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**Racer Dining suffers staff shortages**

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Dining options across Murray State have seen employee shortages this semester, causing many establishments to adjust their hours of operation. Sodexo General Manager Jim Halcombe says the biggest challenge is finding students to work during busy hours. "Our main challenge is an availability issue," Halcombe said. "Student workers are not available during high volume times, such as lunch and early afternoon due to their class schedules." Halcombe said they are seeing a shortage of full-time and part-time employees, but they are beginning to see more applicants. "We enjoy hiring and working with students throughout our campus locations," Halcombe said. "We typically hire 100-plus student workers. We are currently at approximately 70% of that number." Einstein's Bros. Bagels has seen the most significant impact with the staffing shortage. Einstein's first announced adjusted hours from 2-3 p.m. on Aug. 30, according to the Racer Dining Instagram.

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The last Timely Warning was issued in Feb. 2020. Dionte Berry/The News

**Rapes reported, campus not notified**  
**Campus said criteria to issue Timely Warning was not met**

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Since the start of the semester, rape and harassment reports have been made to the Murray State Police, but the public has not been notified. Halfway through the fall 2021 semester, there were three rapes reported, all during September. Before the pandemic, students, faculty and staff received "Timely Warnings" in accordance with the federal Jeanne Clery Disclosure Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act of 1998, also known as the Clery Act.

According to cleryact.org, the Clery Act serves to ensure transparency between the public and public-private colleges by disclosing crime statistics and records. Murray State released its annual Campus Security and Fire Safety Report on Sept. 27. A part of the report was concerned with Timely Report Warnings. According to the 2021 Campus Security Report, "In an effort to provide timely notice to the campus community in the event that a situation arises, either on or off campus, that in the judgment of the Chief of Police or his designee, constitutes a serious or continuing threat, a campus-wide 'timely warning' will be issued."

Timely warnings give a description of the crime along with crime statistics, and information on how to report certain crimes. One of the last Timely Warnings Murray State received was in Feb. 2020. Murray State Police Chief Jeff Gentry said it is not that Timely Warnings have been forgotten, but there have not been any issues that would be designated as a timely warning. The Timely Warnings only apply to incidents that are ongoing with an unidentified suspect. "The Clery law is very complicated," Gentry said. "We have to find out if it is an ongoing threat? Is the person known? Will the Timely Warning compromise the investigation?"

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**Homecoming makes a comeback**

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Despite all the challenges COVID-19 has brought to campus, Homecoming will return in person this semester. The first Homecoming Parade was held in November of 1941. Since then, Homecoming has been an important Murray State tradition. Last fall, however, Homecoming plans were forced to be modified because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Last year's homecoming celebration consisted of in-person, virtual and hybrid events. This year, all Homecoming events will be in-person and primarily mask-optional. In addition to the in-person events, some events still will be offered in a hybrid format. In order to comply with Racer Health and Safety Guidelines,



Because of COVID-19 the 2019 Homecoming was the last normal homecoming Murray had. File Photo

many Homecoming events will be held outdoors. All indoor events will require guests to wear masks. It also has been highly recommended that those returning for Homecoming be vaccinated against COVID-19. "How we each handle public events during this ongoing pandemic can be a very personal decision, dependent upon vaccination status, age, underlying health conditions and other variables," said Alumni Relations Director Carrie McGinnis.

This year's Homecoming events include: "A Taste of the Arts," sponsored by the college of humanities and fine arts; several reunions such as the 65th Black alumni Reunion, the Golden Reunion and the Football Reunion; "Tent City" and "Racer Run 5k." Tent City, a Murray State tradition of over 30 years, will be returning with 33 tents. Last year, Tent City was hosted in a virtual format.

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**TRIO receives \$550,000 in grants**

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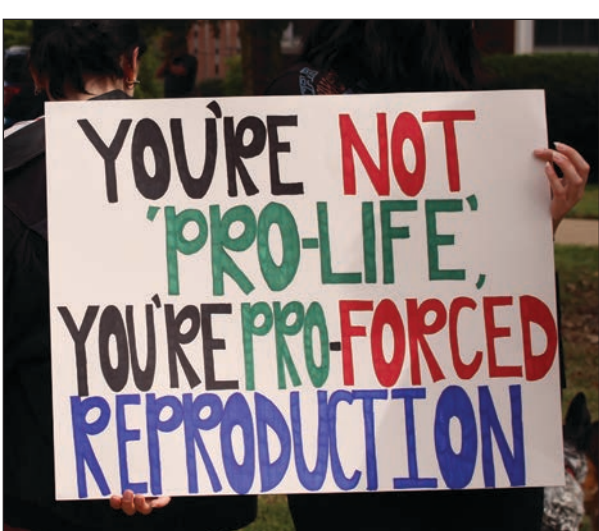
The U.S. Department of Education announced the TRIO Talent Search Program at Murray State would receive \$554,750 to help lower income students. Talent Search, which has operated at Murray since 2016, helps lower-income first generation students prepare for college. The program is one of eight TRIO programs. The grants will be evenly divided among Talent Search East and Talent Search West. Talent Search East assists 500 students in the Christian, Todd and Trigg county school districts. Talent Search West will assist 500 students in Carlisle County, Fulton County, Hickman County, Mayfield, Mayfield Independent and Paducah school districts.

