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Activities within the colleges range from dances and social events to seminars, intracollegiate competitions and opportunities for self-government. Each college also has a tenured faculty member as a head of the college to provide leadership.

Each of the colleges has its own seal, constitution, student council and flag. Students (residents, commuters and graduate students), faculty and staff all belong to colleges, which promotes networks of communication and creates a nurturing atmosphere. Students are members of the college for their entire university experience and beyond.

Traditions, enduring friendships and lasting bonds result from the residential college system, providing all the personal benefits of small college life with the learning advantages of one of America's great Universities.



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# From the Editor

Many people think about Murray State as a small town with a University plopped right in the center.

I'm not going to tell you this is an incorrect perspective. In fact, it's quite true, but that doesn't necessarily mean it is a *boring* small town with a University plopped in the center.



**Elizabeth Johnson**  
Editor-in-Chief

Murray isn't a large town. It doesn't have malls, liquor stores or professional sports teams.

Students find, once they get settled in, that unless they create something to do or hit the road for larger cities, their lives may be lacking on the social side of things.

This is why *The Murray State News* publishes *Gateway Magazine* each year. We want to inform you - current students, prospective students, parents - of things to do in and around Murray.

You don't have to spend your Saturday nights cooped up in your residential college room. Go to a Cinema International film at

the Curris Center Theater. Play a game of pick-up basketball with your friends at the Wellness Center. Drive to Paducah for a therapeutic shopping spree. Take a mini-roadtrip to music-infused Nashville, Tenn., or see the arch in St. Louis.

There is plenty to do around Murray. One of my favorite things: a classic game of hide-and-go-seek in the Quad, just don't faceplant like I did that one time. Ouch.

Invite friends over for a game night or take a lovely moonlit stroll across campus (with at least one other person). Murray State, has a reputation for being a safe campus, but there are some precautions we all must take.

Don't fall into the habit of packing your bags and heading home every weekend. I'm not saying you shouldn't do that occasionally. Free laundry and a home-cooked meal is definitely worth it sometimes.

Murray State is a great educational institution with many opportunities. That's why I, and 10,000 other students, are here.

You all chose (or are thinking about choosing) Murray State as a gateway to your futures. Let this publication be the gateway to you making the most of your Racer experience.

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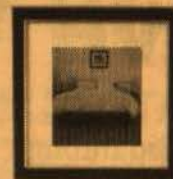
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# Murray State boasts tradition

**Will Cartwright**  
Staff writer

Many traditions have developed since the beginning of Murray State University. Traditions are what create a legacy for a university, and Murray State has been able to develop its own unique legacy.

Many of these traditions seem out of the ordinary, but that is what makes them truly unique. Students, faculty and staff embrace these traditions and hold them close to their hearts.

Every time student ambassadors give a campus tour they travel through the Quad with prospective students and their families. Even before beginning the story of the "shoe tree", students have already begun to ask questions about it. Such a peculiar sight forces them to question its presence. The shoe tree is a fairly recent tradition that first appearing first in 1985.

According to tradition, if two Murray State students meet at the University and eventually marry, they return to the campus to nail their shoes on the tree. The shoe tree tradition is unique to the University.

Another tradition in the Quad at Murray State involves the statue of founder Rainey T. Wells. The statue of Wells stands behind Pogue Library

with a diploma in his right hand. Wells is credited with helping bring the University to the city of Murray in 1922. In addition, he was president of the University from 1926 until 1932.

Legend has it that if a Murray State student needs a little luck on an exam, they should rub the diploma in Wells' hand. The tradition is one of which few students have knowledge, but many fifth year seniors might find the tradition intriguing.

Roy Stewart Stadium is the home of the Racer Football Team, but it is also the home to Murray State's mascot Racer 1.

Racer 1 is the only mascot in the country that runs around the track after every Murray State score. The tradition began in 1976 with the horse, Violet Cactus. Upon her death in 1984, Violet Cactus was buried in the north endzone of Roy Stewart Stadium. Every year there are tryouts for horses and their jockeys to carry on the tradition of Racer One.

Murray State is less than 100 years old, but these are just a few well-cemented traditions in the institution's history. Other traditions such as All-Campus Sing, Great Beginnings, the Homecoming Parade, Tent City and Midnight Breakfast help make Murray State special.

There is always still room for current students to create their own traditions and leave a mark on Murray State's legacy.



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# Residential colleges, home away from home

**Kyra Ledbetter**  
Staff writer

Stemming from a 12th century practice in the University of Paris and Oxford University, the residential college system at Murray State provides safe environments for students to advance both their social and academic lives.

Originally, residential colleges included trained staff advisers to ease students into college life, dining services and often grouped students together based on their area of study.

"A faculty member is appointed to serve as the master of the college and has oversight responsibility for the college as a whole," stateuniversity.com states. "A college dean is also appointed from the faculty and is responsible for academic advising and the personal welfare of student members of the college. Senior members are appointed for specific terms and periodically reviewed. Resident tutors are selected from the graduate student members of the college and serve as intellectual role models, mentors and advisers for the undergraduate students."

Murray State was the first public university to adapt this system from the Ivy League tradition, and much in the way of their Ivy League ancestors, the residential colleges at Murray State aim to give

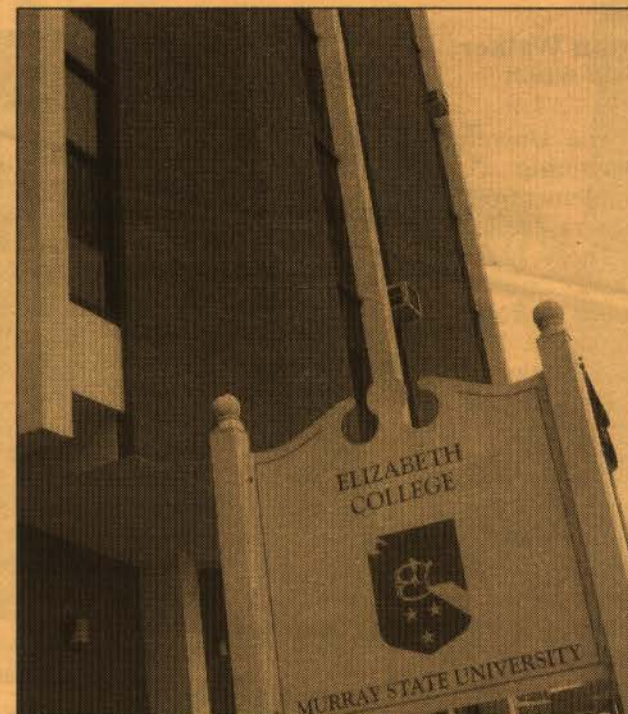
students a sense of community, access to a faculty adviser and an experience unique to every residential college which is complete with its own flag and constitution.

On every floor of each residential college a student leader, known as a residential adviser, is assigned to help with everything from housing paperwork, to being a discipline, to just listening. In addition, RAs are required to create an event every month for their floor, along with anyone else who wants to join in, giving students living in residential colleges dozens of programs to look forward to every semester.

Every residential college is appointed a faculty college head and a residential director as well, to oversee the work of the RAs and to keep everything in the building running smoothly.

Each residential college also represents an athletic intramural team for several sports, including basketball, volleyball, softball and football. This allows any student interested in playing to participate and compete against the other residential colleges in a short season, ending in championship play.

In the end, students who choose to live in residential colleges have every opportunity to engage in a community geared toward helping students grow during their tenure at Murray State.



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Elizabeth College is one of the eight residential colleges students may reside in while at Murray State.

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# Campus strives for sustainability

**John Walker**  
Staff writer

The University is on its way to becoming a green institution by implementing a variety of sustainable programs.

These including a new minor in sustainability, a growing healthy foods program and University President Randy Dunn's new commission on sustainability.

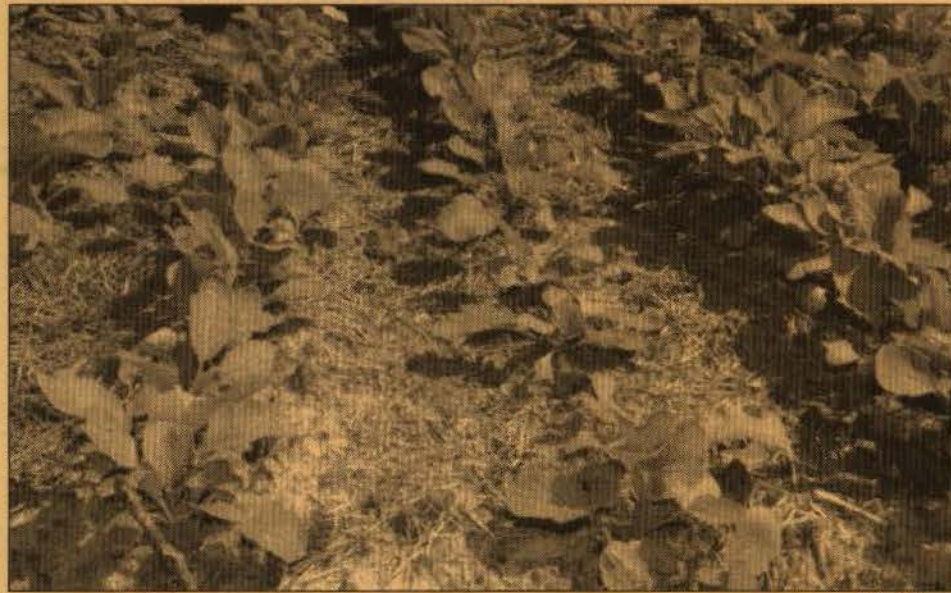
Dunn created the Commission on Sustainability last Spring, announcing his decision on Earth Day.

Taylor March, senior from St. Louis, said the Commission on Sustainability is taking big steps in finding ways to create energy awareness on campus for future students.

"I see the beginnings of progress," March said.

March said one idea would help faculty ride bicycles to campus instead of driving.

"We are trying to implement a bike-loan program that creates an incen-



File Photo

Dining services uses vegetables grown at Pullen Farm, one of many ways the campus is going green.

tive for faculty," March said. "We are also looking at the energy audit the University had. I think we can expect to see a green Murray State

and be more aware of what need to be done."

