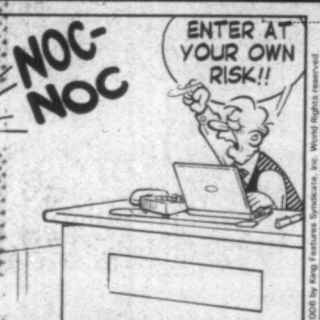
Since West had made a vulnerable overcall on a queen-high suit, it seemed likely that he had the ace of hearts. The first heart play therefore had to come from the South hand.

The key to the winning play was West's spade bid, marking him with some high-card strength, combined with East's turning up with the ace of spades at trick one.

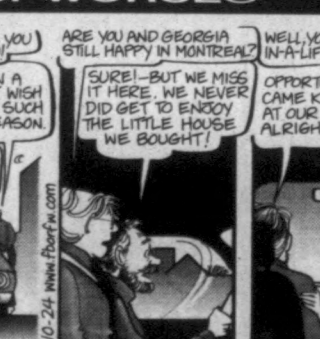
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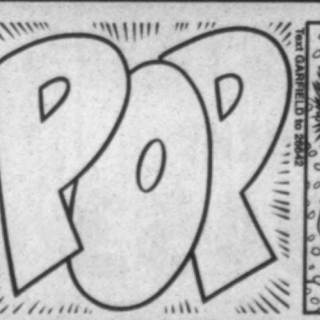
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SUPER REGIONAL BAND: The Murray Tiger Band received first place in the "Class A" [at the] Bands of America Super Regional competition. Held in St. Louis, Mo., in the Edward Jones Dome, the two day preliminary competition involved 50 bands from Missouri, Indiana, Kentucky, Illinois, Oklahoma, Minnesota, Arkansas, Kansas, North Carolina, Louisiana, Tennessee, South Dakota, Texas, Georgia and Ohio. The MHS band won the highest music and general effect scores as well as first place in Class A. As Class A champs the band performed during finals by marching in exhibition. Other bands represented in the competition included Lexington Lafayette and Paul Laurence Dunbar, Lone Oak, Marshall County, George Rogers Clark and Daviess County.



Study: College kids pack on pounds past 'Freshman 15'

BOSTON (AP) — The "Freshman 15" is more like 5 to 7, but it is followed by the "Sophomore 2 or 3," say researchers who led two of the largest and longest studies ever done of weight gain among college students.

The research also showed that males piled on significantly more pounds than females.

Doctors say it is good news that the number of pounds gained is less than the widely believed 15, but bad news that "Generation XL" kids seem to be learning patterns of gradual weight gain that could spell trouble way beyond graduation.

"It may be 10 or 8, but it continues. That, to me, is a bigger problem," said Rena Wing, a psychologist and director of the weight control center at Brown University Medical School in Providence, R.I.

She and others at Brown reported the studies Sunday at a meeting of the Obesity Society in Boston.

Previous studies were small, looked at weight gain only in the first semester, and involved hardly any male students. The two new studies fill those gaps.

The first, funded by the federal government, involved 382 students — 40 percent of them male — at an unidentified private school in the Northeast. Weight was measured four times — at the beginning of the school year in September, at the end of the first semester in December, after the holiday break in January, and at the end of the freshman year in May.

"Over the year, we found that males gained 5.6 pounds and females gained 3.6 pounds, with the large majority of that weight gained in the first semester," said Elizabeth Lloyd-Richardson, the Brown researcher who led both studies.

One out of six gained 10 or more pounds during freshman year, and 6 percent gained the "Freshman 15" or more.

Men tended to gain weight sharply in the first semester and then more gradually after that, while women gained a lot at first and then tended to plateau, she said.

At the end of the freshman year, more than 17 percent were overweight or obese, compared to only 14 percent at the start.

The second study involved 907 students, 55 percent of them male, at an unidentified public university in the Midwest and was funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Students were weighed four times as in the previous study, but also at the end of their sophomore year.

Similar to the first study, students gained an average of 7.8 pounds during the freshman year. More than one-third gained 10 pounds or more, and one-fifth piled on 15 or more.

Things got worse the next year. Males were on average 9.5 pounds heavier, and females, 9.2 pounds heavier, than when they started college.

"Students don't appear to be losing weight over this time and in fact they gained additional weight in their sophomore year," Lloyd-Richardson said.

No one knows why, but the researchers are continuing their study to try to find out. Possible explanations include more drinking (alcohol contains calories), more socializing that involves eating, high-fat foods in dorm cafeterias and less physical activity.

"I suspect part of this is they now have access to large amounts of food they can eat freely," without anyone at home saying enough is enough, said Thomas Wadden, president of the Obesity Society and director of the Center for Weight and Eating Disorders at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine.

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