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**MURRAY STATE RELATED COVID-19 CASES**

| Students<br>(Oct. 11 - Oct. 17) | Faculty and Staff<br>(Oct. 11 - Oct. 17) | Weekly Total<br>(Oct. 11 - Oct. 17) | Overall Total<br>(Since Aug. 16 ) |
|---------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 6                               | 3  | 9                                   | 187                               |

# Protest vs activism on campus



Pro-life protesters associated with the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform organized a series of posters in Murray State's free speech zone on Oct. 18 and Oct. 19.

These posters displayed graphic content equating abortion to genocide.

In response, students organized counter protests on both days to spread messages supporting bodily autonomy and denouncing the protestors use of images of aborted fetuses, Nazi symbolism and equating abortion to genocide.

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## Timely Warning, from page 1

A lot of variables must be checked off the list for police to send a timely warning message.

According to the 2021 Campus Security Report, the following crimes can qualify for a timely warning:

- Homicide, murder and manslaughter
- Sexual offenses: rape, sexual harassment, incest and fondling
- Arson
- Robbery and Burglary
- Aggravated assault
- Motor vehicle theft

These incidents further qualify if, under the judgment of the police, there is an ongoing threat, but the following variables also are considered:

- Seriousness of the crime
- When and where the incident took place
- When it was reported
- Time between the incident and the report
- Relationship between the victim and the perpetrator
- Pattern or trends of the specific incidents
- Continued danger to the campus community
- Risk of compromising investigation

An incident would most likely not qualify for a timely warning if it falls under the following:

- An incident is filed more than 10 days after the incident
- A report is filed anonymously or by a third party
- Important information about the incident is not yet known
- The suspect is known or apprehended
- The report is not made in good faith
- The warning would compromise law enforcement efforts
- The report does not pose an ongoing threat

Although some crimes may not fit the list of standards to qualify for a timely warning, some students said the campus body should still be alerted about serious crimes.

Senior TESOL major Abbey Avis said she wishes there was a way for more Timely Warning messages to be issued.

"I have a lot of friends that have had conversations where they've expressed concern of not getting those warnings anymore," Avis said. "Just because, we know that stuff is happening on campus."

Avis also sees it as an injustice to those who were victims, seeing as that they had to endure something traumatic and feel as though

## WHAT IS THE CLERY ACT?

This federal law requires colleges and universities to report campus crime data, support victims of violence, and publicly outline the policies and procedures they have put into place to improve campus safety.

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Murray State abides by the Clery Act by sending students, faculty and staff an annual crime report.

nothing is done to spread awareness or actions of prevention.

"I feel like it is an injustice to victims on campus to not talk about it," Avis said. "I just feel like silence is never the right answer, and if we as a campus are not talking about it I just feel like it looks really bad if we don't, because that kind of almost to me, like I know it's not their [the University] intention, but to me, it almost feels like we don't care enough to talk about it."

Junior English literature major Rachel Kidd said more needs to be done and there should be a shift in approach in keeping those on campus informed about crimes.

Kidd said the vagueness of the last Timely Warning was not very helpful, and it should not matter

whether or not the person who committed the act is identified.

Despite her discontent with the rules for Timely Warnings, Kidd was still happy they provided some information.

"I appreciate it," Kidd said. "I took the time and I looked at it [Timely Warning] just because this is my campus. I sometimes do walk at night by myself."

As of late, under the jurisdiction of Murray State Police, there have not been crimes that would qualify for Timely Warnings. But there is still the Annual Campus Security and Fire Safety Report for 2021 which was emailed to all faculty, staff and students. For reports on a monthly basis, there is crime data at <http://www.murraystate.edu/crimelog/index.cfm>.

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Einstein's General Manager Audrey Kellett said since Oct. 8, they have been operating normal hours. "We have been back to full operating hours for a week or so," Kellett said. "Prior to that, we had to close for one hour in the afternoon to give employees a lunch break."

Halcombe said the dining office and Sodexo reviewed traffic in each establishment to determine the best time to close and give employees a break.

"We determined which specific venues needed breaks to allow for us to give our employees breaks required by Kentucky law," Halcombe said. "In addition, we reviewed traffic flow by 15-minute counts and worked with Murray State to determine the least obtrusive time for us to do so."

Senior theatre major Kynlee Mohler says she is frustrated with the adjusted hours.

"As a theatre student, we often have late rehearsals," Mohler said. "During our breaks we would run to Einstein's or Market to grab something to eat, but with the adjusted hours we can't do that anymore."

Kellett said employees were working long



Among other campus eateries, Einstein Bros. Bagels has had to close in the middle of the day because of staff shortages.