Matt Hall, senior from Mt. Sterling, Va., said he is excited to see the

University moving toward a better future.

"They are doing good things," Hall said. "We are really excited about the environmental projects going on."

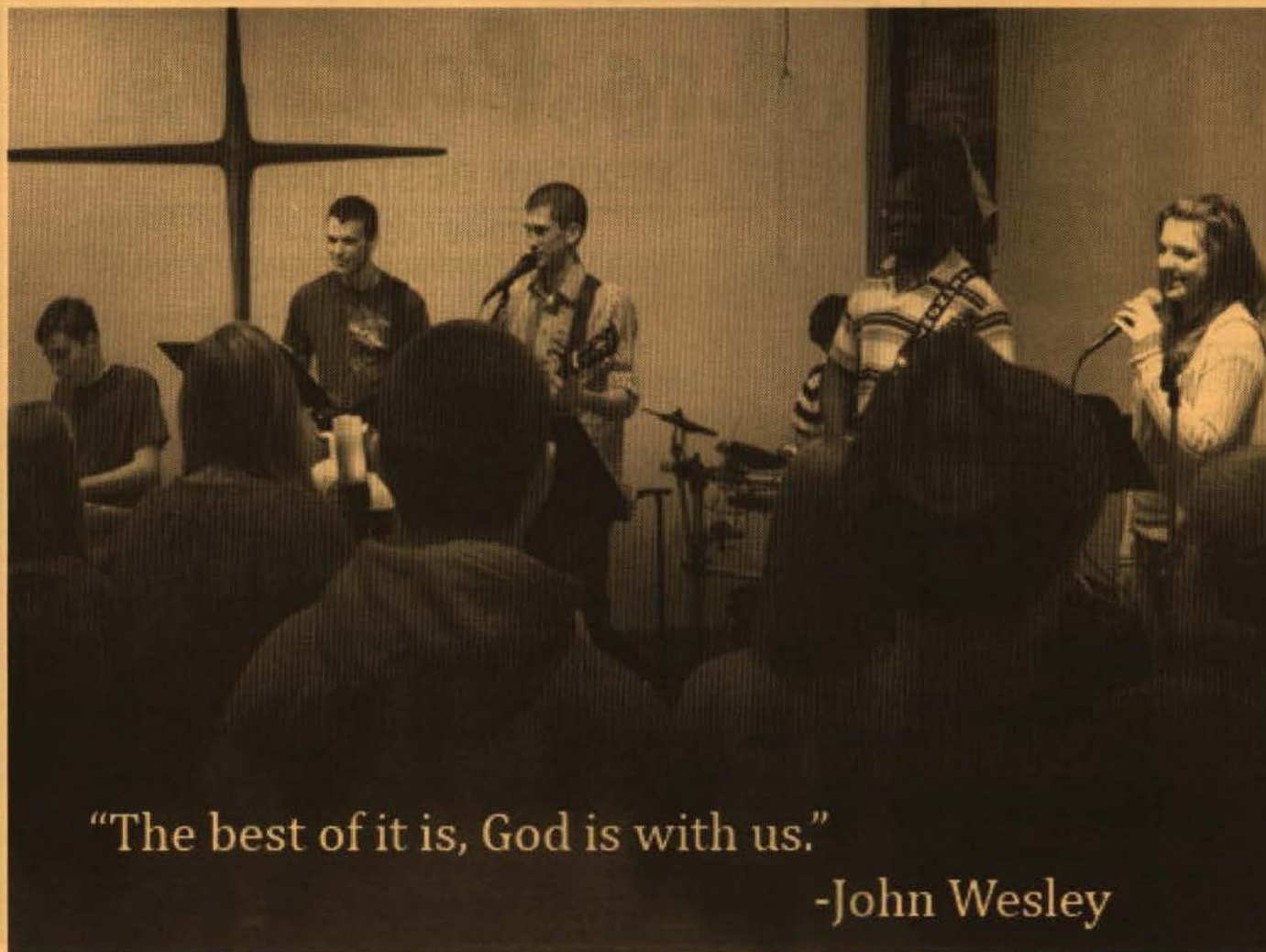
Hall said students are anxious to see what the University will do with its new green agenda.

"We are anticipating the progress to come," Hall said.

Desiree Riley, freshman from Frankfort, Ky., and new volunteer at the University's Pullen Farm, said she is excited to see the University take bold steps on issues concerning energy and healthy food.

Riley volunteers her time working at the University garden and helps to compost organic waste so it can be recycled on the farms.

"We are helping to grow produce for the University and then take that waste to make it useful on the farm," Riley said. "It's important for students to know different methods of farming and to teach people what sustainability is all about."



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Patrons strive for fitness by utilizing aerobic equipment in the Wellness Center.

## Students stay active throughout campus

**John Walker**  
Staff writer

Opportunities have opened up on and around campus for students to stay in shape and be healthy while working toward their education. Everything from aerobics to fencing and cycling to good old fashion running keep Murray State students from falling into bad habits of being a college student.

Matt Falwell, Murray resident and owner of Gear-Up Cycles, said his store's sponsorship of bicycle rides Monday and Wednesday evenings is bringing together students and community on a regular basis.

"We've been offering our Monday and Wednesday group rides in conjunction with (triathlon club) SwimBikeRun Murray, which provides a mix of people from the community and students and faculty and staff for the opportunity to ride together," Falwell said.

He said the increase in bicycling is making students more aware of alternative options in commuting and healthier lifestyles.

"I think people now recognize cycling," Falwell said. "They see people on bikes running errands, going to and from class, commuting to and from work. More and more on the weekends they see them out riding recreationally or for exercise."

Sara Bailey, senior from Eddyville, Ky., said she stays healthy in both mind and body throughout the week to keep in good spirits.

"I work out three times a week when I go and do yoga," Bailey said. "I try to lift weights at the Wellness Center."

Bailey said working out in the winter is most important, since the cold weather can keep others from being active.

Cross country and track team member Karissa Magnuson, senior from Pickerington, Ohio, said running in the mornings with her friends keeps her exercising on a regular basis.

"I pretty much run everyday," Magnuson said. "We run from 45 to 55 minutes. After that I just try to relax my sore muscles."

She said if she had the time, she might be interested in other forms of being active.

"I guess if I did have time I'd probably go biking," Magnuson said. "That's always fun."

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# Campus welcomes international students

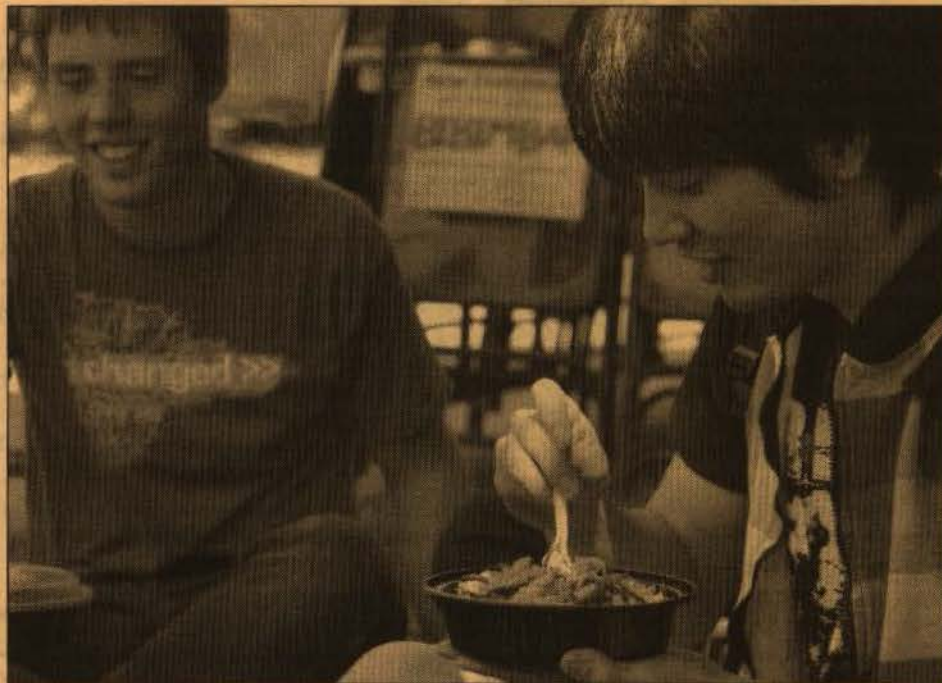
**Jessica Haynes**  
Staff writer

Murray State hosts international students from all over the world and provides many services to accommodate their stay at the University. When coming to America and Murray State, students can expect the University to help ease the "culture shock."

Bill McKibben, associate director for the Institute for International Studies, said Murray State provides shuttle services to the Nashville International Airport (BNA) before and after each semester, and is not limited to international students.

McKibben said the University offers a three-day orientation to help students adapt to their University home, with tips on setting up bank accounts and obtaining driver's licenses. A conversations partner program is also available to help students practice their speaking skills with an American student.

Winslow Dining Hall offers permanent food stations that serve foods from India, Korea and China, among



File photo/Derek Miller

International students share cuisine, culture and chit chat with University.

others, McKibben said.

"It's a nice option and it goes both ways," McKibben said. "It gives American students a chance to try

some authentic cooking, and a lot of the food is prepared by international students."

Every year Murray State partici-

pates in the nation-wide International Education Week.

During the week, international students will showcase their cultures to local schools.

Last International Education week, approximately 600 students from surrounding counties visited to learn about the cultures, McKibben said.

In September, Murray State offers an international soccer tournament. McKibben said the tournament started in 2004 and now approximately eight to 12 teams participate each year.

Each April, McKibben said the University hosts a multicultural night where students and locals can sample food in Winslow Dining Hall, and see dances and performances on stages set for the event.

McKibben said he believes Murray State helps its international students adapt well.

Said McKibben: "For someone getting off the airplane, never been to the U.S. before, I think we really make them feel welcome here and help ease the apprehension they might have trying something new."