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weeks, but are working their regular hours again.

"It's getting better," Kellett said. "Supervisors were working [around] 50 [hours]; other employees working 30 [hours] or less."

Kellett said the biggest challenge has been maintaining customer satisfaction.

"Trying to maintain good customer experience with limited staff and keeping the operation staffed from open to close," Kellett said. "Trying to maximize student satisfaction during these trying times."

Halcombe said they have worked hard to increase student employment by running advertisements in The Murray State News and promoting on social media.

"We are running constant social media campaigns as well as utilizing flyers, posters and yard signs to spread the word," Halcombe said. "Anyone, anytime can also apply from the [racerdining.sodexomyway.com](http://racerdining.sodexomyway.com) website."

On Racer Dining's Instagram, some students have complained about the adjusted

hours and have asked for their meal plans to be adjusted.

Halcombe said there are no plans to adjust meal plan rates.

"The past year has been a very challenging time for everyone with constant change and adjustment for impacts beyond our control," Halcombe said. "When making the decision to make temporary minor adjustments to operating hours, we selected times that would be the least impactful for students and also ensured there were always dining options open and available for meal plans and flex plans."



Racer 1 at the 2019 Homecoming parade

File Photo

Homecoming, from page 1

Upwards of 30 alumni reunions also will be on campus for Homecoming. These reunions will include, in addition to the aforementioned reunions, the Alpha Sigma Alpha 75th anniversary and 50th anniversary celebrations for Omega Psi Phi, Delta Sigma Theta and Alpha Kappa Alpha.

Other activities include student activities such as the Homecoming parade, coronation and an Esports tournament.

"Homecoming is a special time where all those that have given their time, talent and treasures to Murray State get to come back to a place they once called home, or maybe even still call home," said junior Student Government Association senator Conor Washburn.

This year's Homecoming parade will be joined by grand marshal Nancy Wells Lovett. Ms. Lovett is the great-granddaughter of Murray State

University founders Rainey T. Wells and Tennessee Wells.

"We thought hosting the family of our founding families as grand marshal tied in nicely with our theme and serves as a terrific spring-board into our Centennial Celebration in 2022," McGinnis said.

This year's homecoming theme is "Years and Counting." The theme is meant to commemorate the nearly century old history and tradition at Murray State.

"I say homecoming is better than Christmas! All the gatherings of old and new friends and you don't have to buy presents," said Jeanie Morgan, advisor to SGA and student organizations. "Excited doesn't begin to tell you how excited I am to have an in-person homecoming."

To learn more about any of the homecoming events, visit the homecoming page on the Murray State website or <https://murraystate.edu/homecoming/>.



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"Our goal is to help students develop academically, socially and emotionally in order to be prepared for postsecondary education," said Talent Search Director Audrey Neal. "We assist them with the process of entering postsecondary education and successfully graduating."

The money pays for program staff, services, resources and supplies to help operate Talent Search, Neal said.

The majority of students who apply for aid from Talent Search attend college after high school. In 2020, more than 309,000 students were enrolled in Talent Search Programs across the United States.

**"I didn't have very much, and programs like TRIO helped me to be where I am today."**

— Alexandria Riddle, senior agricultural science major.

Students and their families must be at least 150% below the poverty level to be eligible for TRIO aid, according to the U.S. Department of Education.

"The Talent Search Grant serves more students and a larger program area than other programs due to the nature of the program," Murray State TRIO Director Melissa Cooper said.

The money Talent Search has received, Cooper says, will help encourage students to reach out. She said that more relationships can be made with participants.

One student at Murray State who received help from Talent Search is senior agricultural science major Alexandria Riddle.

"I went through quite a few financial hardships growing up," Riddle said. "I didn't have very much, and programs like TRIO helped me to be where I am today."

Riddle says she plans to graduate in December. When she graduates, she will be the first member in her family to receive a college education.

Riddle attended the TRIO ACT Boot Camp while in high school. The ACT Boot Camp is meant to teach study skills and prepare students for the ACT.

Riddle says she was employed by TRIO as a student worker for more than a year, adding that all of the staff members were considerate and helped her throughout high school and college.

Riddle said any students who are struggling financially should reach out to TRIO. She said many resources are available and they can help many students like they helped her.

"This program is designed to help students like me succeed," Riddle said. "Work hard and never give up."

# Our View

## Hate speech, misinformation should not be allowed on campus

An anti-abortion protest group brought hate and misinformation to Murray State on Monday, Oct. 18, and Tuesday, Oct. 19. The Center for Bio-Ethical Reform utilized Murray State's Free Speech Space to display horrifyingly graphic images and spread misinformation to students outside the Curris Center.

In a series of massive signs, the Center presented their "Genocide Awareness Project," which discusses how abortion is a genocide of "unwanted, preborn children." The project compares aborted fetuses to victims of the Holocaust, a view that we at The News believe is both grossly inaccurate and a gross misuse of the word "genocide."

As hate speech is not covered by the First Amendment or the University's Outdoor Request Policy, we believe the University has a duty to its students to keep hate speech and misinformation off of campus property.

Organizations like the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform come to different college campuses not to spread awareness about their chosen issues or to exercise their right to free speech, but to get a response from students. They want to rile students up and make them angry in the hopes that someone will get physical, and then they can then sue the universities for damages.

As a public university, there isn't much that Murray State can do to stop these groups from using the Free Speech Space without risking a lawsuit. What the University has failed to recognize, however, is they've already covered themselves in their Outdoor Request Policy.

According to the Outdoor Request Policy, the University can remove speakers from the Free Speech Zone if they:

- Use abusive language which is inherently likely to provoke violent action
- Promote lawless action



Students gathered on Oct. 18 and 19 to denounce the messages from the Center of Bio-Ethical Reform.

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- Make statements of intent to commit violence
- Portray matters obscene under current law
- Speech does not concern lawful activity
- Use speech containing misleading information

The "Genocide Awareness Project" falls into two of these violations. By equating abortion to the Holocaust, the project incorrectly defines both the Holocaust and the term "genocide."

According to the Oxford English Dictionary, genocide is "the deliberate killing of a large number of people from a particular nation or ethnic group with the aim of destroying that nation or group." The group being destroyed, according to the Center, is unborn children.

If fetuses were truly facing genocide, we'd see a huge increase in crimes against pregnant people where the fetus was directly targeted. This is simply not our reality. According to the CDC, 3,747,540 births in the U.S. in 2019. If unborn fetuses were under attack, as the Center claims, that number would be much, much lower.

Comparing abortion to the Holocaust, is incredibly anti-Semitic and dismissive of the tragedy.

Rather than using their platform for any productive use, the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform chooses to incite anger and contempt at the universities they visit. The "Genocide Awareness Project" does not offer any solutions to their issue. Rather, their entire presen-

tation revolves around displaying horrifyingly graphic and misleading images large enough to be seen from great distances.

Murray State allowed these images to remain in plain view throughout the day on Monday and allowed them to return on Tuesday.

Murray State students have already responded to the Center and its message by protesting. On Tuesday, Oct. 19, students took to social media, urging each other to join the protest by making signs and wearing red in order to cover up the graphic images.

We on the Editorial Board call for Murray State to follow its policies and stop allowing groups like the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform to spread hate and misinformation on our campus.



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Senior wide receiver Malik Honeycutt (#2) returned a punt return for a touchdown against the Redhawks in the Racers' 32-31 victory.

# Racers rally in comeback win over SEMO

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A punt return touchdown and last-second field goal propelled the Murray State football team to a 32-31 win on Saturday, Oct. 16, over the SEMO Redhawks.

After leading 16-10 at halftime, the Racers fell behind 31-16 with 15 minutes left in the game. A punt return touchdown from senior wide receiver Malik Honeycutt gave the Racers some momentum in the fourth quarter. As the time wound down, the Racers were able to set up a game winning field goal from junior kicker Aaron Baum.

"Muscle memory took over there," Baum said after the game. "We practice game winning field goal reps at practice and it just felt no different. I knew I struck it well... I just looked up and the celebration was on."

The Redhawks started with the ball and senior running back Geno Hess broke off a 60-yard run on the first play of the game. The run put the Redhawks in the redzone early, but the Racers held them out of the endzone and forced a 40-yard field goal that put the Redhawks up 3-0.

Freshman quarterback DJ Williams was named the starting quarterback for the first time in his career and he made his presence known early on with a 14-yard pass to freshman tight end Cole McDowell and a one-yard touchdown rush to give the Racers a 7-3 lead.

Junior quarterback CJ Ogbonna also made some plays early for SEMO. On the Redhawks' second drive Ogbonna completed a 24-yard pass to graduate wide receiver Zack Smith and a 16-yard pass to senior wide receiver Aaron Alston. Hess capped off the drive with an 11-yard rushing touchdown that put the Redhawks up 10-7 at the end of the first quarter.

The Racers and Redhawks trad-

ed punts over the next two drives. The Racers broke the punt streak on their second drive of the second quarter with a 12-yard rushing touchdown from Williams to put the Racers back on top 13-10.

After forcing another punt by the Redhawks, the Racers had four minutes to score once more before the half. After Williams completed a 28-yard pass to senior wide receiver Malik Honeycutt and a 32-yard pass to senior running back Rodney Castille, the Racers were inside the 10 yard line and looking to strike. But the Redhawks defense held the Racers out of the end zone and forced a field goal to make it 16-10 Racers heading into halftime.

The Racers received the ball to start the second half, but were forced to punt after just three plays. This happened the next two drives for both teams until the Redhawks were able to put a drive together with 9:49 left in the third quarter.