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# Breaking the mold from day one

**Austin Ramsey**  
Assistant News Editor

Non-traditional students play a vital role in the student body at Murray State, making up a significant portion of the overall population, and contributing degree-based minds to local communities.

Billie Burton, coordinator of adult services, sees almost every non-traditional student studying at the University from start to finish through their academic careers. She says non-traditional students are any and all students that did not take the traditional graduate-high-school, go-to-college route.

"Today, non-traditional students can be defined as anybody whose primary life-role is not that of a student," she said.

Burton said high school graduates, often distracted by family, work or the military, are unable to go to college immediately after high school, but always intended on doing so.

However, even more prevalent are

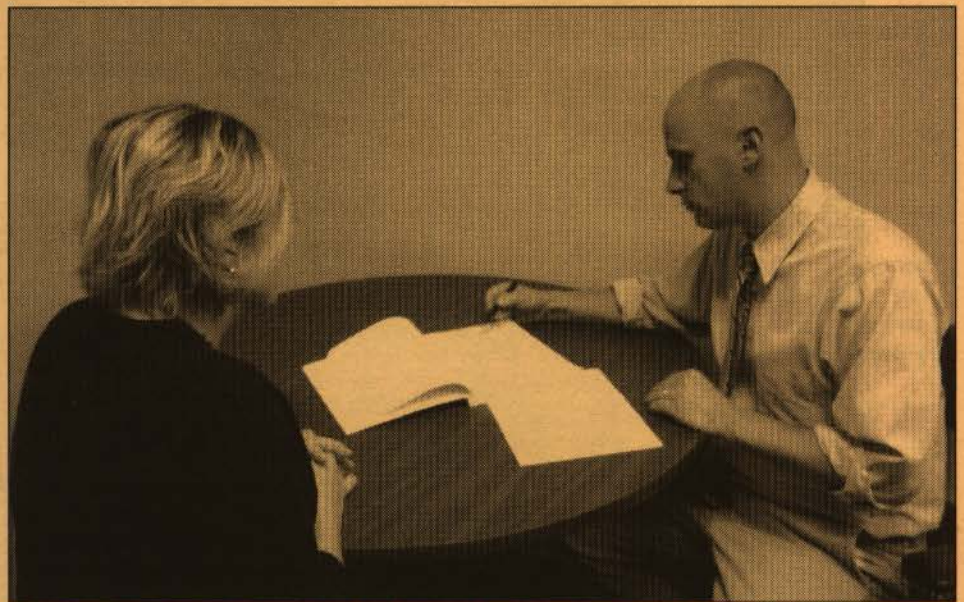
students who find a degree necessary for security or promotions at work places at which they are employed or plan to work.

"About 95 percent of students are trying to get a job or a better job with a degree," she said.

Burton said she is constantly surprised by the high level of dedication almost each non-traditional student has that separates he or she from a traditional student.

"As they are adults, they've been exposed to a different set of responsibilities, that prepare them for college," she said.

Burton said the University has taken a variety of steps to accommodate a growing number of non-traditional students, including a particular facet of the Continuing Education Department called Adults Belong in College. According to the Murray State's web page, this program helps soften the transition from normal adult activities with the family and workplace to student activities such as tests and class attendance.



File photo

Non-traditional student Tammy McDaniel meets with Dan Lavitt for advising.

Burton said satellite campuses in Paducah, Hopkinsville, Madisonville, and Henderson, are all focused almost entirely on non-traditional students who cannot make the commute or

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# Homecoming, game one to remember

**Nathan Bertsch**  
Staff writer

If there's anything Murray State shares in common with the fall season, it's tradition. While a lot of traditions share few commonalities, there will always be one that syncs perfectly - Homecoming.

Every year in early October, citizens of Murray wake up early on the Saturday of Homecoming to prepare for the annual parade, followed by Tent City and the football game.

People lined the streets of the downtown area in the early hours of Oct. 9, 2010 to watch as float after float passed, cheering on their favorites with former Racer football player Michael Proctor leading them into town as the Grand Marshal. This year's theme, "Remember the Racers," brought creative entries, many of which exuded a nostalgic feel. In the end, it was the joint effort of the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity and the Sigma Alpha sorority that took the title of best float.

Once the parade had finished, Tent City opened for business. Over the next few hours, students, faculty, staff and alumni were treated to a wide variety of music, food, entertainment and contests from campus organizations.

Many tents provided a Homecoming favorite - chili - while others focused on entertaining the crowd. Regents College brought in an old car that served as target practice for a crowd armed with hammers. The members of the Racer soccer team sold raffle tickets for a juke box.

Racer alumni mingled with former organizations, fraternities and sororities and gave current members helpful advice while the Murray State Jazz Band jammed out on a makeshift stage. Murray State President Randy Dunn, who is known to play trombone, even sat in with the band to play a few songs.

A few moments before the football game began at 3 p.m., the Homecoming King and Queen were announced. Jeremiah Johnson, junior from Hopkinsville, Ky., and Kirby O'Donoghue, senior from Westview, Ky., were the winners of their respective honors.

While many came to Roy Stewart Stadium for these festivities, the real show began as first-year Head Coach Chris Hatcher led the Racer football team against the then-ranked Missouri State Bears. The crowd got an unexpected, high-scoring air assault.

The Bears drew first blood, needing only 31 seconds to get on the board with a touchdown. After senior kicker Kienan Cullen hit a field goal to get Murray State on the board, the Bears scored touchdowns on their next two possessions before the Racers finally found the endzone when sophomore quarterback Casey Brockman ran it in from two yards out.

That's all the momentum needed. From then on it was all Racers all the time as the Hatch Attack exploded, scoring and scoring and then scoring some more.

Brockman, who entered the season as a sophomore, set school records of 570 passing yards and seven touchdowns, the latter formerly held by the parade's Grand Marshal, Proctor. Senior receiver Marcus Harris' five scoring catches also set a school record with the Racers' 72 points setting a modern-day era school record.

Without a doubt the most entertaining game of their 2010 season, the Racers finished above .500 for the first time since 2004. The Racers show promise for the future, especially with Hatcher behind the wheel. Whether or not a Homecoming blowout becomes a tradition from now on is yet to be seen. One thing is certain, though: because of Oct. 9, 2010, everyone is going to "Remember the Racers" for a long time.

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Actors rehearse a scene from 'Hairspray' at Playhouse in the Park.

## Local theater offers year-round shows

**Anna Taylor**  
Staff writer

Rather than going home or doing the usual cinema experience over the weekend, why not try watching live theatrical performances at a community theater right in the heart of Murray?

Located in the center of the Murray-Calloway County Park at a 1907 train-freight depot lies one of the oldest community theaters in Kentucky, according to the Kentucky Arts Council.

Playhouse in the Park provides the community with year-round productions of shows including dramas, comedies, musicals, children's productions and original works.

In June 1980, Playhouse opened its curtains to the community with its first show, "The Wizard of Oz." Since then, the theater has produced several shows, developed a Young Actors' Guild and has begun offering classes to the community.

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levels can get involved with Playhouse. Aside from auditioning for a role in a production, the staff are always looking for volunteers.

Whether it's building or painting sets, selling concessions, sewing costumes, fundraising, being an usher or gathering props, there is something everyone can do to give back to the community.

Playhouse offers the Young Actors' Guild known as Box of Frogs for ages 12-18 and Pail of Tadpoles for ages 6-11. Each guild consists of 12-week sessions where the young actors meet once a week to learn about theater and take on performing challenges.

Playhouse also holds a theater camp each summer where young actors learn about theatrical performance and rehearse to perform a production. In 2010 the summer camp's production was "Willy Wonka Kids."

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# Quilters flock to Paducah for annual show

**Jamie Booth**  
Staff writer

In many parts of the world, April is a time to relish the height of the spring season. Pretty flowers, baby animals and cool breezes fill the days of April. However, April brings something unique to the western Kentucky area and lots of it: quilts.

Paducah is home to the Annual American Quilter's Society's National Quilt Show and Contest. People from all across the country come to celebrate the art and tradition of quilt-making every April at the Paducah Convention Center.

Close to 30,000 people attend the quilt show, said Bonnie Browning, executive show director. Every year the city becomes jam-packed with people, all of them there to admire the more than 500 quilts on display.

"It's an international quilting event," Browning said. "We fill up every hotel for 50 miles."

Guests to the event have several options as far as quilting activities go, Browning said. The event offers



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The American Quilter's Society's National Quilt Show and Contest draws in nearly 30,000 people.

quilting workshops that last three or six hours as well as daily educational lectures by quilting experts. The merchant mall is also a big hit with the crowds, with more than 400 booths boasting new and antique items, of course including quilts and related gifts.

The Quilt Show also includes a quilting contest, which is the main event of the show, Browning said. The AQS dishes out \$20,000 in prize

money to winners of the contest, which is sponsored by merchants in the quilting industry.

"The whole premise behind the American Quilter's Society is to recognize today's quilt makers," she said. "Quilters come for various reasons, to attend the educational programs and see the quilts, but people mainly come for the chance to earn the prize money."

Paducah sees more than just an

influx of quilters on the weekend of the show, though. Browning said that non-quilters get just as much out of the experience as quilters do.


"It's really an art show," she said. "The medium in this show is fabric, though, and the things that these people can do with it will blow your mind. We have the traditional quilts like your grandmother makes but the modern quilters do so much more than that. It's really amazing."

While the AQS hosts three other Quilt Shows during the year, the one in Paducah has always been the most popular and Browning credits this to the personality of the town.


"There are always great quilts at the show each year, but quilters come back because of our southern hospitality," she said. "It's the friendliness of the people in the community."

The 27th Annual AQS Quilt Show will take place from Wednesday, April 27 through Sunday, April 30, 2011 at the Paducah Expo Center, 415 Park Ave. More information can be found at [americanquilter.com](http://americanquilter.com).


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# Students enjoy weekend fun

**Jamie Booth**  
Staff writer

Murray State University is often called a "suitcase school". People think students pack up their bags and go home every weekend. However, this is not the case.

Students find all sorts of things to do on the weekends, either in town or in the surrounding area.