Ogbonna started the drive with a 17-yard pass to Alston, then Hess followed it up with a 12-yard rush that moved the ball up to the Racers 29 yard line. The Redhawks continued to move the ball up the field until Ogbonna took a five-yard rush into the endzone to give the Redhawks a 17-16 lead.

After the Racers were forced to punt again, Hess broke open a 42-yard rush on the first play of the Redhawks' next drive. Just one play later, Hess took a 12-yard rush to the end zone to give the Redhawks a 24-16 lead.

The Redhawks forced another punt by the Racers and started their next drive from the SEMO 30 yard line. The Racers committed two 15-yard penalties on the drive, allowing the Redhawks to score in just four plays with the scoring play being a 26-yard pass from Ogbonna to Smith. As the game headed into the final quarter, the Redhawks led the Racers 31-16.

The Racers came out in the fourth quarter and started to put something together with a 39-yard pass from Williams to junior wide receiver Jacob Bell. Three plays later, Williams found freshman running back Demonta Witherspoon open in the end zone for a 16-yard touchdown to make it 31-22 Redhawks.

On the next drive, the Racers defense forced a punt by the Redhawks. On the return, Honeycutt maneuvered his way through the Redhawks punt team to return the punt 52 yards for a touchdown. With that score, the Racers were down 32-29 with 11:51 left in the game.

Honeycutt said he knew the team needed a spark and it was "my time to shine."

"My number was called," Honeycutt said. "SEMO wasn't aware of where the ball was. They never picked up the ball... I knew once the ball was on the ground and I got it in my hand, I could make something happen."

Honeycutt didn't take all the credit though. He said it took all 11 of the players to make that return happen.

"I depended on all 11 of us to make that play," Honeycutt said. "My teammates made some amazing blocks out there. But it wasn't just me who made that return, it was everyone on that field."

After the touchdown, neither defense was willing to give in. In the six drives following the punt, five of them ended in a punt and one ended in a turnover on downs for the Racers.

The Redhawks' final drive ended in a punt which Honeycutt returned 19 yards to put the Racers at their own 35 yard line with just 1:02 left in the game.. Williams started the drive with a 10-yard rush, then completed a 24-yard pass to Witherspoon, then followed that up with another 12-yard run.

The Racers picked up two more yards with a Witherspoon rush,

then prepared for a field goal attempt from junior kicker Aaron Baum with five seconds left. The Redhawks called a timeout in an attempt to ice Baum, but his kick was still right down the middle. The Racers completed the 15 point comeback to defeat the Redhawks by a score of 32-31.

Baum said he wanted a field goal from further back if possible, but he's just glad that he made the final kick.

"I always love a long game winner," Baum said. "I watched DJ go down and pick up some extra yardage to make it statistically a better kick. It was awesome. I knew it was gonna come down to it when we were out of timeouts."

Head Coach Dean Hood said this game was a great team win after dealing with the "swings of the game."

"Our guys were phenomenal with going out and encouraging each other," Hood said. "When the offense made a mistake, the defense went out. When the defense made a mistake, the offense made out. Special teams played great the whole game. There were some critical plays with every part of our special teams."

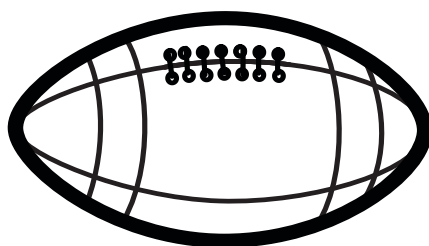
According to ESPN, the Racers had just a 6% chance of winning the game with 2:34 left in the game. Hood said The projections are something that coaches look at but they aren't always right.

"If you give us six percent, you better watch out," Hood said. "We look at those things as coaches but really it comes down to necessities. We had to really go for it there. We felt like Baum was really good from 60... Did a great job overall. Malik got us some yards then the offense went out there and got it done."

Murray State sits at 3-3 on the season following the win over SEMO. The Racers return home on Saturday, Oct. 23, to take on Austin Peay in the annual "Battle of the Border" game for homecoming. Kickoff is set for 2 p.m.

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## Football Stats



32

438

70

Points:

Yards:

Tackles:

31

371

89

# Volleyball sweeps Tennessee Tech at home

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The Murray State volleyball team added two wins to their record as they swept a two-game series against Tennessee Tech University on Friday, Oct. 15, and Saturday, Oct. 16, at Racer Arena.

## Game One

The Racers swept the first game, winning in three straight sets against the Golden Eagles.

The Golden Eagles jumped out to a quick 11-5 lead in the first set. The Racers fought back, rattling off five straight points, but still trailed 14-12. However, an 8-1 run put the Racers on top at 24-20, with kills from freshman outside hitter Alexa Harris and sophomore opposite hitter Jayla Holcombe and service aces from freshman outside hitter Brooke Lynn Watts and senior libero Becca Fernandez. Another kill from Harris sealed the set at 25-21.