Many students spend time on their weekends attending campus events, such as concerts and athletic events. Clubs also provide weekend distraction.

Torey Moore, senior from Rockford, Ill., and president of the Murray State rowing team, said his weekends are often filled with club activities.

"If (the team) is leaving to go to a competition anywhere in the south we leave Friday afternoon," he said. "We usually do several races on Saturday and come back late Saturday night."

Moore does not just spend his weekend competing with the team, but hanging out with them as well.

"Even after competing all weekend we usually hang out as a team on Sunday," he said.

If his club is not taking up his time, Moore said he likes to spend time with friends, doing activities around Murray.

"I go out to eat with friends, go to parties and sometimes the movies," he said. "I also spend a lot of time just hanging out at my friends' apartments."

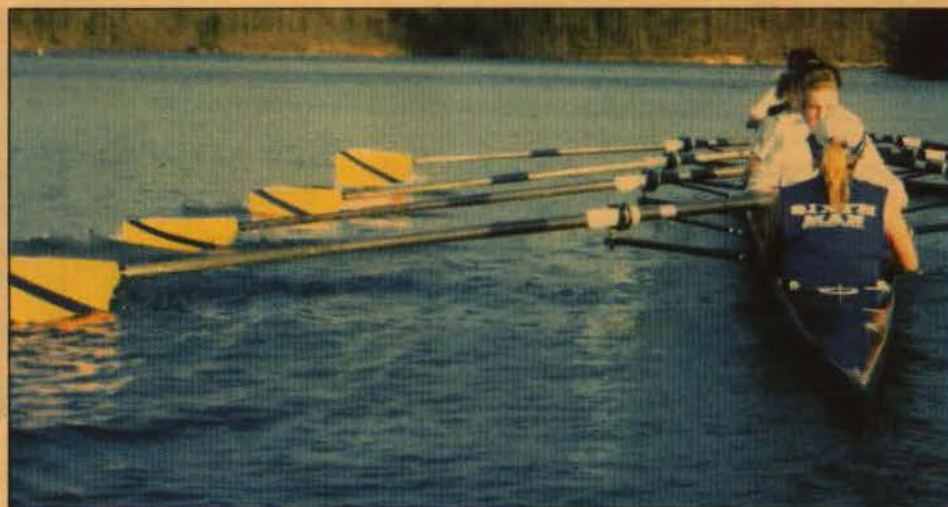
Students sometimes need a break from Murray.

Luckily for them, Murray is at the center of a plethora of interesting places.

Murray is within easy driving distance of a relaxing Saturday afternoon get-away or weekend of big city fun.

Moore said his favorite destinations are Paducah, Ky., and Nashville, Tenn., where he takes advantage of the opportunities a bigger city can offer.

"(My friends and I) go to Paducah and hang out, go to bars and usually go shopping at the mall," he said. "If we want to get out of town for the



File photo

Students spend weekends doing club activities as well as attending concerts and campus events.

whole weekend, we go to Nashville. We get a hotel room, go to an Imax movie, a concert or maybe just go shopping."

Of course, for those students who enjoy getting away from civilization entirely, they can take advantage of the natural beauty of western Kentucky.

Clarks River, Jackson Falls, Ill., and

Land Between the Lakes give nature lovers a chance to breath fresh air, relax and forget about the pressures of college life for a while. Activities such as camping, canoeing and rock-climbing are all within reach of students here at Murray State University.

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# Local festivals, fairs draw student crowds

**Anna Taylor**  
Staff writer

Learning about a place's culture can make for a smooth transition when moving there. What better way to learn about Murray than by checking out some local festivals? Murray and its surrounding towns might not be the most lively, but the following festivals guarantee entertainment and fun.

### Murray

Every July marks a new annual Freedom Festival to celebrate the liberties of America. With this three-day festival comes many events all around Murray. There are golf tournaments, a barbecue contest, 5K run, cookouts, a parade and a free concert. It would not be an Independence Day celebration without fireworks, which are released after the concert each year.

August is the month known to be the start of another school year and for many western Kentucky citizens, the time for the Hot August Blues Festival. This music gathering lasts two days at Kentucky Lake. The festival includes live performances by touring artists and local favorites. Lodging and VIP tables are available.

Sponsored by Purity Ice in Paducah, the annual Ice Cream festival in September allows everyone to exercise their sweet tooth and taste multiple flavors. The Rotary Scooper Bowl is a homemade ice cream contest judged by the public. The top three winners receive cash prizes.

The celebration of Scottish heritage, known as the West Kentucky

Highland Festival, is every September. The event includes Scottish entertainers, amateur athletic competitions, vendors, clan tents, bagpipe ensembles and more. Don't have a Scottish heritage? No worries. This festival is open to all.

### Benton

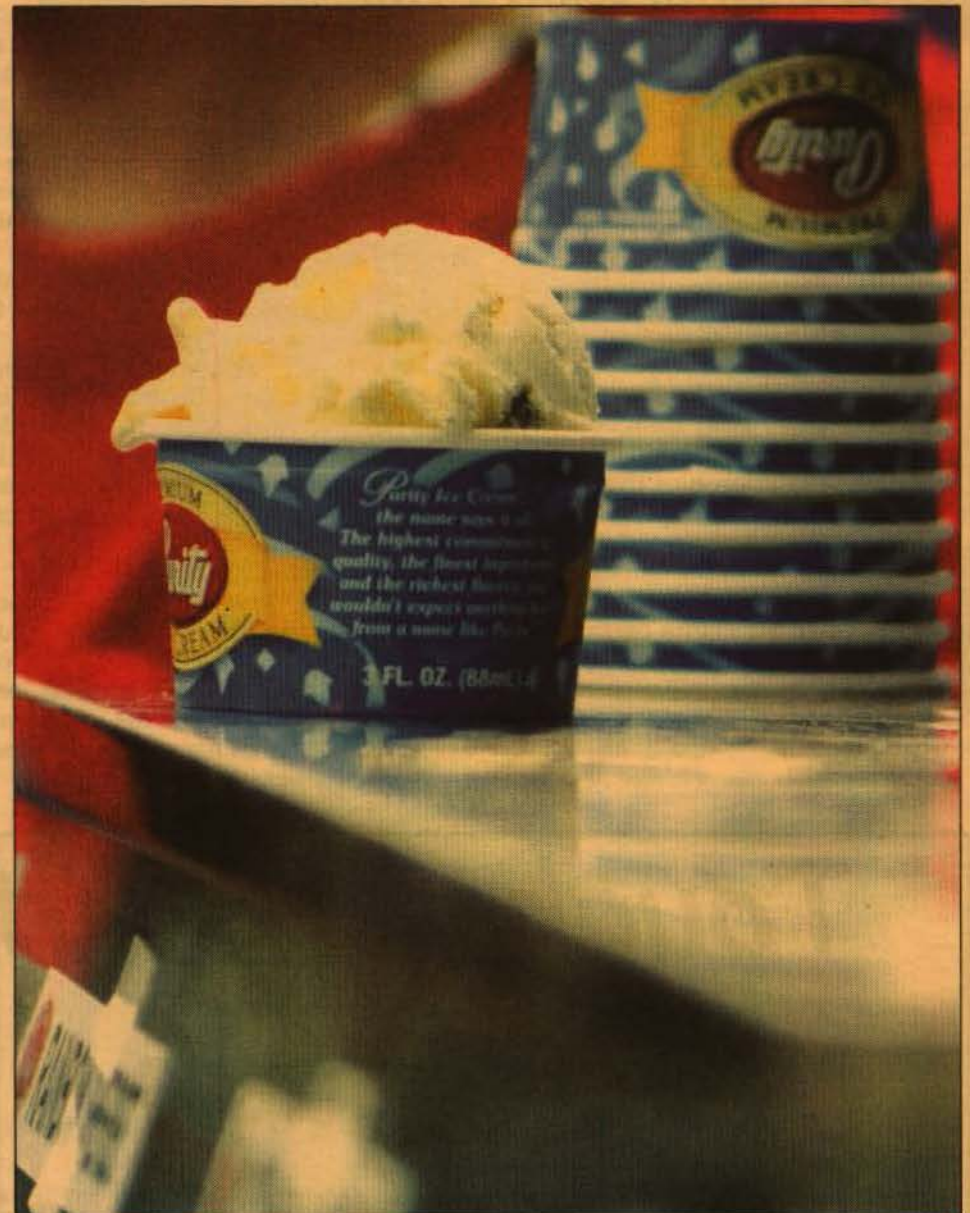
While some enjoy listening to blues music at Hot August Blues, others enjoy gospel. The difference? Watermelon. The Watermelon Bust lets locals enjoy the juicy taste of watermelon while enjoying the sounds of live gospel music. This event is each August.

The annual three-day festival that began in 1842 when trading and selling sweet potatoes was one way of living known as Tater Day, celebrated each April, includes beauty pageants, live entertainment, a cook-off, arts and crafts, the Tater Day Trot, a fiddler's contest, carnival, flea market and a parade. One can guarantee to see lots of potatoes around this time of the year.

### Hazel

The Hazel Days Celebration brings everyone together for car shows, live bands, beauty pageants, pumpkin painting, a flea market, an antique tractor display and more each October. Mark the last Saturday of the month on a calendar for this festival.

Along with the festivals in Murray, Benton and Hazel, there are many more to watch out for throughout this region of Kentucky. Gather some friends and get cultured with live music, shopping and good food.



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The annual Ice Cream festival, sponsored by Purity Ice, occurs each September in Murray.

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# Land Between the Lakes provides outdoor escape

**Steve Miller**  
Staff writer

Academic pursuits are first and foremost among college students' priorities - at least they should be. There are also other motivations while attending a university away from home. These opportunities include recreational endeavors and the building of relationships that will evolve into life-long friendships.

Murray State was named one of the top 10 colleges in the nation for students who love to hunt and fish and *FLW Outdoors Magazine* ranked Murray State the eighth best college to attend for bass fishing. The Murray State Bass Anglers backed this ranking up with a fourth place finish at last year's FLW College Fishing National Championship.

Other clubs relating to outdoor interests include the Murray State University Chapter of Ducks Unlimited, the Mountain Biking Club, the Wildlife and Fisheries Society, the Clay Target Club and many more. If there is not already an organization or club on campus pertaining to your activity of choice, start one.

These organizations are a great place to meet people who share the same pursuits as you. And the outdoor paradise is a great setting to exercise those. The lakes, woods and open-air experience of western Kentucky are what draw some people's attention to Murray State.

Although a majority of students tend to choose colleges more for their scholastic appeal rather than their outdoor amenities, nobody can contest: Murray State is a great fit for those seeking outdoor adventure.

The outdoor challenges in Murray's backyard offer a breather from the ordeals of school and work. Many friends made at college are not made in the classroom, but in the great outdoors. The bonds built by conquering and observing nature, by a weekend camping trip, a strenuous hike or a walk in the woods sighting various wildlife.

Sometimes people choose to experience the outside in world in solitude, too. As much as one enjoys the company of others, getting away from every other soul is refreshing and renewing. Murray and the 170,000 acres of Land Between the Lakes have plenty of space to do that.

LBL is a wilderness area which extends 50 miles from Grand Rivers, Ky., to Dover, Tenn. It is bordered by Kentucky Lake and Lake Barkley - two world-class fishing destinations known for numbers and size of crappie and bass.

Within LBL there are several campgrounds. Some have modern conveniences such as electricity and water hook-up, as well as bath houses, while others are designed for wilderness camping. The largest of LBL's campgrounds is the Hillman Ferry, located just a few miles south of the northern entrance of LBL.

LBL is also famous for its first-class bicycle trails. The trails meander through much of LBL on both paved and dirt paths. The Canal Loop extends 11 miles around the shorelines of Kentucky Lake and Lake Barkley as well as the canal that connects the lakes.

The trails lead through such a remote area it is difficult to believe one is only 20 miles from Murray. If motorized vehicles are more your style, LBL has an area called Turkey Creek which is designed for ATV, dirt bike and Jeep riders. Turkey Creek is located in the southern part of LBL near the Tennessee line.

LBL is a vast space. It is easy to get lost, but there are helpful staff members located at the northern and southern entrances. If you have any questions about the location of the aforementioned places, don't hesitate to ask the staff at LBL. You can also research this area and its activities on the web at [lbl.org](http://lbl.org).

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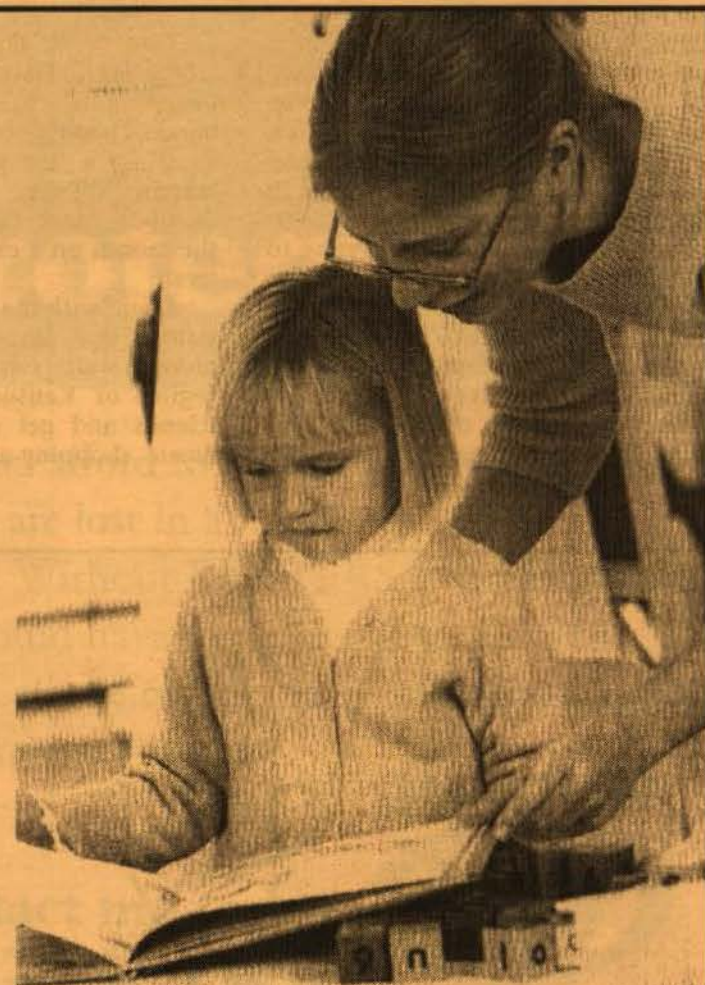
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# Local shops offer good deals, unique items

**Charlotte Kyle**  
Features Editor

When students are out on the town with a little extra spending money, sometimes they need more than what the national chain stores can offer.

Murray has plenty of local options for clothing, gifts, games or other specialty items.

Located at 1415 Main St. next to Matt B's Pizza, Revival Boutique offers vintage clothing, one-of-a-kind pieces from Murray State art students and collectibles.

Kelsey Sykes, senior from Murray, opened the shop in Fall 2010. Sykes said she loved shopping at flea markets, yard sales and estate sales when she was younger because she loved finding unique items and good deals.

She uses the store to share those good deals with others, keeping the prices low. There are options for everyone, too.

"The store isn't focused solely around trends, it more so has a little bit of everything," she said.

Fans of comic books and games can find what they need at G's Comics, located at 605-B South 12th St.

The store, owned by Garrick Crump, offers comic books, graphic novels, tabletop games and gaming supplies, T-shirts, DVDs and collectibles.

Crump also holds card game tournaments including Magic: the Gathering and has run Dungeons and Dragons Encounters campaigns.

Those looking for antiques or new and used furniture might check out Trends N Treasures Merchants Mall, located at 1306 S. 12th St.

Because the store is made up of multiple vendors' spaces, items vary from booth to booth.

Trends N Treasures, owned by Sherry and Jerry Jones and Leanne and Trent Weaver, carries home decor, army surplus items, jewelry, clothing, antiques and more. Students can buy something to decorate their residential college room and pick up a gift for the family in one trip.



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Booths in Trends N Treasures Merchants Mall feature items such as jewelry, clothing and decor.



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## Athletes shine in final hurrah

**Greg Waddell**  
Sports Editor

Seniors make up the leadership all teams need.

**Football - Marcus Harris** was a terror on the gridiron in the 2010 season hauling in 84 catches for 1,057 yards and nine touchdowns. The receiver from St. Louis garnered First Team All-OVC honors for his hard work after leading the FCS in catches per game (9.33) and finishing second in yards per game (117.4).

**Men's Tennis - Renaldo Domoney** from Cape Town, South Africa, had a stellar 2009-10 season where he recorded All-OVC Second Team honors after winning 10 of his 16 singles matches out of the three and four spots. In doubles action, he paired with fellow senior Luka Milicevic to record an 11-6 record, including a 6-1 clip in conference play.

**Women's Tennis -** Transferring from the University of Memphis before her junior season, **Lindsey Wiseman** lit up the court when able to play to finish the 2009-10 season on a high note

with a 10-9 overall record including 6-3 in conference play. She played primarily out of the three, four or five spots.

**Men's Golf - Cameron Carrico** had a strong showing in the Fall 2010 season, posting two top five finishes, five top 15 finishes and leading the team on a number of occasions.

**Women's Golf - Caroline Lagerborg** had a coming out party in the fall of 2010 as the senior from Sweden tore up the course in the fall season. After recording three top five finishes, including the first win of her collegiate golf career.

**Cross Country - Katelyn Jones** finished her four year cross country career with a bang in the Fall 2010 season, finishing 10th in the OVC Championship to lead the team to a third-place showing. The 2010 All-OVC Second Team performer went on to record three top five finishes in the team's six races.

**Track and Field - Amber Mills** earned All-OVC Outdoor honors in the 4x100 relay during the 2009-10 season. Mills ran for a season-best time of 59:01 in the 400 at the 2010-11 OVC Indoor Championship and helped Murray State to a 4:01.42 finish in the 4x400 relay.

**Soccer - Audrey Wilson** had a productive final season for the soccer team as it struggled with injuries again and finished 4-12-4. Wilson notched one goal on eight shots and recorded a shot on goal percentage of .625.

**Men's Basketball - Jeffery McClain** didn't

always get the most headlines or recognition but the senior forward from Hickman County provided most of the dirty work for the Racers in the 2010-11 season. Averaging 3.8 points and 4.2 rebounds in the previous season, McClain put up a season-high of 12 points against rival Eastern Kentucky University in last year's late season run. This season was no different as McClain averaged 6.1 points and 4.4 boards per game in the regular season as the team captured its 22nd season title.

**Volleyball - Ashley Nenninger** proved to be a force for the Racers during her final season after finishing ranked fifth in kills (3.41) and eighth in points (3.74) against OVC teams. Nenninger garnered All-OVC honors all All-OVC tournament accolades for her contributions to Murray State's run in the conference championship where they fell just shy of the championship game with a 1-3 loss to Morehead State.

**Baseball - Zach Noonan** provided some pop in his bat during his junior season as a 'Bred, recording a .290 clip at the plate. Noonan also added 10 doubles, three triples and three round trippers.

**Softball - Kristen Broadway** worked the mound for Head Coach Jay Pyron's squad in its inaugural season, notching an 8-6 record with a 2.56 ERA. Broadway was able to keep batters off balance most of the season, fanning 95 batters while keeping their average at a respectable .235.

**Women's Basketball** had no seniors this season.

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# Sports allow involvement

**Drew Hursey**  
Assistant Sports Editor

When discussing college and some of the activities in which to be involved, intramural sports are always thrown into the mix.

For so many, sports are an integral part of their lives while in high school, yet not everyone has the opportunity to continue their athletic career at the collegiate level. This is where intramurals step in.

Murray State, like so many other universities, offers a wide array of sports for students to play while pursuing their studies.

In the Fall semester, softball, golf and football are played, while in the Spring semester, students play basketball, volleyball and soccer.