The teams began the second set by trading points, tying the score at 10. With a 6-0 run, the Racers were able to take the lead at 16-10 with kills from senior middle blocker Kolby McClelland and freshman setter Bailey DeMier. Both teams scored back-and-forth, until a kill from Harris finished the set at 25-18.

Murray State led the third set 5-4 with kills from Holcombe, Harris, Watts and sophomore middle blocker Taylor Beasley. The Racers didn't look back as they refused to let the Golden Eagles take the lead from them.

The score stayed close between the teams, with the Racers' biggest lead being four points at 16-12. However, the Racers were able to close out the set at 25-21, taking the match 3-0.

Harris led the Racers' offense with 17 kills and a .548 hitting percentage with no errors. Watts and McClelland each finished with nine kills and Holcombe counted six.

Fernandez collected 11 digs to lead the defense while Watts and Harris counted eight and seven respective digs. DeMier tallied 39 assists.

## Game Two

Murray State won the second game of the series in four sets against Tennessee Tech.

The teams fought back-and-forth in the first set, tying the score at 15 with kills from McClelland, Watts, Beasley, Holcombe, Harris and DeMier along with a solo block from Holcombe and block assists from Holcombe and McClelland. The Racers were able to get game point at 24-23, but with three straight blocks, the Golden Eagles were able to steal the set at 26-24.

Tennessee Tech grabbed the lead early in the second set at 6-4. However, an 11-3 run put Murray State ahead 15-9. The Racers extended their lead to 23-15 when a block by McClelland and a kill from Watts finished the set 25-16.

Murray State opened the third set with three straight service aces from DeMier. Kills from DeMier, Harris, McClelland and sophomore middle blocker Darci Metzger advanced the Racers' lead



Photo courtesy of Racer Athletics

Freshmansetter baiey DeMier assisted on 77 points for the Racers in their sweep over Tennessee Tech.

to 8-3. The Golden Eagles were able to shorten the gap to 14-13 with the Racers still in the lead. Four straight points gave the Racers a 23-17 lead, but three attack errors from the Racers made the score 24-22. However, with a block from Metzger and Holcombe and a kill from McClelland, the Racers closed out the set 25-22.

The fourth set was a game of runs for each team. A kill from Metzger, two kills from Watts and two service aces from DeMier gave the Racers a quick 5-1 lead. The Golden Eagles responded with a 5-0 run of their own, making the score 7-6. From there, the Racers went on a 10-1 run to regain the lead at 17-10 with kills from McClelland, Harris and Watts, a block from McClelland and Watts and a service

ace apiece from Harris and sophomore defensive specialist Dahlia Miller. The Racers finished the fourth set 25-16, with three straight points including a kill from Harris and a service ace from Miller, to take the match 3-1.

Watts finished with 16 kills to lead the offense, followed by McClelland with 10 kills and Holcombe and Harris with eight kills each.

Fernandez led the defense with 17 kills, followed by DeMier, who finished with 10 digs, 38 assists and seven service aces. Miller contributed nine digs and three service aces while Watts added eight digs.

The Racers will hit their home court again to start off Homecoming Weekend on Thursday, Oct. 22, and Friday, Oct. 23, against Tennessee State University at 6 p.m. both days.

# Soccer drops close game to UT Martin

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The Murray State soccer team traveled to Martin, Tennessee, to take on the University of Tennessee at Martin on Sunday, Oct. 17, where the Racers dropped the game 2-1 against the Skyhawks.

The three goals of the game were all scored within 10 minutes of each other. The Skyhawks were the first on the board, scoring in the 30th minute of the first half. The Racers fought back in the 35th minute when sophomore defender Riley Johnson found the net, tying the score at one. The Skyhawks scored the final goal of the game in the 40th minute to take the lead, winning 2-1 and leaving the entire second half scoreless.

The Skyhawks outshot the Racers 10-9, but the Racers finished with four shots on goal compared to three from the Skyhawks. In addition, Murray State shot seven corner kicks while UT Martin shot one.

Junior goalkeeper Jenna Villacres finished the game with one save while sophomore defender Audrey Henry, graduate forward Rebecca Kubin and Johnson each finished with two shots. The match brought the Racers' overall record to 8-7 and 3-3 in conference.

The Racers compete again on Thursday, Oct. 21, in Cookeville, Tennessee, against Tennessee Tech University at 7 p.m.

# Upcoming Games

## Murray State vs. Eastern Illinois

Thursday, Oct 21 at 6 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 22 at 6 p.m.

## Murray State vs. Trevecca Nazarene

Friday, Oct. 22 at 4 p.m.

## Murray State vs Olney Central

Friday, Oct. 22 at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

## Murray State vs. Austin Peay

Saturday, Oct. 23 at 2 p.m.

## Murray State vs Austin Peay

Sunday, Oct. 24 at 1 p.m.

# 2021 Miss Shelby County shares career goals

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Shelby County's Fair Queen is exploring her passions through agricultural communications at Murray State.

Junior Macey Heselton, 2021 Miss Shelby County, said she has taken on the responsibility of representing Shelby County to all her peers here at Murray.