As stated before, these sports give students the chance to keep playing sports they loved growing up.

Alpha Sigma Phi member Sean Miller from O'Fallon, Ill., who graduated in

December 2010, played every intramural sport, except for golf, while enrolled.

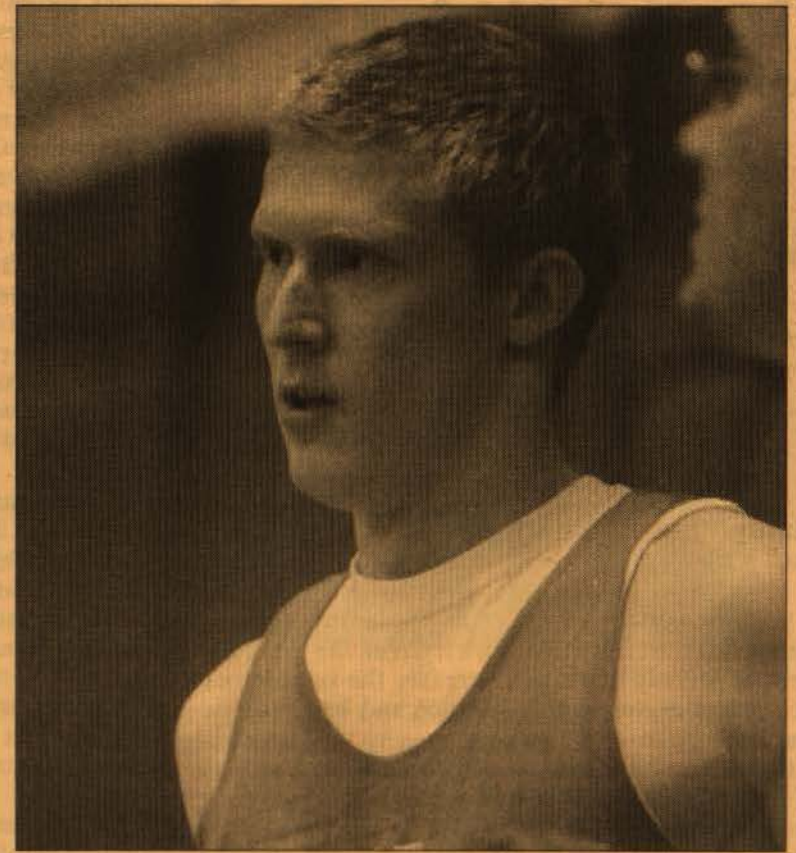
"Intramurals are a great way to escape from the scholastic side of college and play some of the sports you love," he said. "It makes the college experience more well-rounded and enjoyable."

At the same time, however, these sports are not exclusive to Greeks. Any student academically eligible by the University's standards can sign up for a residential college team or form their own independent team.

One of the biggest perks of playing intramurals at Murray State is playing basketball where former Racer greats laced up for more than 40 years.

"My favorite intramural sport to play is basketball," Miller said. "It's fun to play in old Racer Arena; it really creates an outstanding atmosphere."

Playing intramural sports offers many benefits to the college experience for Murray State students.



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Ricky Martin, senior from Benton, Ky., looks on during one of his Sigma Chi games.

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- Kelsey Phelps (Theatre major) was nominated for the Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival Directing Award for her work on the MSU production of *A Doll's House*.
- David Adams and Andrew Klope (Psychology majors) were invited to present at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology in San Antonio, January 2011.
- The MSU student saxophone quartet won first place in the 2010 collegiate chamber music competition for the Kentucky Music Teacher's Association.
- Casey Bradley (Art major) received a 3rd place 2010 Excellence in Kentucky Newspapers for Best Editorial Page from the Kentucky Press Association.

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# Greek life values service, friendship

**Haley Russell**  
Staff writer

With nearly 12 percent of its students belonging either to a fraternity or sorority, Greek life is prominent at Murray State, as it stresses the importance of academics, leadership, service and brotherhood and sisterhood.

Greek organizations on campus put on a variety of events in order to raise awareness and money for their specific philanthropy. These events include the Alpha Omicron Pi Mr. MSU Pageant and the Alpha Gamma Rho Tractor Pull. One of the biggest events in the spring is Alpha Phi Alpha's Step Off which invites Greek organizations, residential col-

leges and independent teams that participate.

All of these funds go toward a local or national philanthropy. Examples of philanthropies are Alpha Omicron Pi's arthritis awareness and Lambda Chi Alpha's canned food drive.

Tara Hawthorne, Greek life coordinator, has been working at Murray State for just more than year. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Inc., and was heavily involved in her organization and chapter when she was a student. She also said, in her opinion, the best thing about Greek life is the friendships.

"You meet so many people and what you put into it is what you're going to get out," she said. "So, if you go in with that mindset, expecting to get so much out of that organization, you're going to really get that."

Hawthorne said for other people, though, the benefits of being a part of a Greek organization could be the events or the service aspect of it.

"For some people, it may be the fun events, or being able to do the community service and going out and being able to help someone that's in need," she said.

Logan Davis, senior from Boaz, Ky., and member of Lambda Chi Alpha, said he agrees with Hawthorne that deciding to rush helps a person grow.

"It teaches them so much about themselves," he said. "I think they really learn so much about who they are as a person."

Davis said his favorite part of being involved in a Greek organization is the Greek unity and meeting

older members of Lambda Chi Alpha who attended Murray State in the past.

"Really just to see all of the Greeks just to strive to do something together, such as Homecoming, and trying to get everything prepared for people to come back," he said.

SGA President Kirby O'Donoghue, senior from Westview, Ky., and member of Alpha Omicron Pi, said her favorite part of Greek life is the way it can better an individual.

"Greek life pushes individuals toward really high expectations and standards of themselves that they might not have had going into college," she said.

O'Donoghue said her best memory of being a Greek is Alpha Omicron Pi's participation in Lambda Chi Alpha's Watermelon Bust every year.

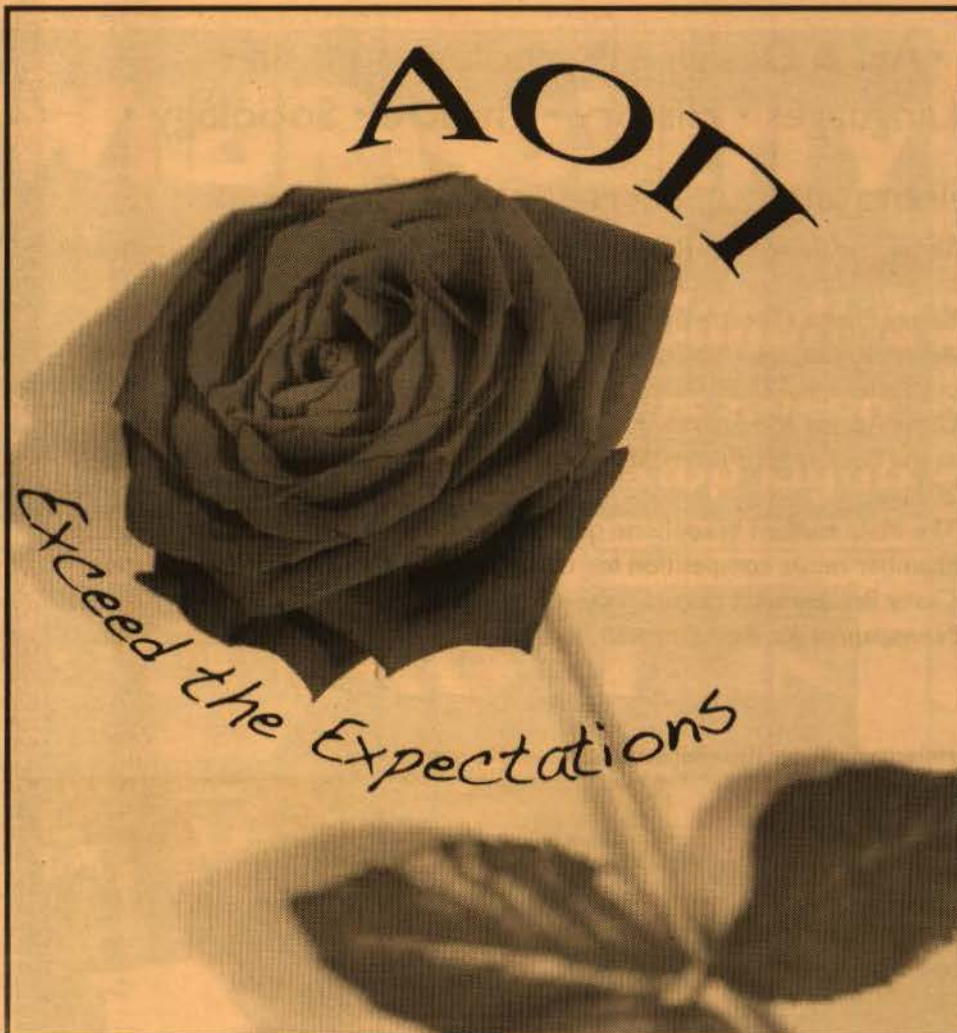
The Watermelon Bust is a way for all of the sororities to participate in an event together, such as the All-Campus Sing in the Spring, O'Donoghue said.

O'Donoghue also realizes there is a counter argument to becoming Greek.

"Not everyone is going to be Greek and treasure it in that way," she said. "A lot of people view Greek life as only social, and yes, it is social but it's also a network for you - a network for academics, a network for personal issues and so there's always a group of people that you know are there for you and that you can count on."

O'Donoghue encourages new students to consider going Greek.

Said O'Donoghue: "I would encourage every single (student) to look at Greek life as a means of really getting themselves established on campus."



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# Alumni inspire, tell of success

**Ben Morrow**  
Staff writer

Murray State may be a small, regional university, but its success is far-reaching.

Two graduates told stories of accomplishment and contentment far beyond Jackson's Purchase.

Harrison Cowen, a 2003 Murray State graduate, used his degree in Criminal Justice to go on to a career in forensic science.

He has worked as a Forensic Investigator with the Hillsborough County Medical Examiner's Office in Tampa, Fla., since 2006.