"I came to Murray for its wonderful agriculture program, and I'm so excited to represent my county to my fellow agriculture majors," Heselton said.

When she graduates, Heselton said she hopes to work in public relations for the Illinois Farm Bureau with the intention to inform others about agriculture.

Heselton said she wants to stand out in her career field.

Apart from being crowned county fair queen, she decided to accomplish her goal with hands-on work experience and leadership roles.

"I worked on a GMO farm over the summer and was also a section officer of the FFA at my high school," Heselton said.

Although agriculture is a main component of her degree, she must also be able to communicate with others in her field.

Becoming county fair queen helped her communication skills by giving her many different



Macey Heselton was crowned 2021 Miss Shelby County at the Shelby County Fair in June.

Photo courtesy of Macey Heselton

public speaking opportunities.

As far as her other endeavors, Heselton is very passionate about the Baptist Campus Ministry. She said she enjoys being

around other members of BCM.

"I met Macey through the campus ministry and we have been working on the leadership team together," said Megan

Popplewell, Heselton's church mentor. "She has done great things for the team and I am so thankful to be working by her side."

## The News Reviews: 'Juno' by Remi Wolf

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Just two years into her music career, Remi Wolf released her highly anticipated debut album, "Juno," on Friday, Oct. 15.

The California native first appeared on American Idol in 2014 during her senior year of high school. After finishing her studies at the USC Thornton School of Music, Wolf self-released her first EP in October 2019. Now, two years later, her debut album has finally arrived after she picked up a lot of steam in 2021.

Wolf's style is best described as a fusion between funk and pop, with many groovy baselines and plenty of poppy synths across her songs. Across the "Juno" album, Wolf shows she's not afraid to try something new, especially with how different some of the songs sound.

The album kicks off with "Liquor Store," one of the singles released prior to the album. From the get-go, electric guitar riffs and banging drums demand our attention. Wolf's subject matter on the song is a bit all over the place—something that's recurring across the album, but the catchy chorus and fun instrumental helps the listener move past that and enjoy the song as a whole. As of the writing of this article, the song is the most streamed on the album with nearly 3.5 million streams.

The following song shows influence from the person the song is actually named after, "Anthony Kiedis," lead singer of the Red Hot Chili Peppers. The chorus is super catchy on this

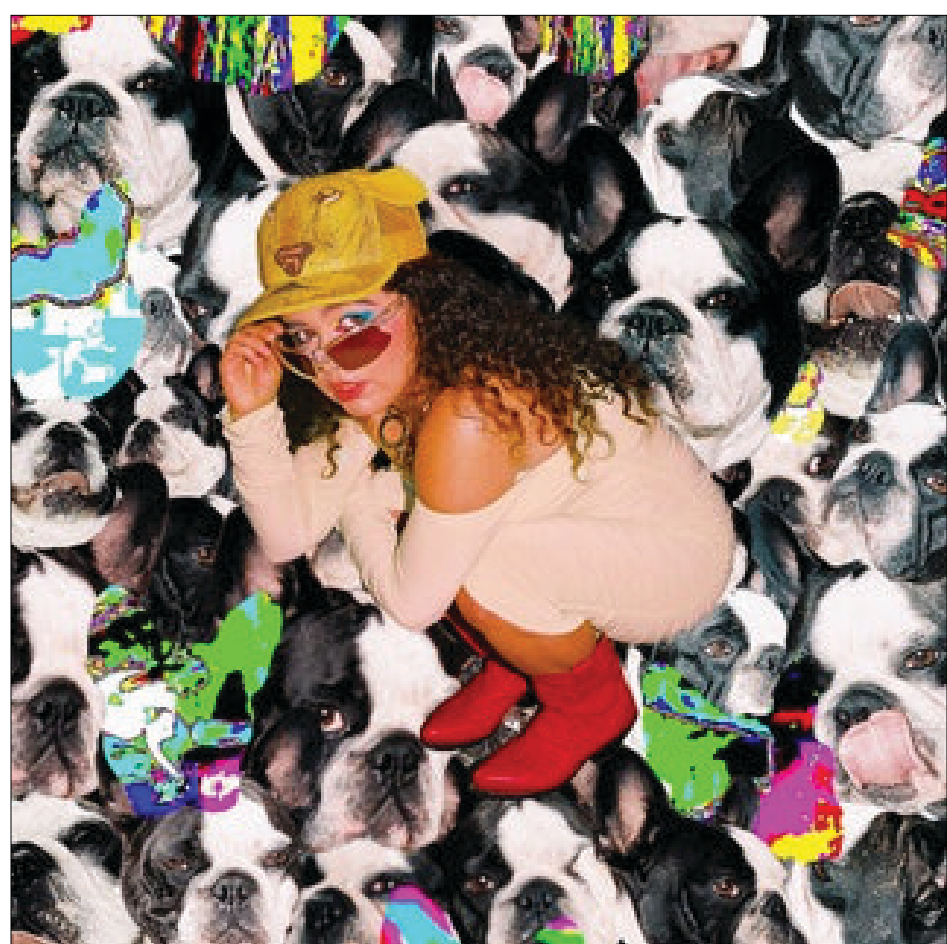
song, and name drops the Chili Peppers, showing just how much influence the band has over Wolf's music. The instrumental is similar to the first song with a bass line that makes you move and drums that once again demand attention.