"My biggest reward for going to Murray State was that I met my wife there 10 years ago," Cowen said. "Career wise, I think my degree from Murray State played a big part in obtaining employment after my college days. I also believe my time at Murray State gave me the confidence to handle different situations that arise while working at the Medical Examiner's Office."

The solid academics at Murray State proved to be groundwork for Cowen's achievements.

"Murray State taught me what it took to be a professional in the field of Criminal Justice and expressed the need for critical thinking," Cowen said. "Both are very important in the field of forensics."

Cowen said students should understand the importance of hard work and the potential that

awaits a Murray State graduate.

"My advice to all Murray State students would be to take this time seriously and work your butts off," he said. "In the long run it will pay off ten-fold. You have a special opportunity to learn at one of the best 'unknown' universities in the country. Make the most of it and make us all proud. Go Racers!"

Tonya Mullins, a 2002 Murray State graduate, used her degree in Organizational Communication to teach English as a second language in South Korea.

"I decided to travel abroad," Mullins said. "I spent five years in Korea teaching English. While I was there I traveled to different countries, experienced many different cultures and got to experience things many people would never get a chance to experience. It was so much fun."

Mullins said her fondest memories come from her time spent at the Baptist Student Union (now the Baptist Campus Ministry), and her experiences at Murray State made her the person she is today.

"I found my self-confidence at Murray State, and graduating was a very rewarding and proud moment," Mullins said.

She said the Murray State experience is an opportunity for students to find out about themselves, as well as the world.

"Take this time now to learn who you are, to try



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Martyn Brewer (left) and Sean Finnegan, Murray State alumni, speak at the Alumni Lecture Series of 2010.

new things, get involved and never doubt yourself," Mullins said. "Each person has a unique gift or talent, so find it and use it."

Mullins also encourages students to enjoy college life while they can.

"Enjoy the present and don't stress too much over the future," she said. "It will come sooner than you think."

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# Center raises awareness for women's struggles

**Sophie McDonald**  
Staff writer

Striving to be known as a place where women can come to gain, maintain and nurture their voice, the campus Women's Center is pursuing awareness and advocacy for women's needs.

Jane Etheridge, director of the Women's Center, said the Center focuses on raising awareness for different struggles women face.

"We focus on different issues related to women and try to provide with information and resources to help strengthen their voice," she said, "We seek to provide innovative and creative ways to educate people."

One topic of education is eating disorders. Etheridge said this issue stressed in the Spring semester as February has a National Eating Disorders Awareness week.

"There is a high risk for college girls before Spring Break to try to handle the stress of looking a certain way, so we focus on eating disorders primarily in the Spring," Etheridge said.

In the Fall semester, Etheridge said the Women's Center turns its attention to raising

rape and sexual assault awareness.

"The highest risk of rape and sexual assault is within the first six weeks of school," she said. "We want to raise awareness of this."

The Center partners with other organizations on campus to capitalize on events and host programs to shine light on the pressing issues.

Using statistics, national, state and international Women's days, and word of mouth, the Center is building a respectable reputation.

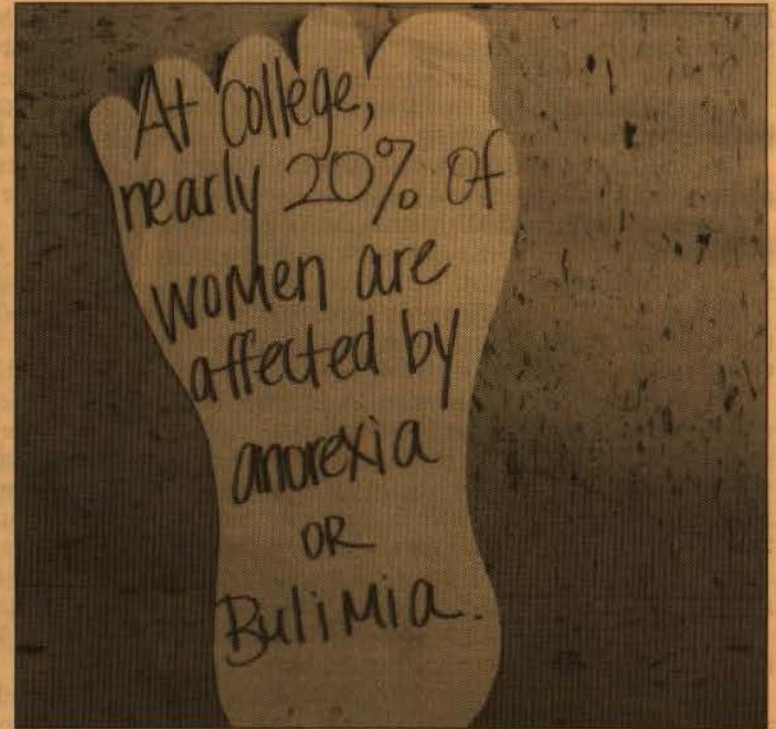
"This year has been the greatest success ever in response to events," Etheridge said. "Some professors are giving extra credit to students who attend events, because we've established a reputation."

The reputation is built on solid foundation, Etheridge said.

"The events aren't fluffy," she said. "We want to emphasize and help others become more sensitized to issues females encounter."

Etheridge encourages women of all ages to become a part of the Women's Center and wants to make them aware of the counseling and comfort to be found there.

The Women's Center is located on the second floor of Ordway Hall, Suite 201, and is open Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



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During National Eating Disorders Awareness week, the Women's Center sponsors events including Room With a View.

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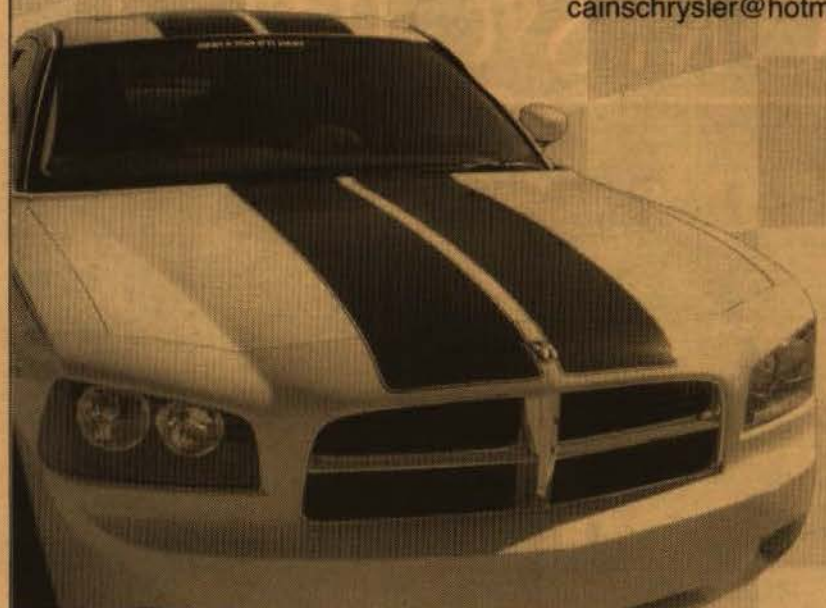


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# University helps students travel globally

**Casey Bradley**  
Opinion Editor

Where in the world would you like to go? Murray State students are privy to a wide selection of world traveling options.

From Argentina to the Ukraine, the opportunities are open-ended when it comes to studying abroad.

"I have wanted to study abroad for as long as I have been a student," said Tyler Frank, senior from Louisville. "For me, the key to understanding oneself is to experience diversity."

After working three years in the Institute for International Studies office, Frank hopped on a plane to Italy to take, as he calls it, "Super-Intensive Italian". The course, offered by Scuola Lorenzo de' Medici, meets a designated amount each week and uses the technique of immersion to practice language.

Upon setting foot for the first time in Firenze, Italy, Frank said he was struck by the city's beauty, a feeling, he said, which ceased to fade through the duration of his trip.



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Tyler Frank, senior from Louisville, views Sienna, Italy, from above the city.

While being abroad has its ups, there are also a few downs, he said. Culture shock, a feeling people aren't

even aware they're experiencing until it has passed, hits everyone. Different food, foreign languages and

new scenery pile up for a hard-hitting experience.

"What I missed the most about home was trees," Frank said. "Florence is an ancient and powerful city and, as such, there are more palaces than parks."

While free tap water was on the list of things Frank longed for, he did not miss loud Americans or SUVs.

Students may find themselves shuffling their feet when it comes to the idea of taking classes in a different country. Exams are daunting enough without the added stress of a new environment. The benefits of stepping outside of comfort zones, though, may just outweigh the cons of a new experience.

"Do something for which you aren't prepared," Frank said. "Don't go where your friends go and you will have no choice but to make new ones. Savor your experiences but make learning both inside and outside the classroom your primary goal. Pack comfortable shoes and save more money than you think you will need."

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# Find employment with Career Services

**Nick Reside**  
News Editor

In these tough economic times, finding employment after graduation can be a major source of stress for students about to receive their diplomas. Fortunately, Career Services is here to help.

Career Services offers numerous forms of assistance to help break into the job market. These include mock interviews, cover letter and resume revisions and career fairs hosted in the Spring and Fall.

Ross Meloan, director of Career Services, said the office exists to help students.

"We are a student service office, ergo we work for the students," Meloan said.

A well-organized and brief resume is essential to gaining employment. Students who bring their resumes to the office of Career Services can have them fine-tuned and looking professional, ready to be sent out to employers.

Meloan said a good resume should be concise.

"We find people with two, three, four-page resumes and generally speaking for entry level positions, that just doesn't work," Meloan said. "It's our job to get that down to a one-page gig in order to get them to put their best foot forward in some of these positions that are vacant."

Meloan said the office queries employers every

two years to make sure they agree with these guidelines.

Cover letters are also revised at the office. Meloan said brevity and concision are most important to cover letters.

"The employer is looking at the individual to be able to communicate in the written letter format," Meloan said. "That's extremely important to them - probably No. 1 on their lists."

In order to help students hone the crucial skill of interviews, Career Services hosts mock interviews. Later, the participant is given an audio recording of his or her interview.

Career Services hosts a career fair each semester. Students are encouraged to arrive dressed professionally and with copies of their resumes. Prior to the career fair, students can learn which employers will be present by visiting Career Services' website.

Meloan said the most recent career fair, held March 8, hosted more than 70 employers.

Career Services is equipped to help students in the digital age thanks to Experience, a University website listing job openings and updated every 24 hours.

The office of Career Services is located at 210 Ordway Hall. For more information, visit [www.murraystate.edu/careerservices](http://www.murraystate.edu/careerservices) or call 809-3802.

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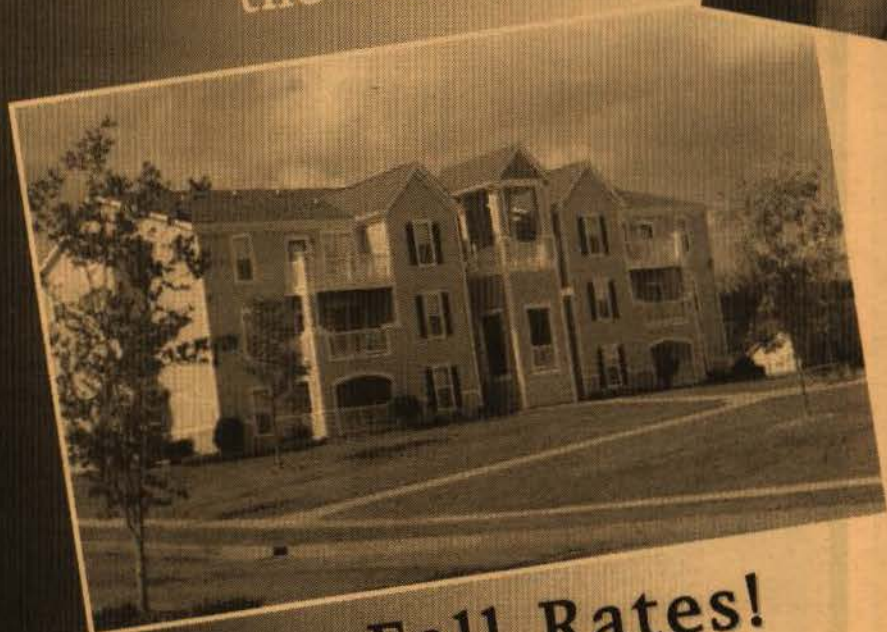
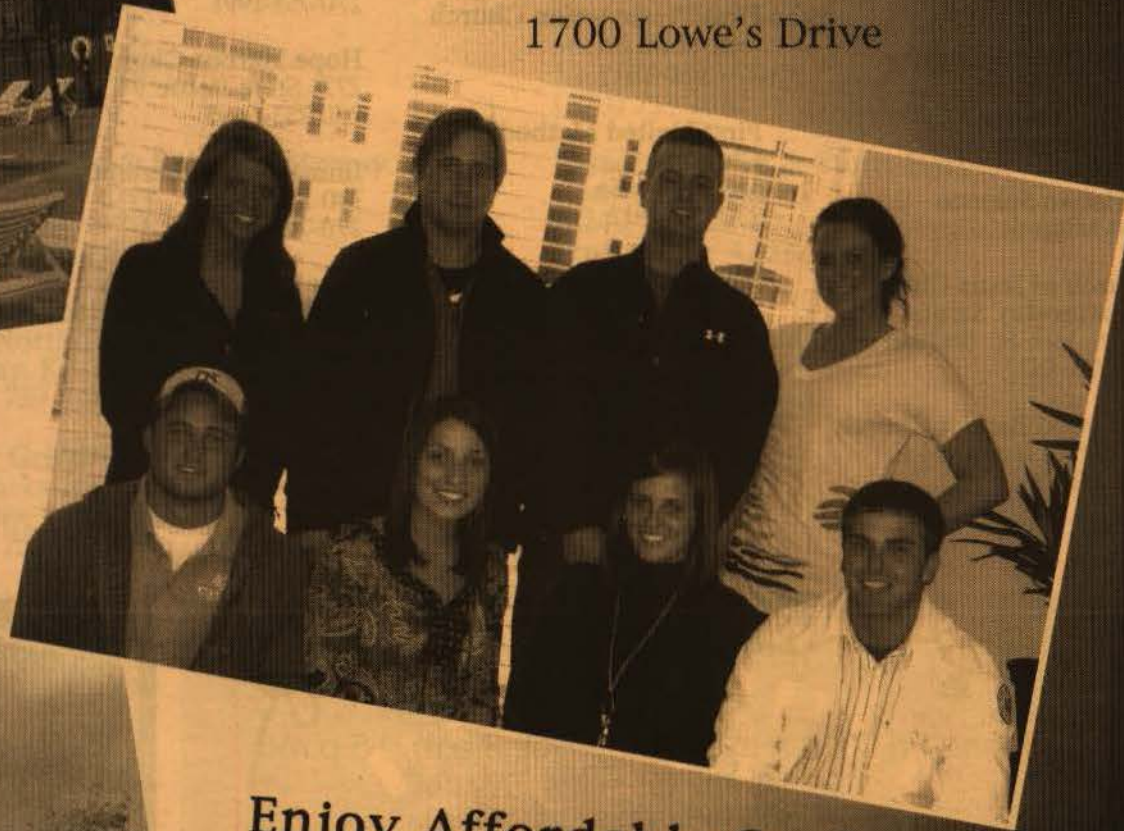
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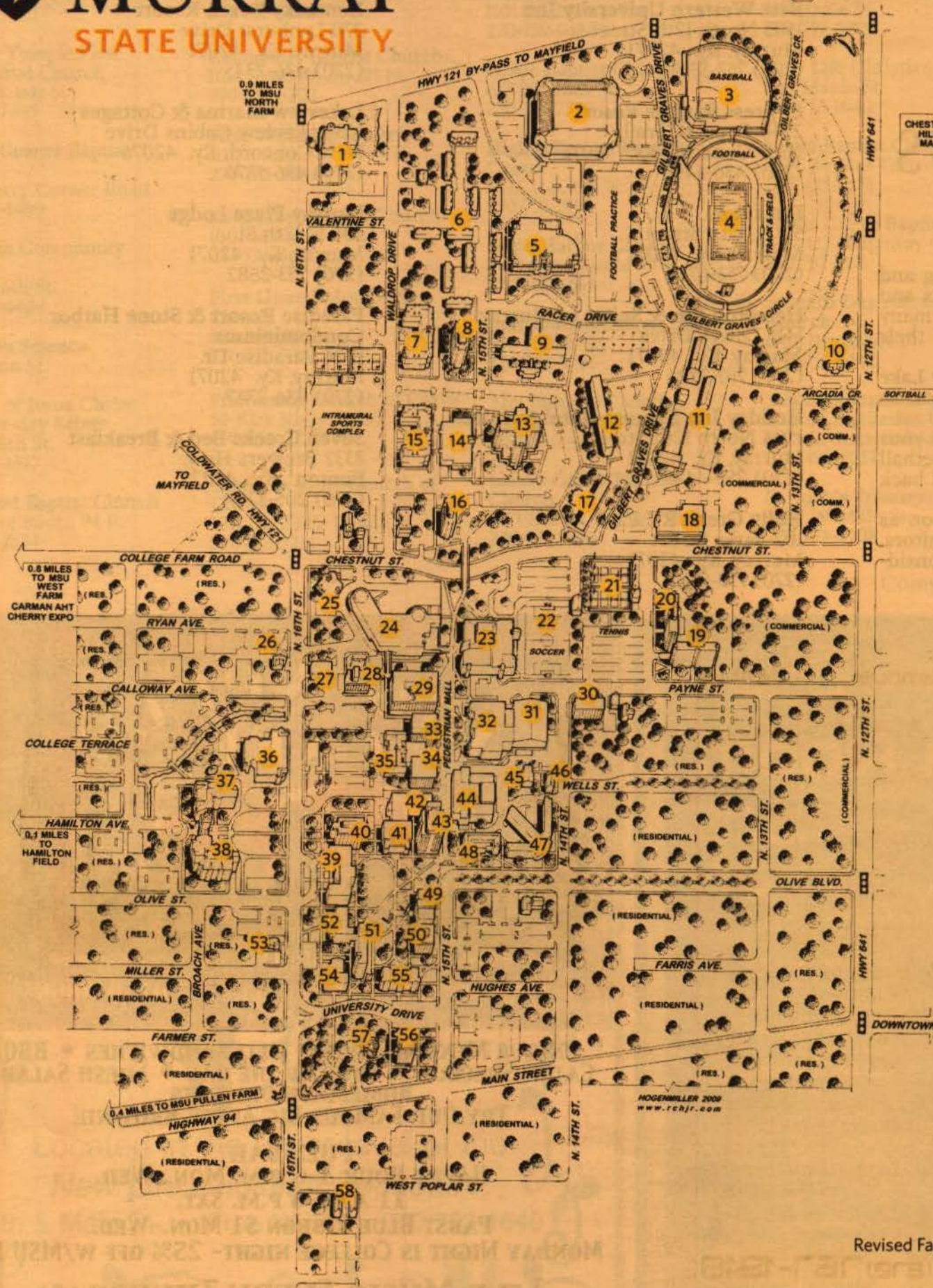
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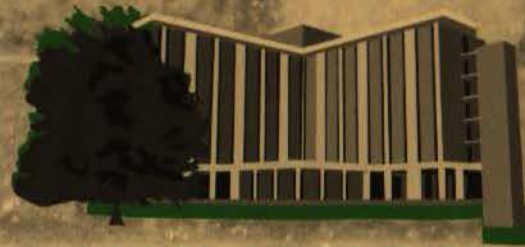
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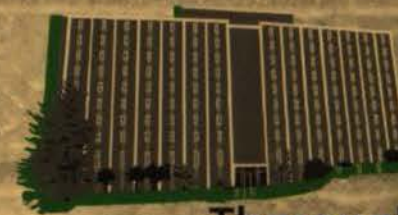
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