"Wyd" is a bit of a change of style as a new acoustic guitar takes the lead, but the drums are still right in your ears. Wolf's singing is something to be in awe of as she's able to hit these notes that work very well. She also has a certain flow throughout the song that makes your ears perk up and listen closely to what she's saying.

"Guerilla" takes on an electronic style, with some very groovy synths and a small bass drop here and there that gives this song a distinct difference from other songs on the album. Wolf is able to maneuver her way through the song with some catchy bars that make this song a must listen.

The fifth song, "Quiet on Set," is a highlight of the album. With by far one of the catchiest choruses on the album and an instrumental that makes you dance along, you simply cannot go wrong with this song. The chorus discusses her wrongs in life and how much she loves being the "bad girl." The "Debbie downer" portion of the song right before the final chorus makes you sing along with Wolf, just proving how good her pen skills are.

Wolf's combination of synths and acoustic guitar on "Volcano" provides one of the best instrumentals on the album. Her chorus, despite it just being her saying "volcano" over and over again, is still rather catchy just



Remi Wolf's album cover features her against a background of dogs.

Photo courtesy of Spotify

simply because of the way she delivers. The second half of the song sees a bit of a beat switch, from a funky drum set to some more modern high-hats and a very groovy synthesized guitar, making it that much more enjoyable.

"Front Tooth" is a very different track from the rest, as it takes on more of a hip-hop element. It makes sense as hip-hop producer Kenny Beats was on production for the song. The chorus name drops UFC fighter Connor McGregor, comparing her life to getting kicked in the mouth and losing her front tooth. A different track but still an enjoyable listen.

"Grumpy Old Man" is a bit of a weird track as Wolf depicts the stereotypical grumpy old man in the chorus. Yet, it has its charm

and you still feel the need to sing along with her throughout the song.

The closing track "Street You Live On" is such a great closer. It's a simple love track, but it's something new and refreshing from Wolf, which catches you off guard at first. But as the track goes on, you catch yourself bobbing your head and singing along with the chorus.

"Juno" by Remi Wolf is one of my favorite debut albums of 2021 so far. Her style is so different from current pop that it's refreshing. Her writing on the album and use of guitar and drums makes the project very pleasing sonically. The album gets an 8.5 out of 10. The creativity from Wolf is something that I think many artists should look into from now on.

**CORRECTION:** An article titled "Medical director addresses vaccine misinformation" published in the lifestyle section of the Sept. 23 edition of The News contained an error. The correct information should read, "According to a study conducted by the U.S. military, only 23 out of 2 million vaccinated males experienced heart inflammation."

# Advertising student pursues dream with sports podcast

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Junior advertising major Mason Schmidt joined a sports podcast to chase his dream of becoming a sports analyst.

Schmidt said his passion for sports originated when he was young. Upon graduating high school, Schmidt came to the realization that he had a love for sports analytics.

During his freshman year, Schmidt majored in computer science; however this did not stop him from chasing after his career goal of sports reporting and analysis. Schmidt made the decision early on that he was not going to push his love for sports aside while being in college. Instead, he decided to join his friend's podcast called "The Penalty Box." Jacob Fogle started this podcast in 2019 to provide commentary on different games and topics within the sports industry.

"I always thought it was cool that Jacob had a podcast about sports," Schmidt said. "So I thought, why not be a part of it and add something to the podcast that Jacob can't—sports analytics and my own commen-



Photo courtesy of Mason Schmidt  
Mason Schmidt is part of the sports commentary podcast "The Penalty Box."

tary."

Schmidt made his first appearance on "The Penalty Box" in April 2020, where he came to the realization that he had found his passion for sports commentary. Not only did Schmidt love reporting and analyzing, but he also realized

that with this podcast came a lot of advertising. Thanks to Schmidt's debut on "The Penalty Box," he changed his major from computer science to advertising with a minor in sports communication.

Within this major, Schmidt found his home in Wilson Hall

where he has been inspired by the faculty, especially Assistant Professor of Advertising Kenneth Kim. Schmidt has only had Kim as a professor for two months, but Schmidt said that he is already having a significant impact on him as a person and future sports analyst.

"My first impression of Mason was that he is a polite, well-behaved person who has a strong passion for journalism, media and communications," Kim said.

Kim said he sees potential in Schmidt for a future career in advertising.

"I see Mason being a great media critique writer," Kim said. "Within two months, Schmidt's potential has already been seen by those who have had very little interaction with him."

Schmidt said "The Penalty Box" is a podcast that pertains to a targeted audience of those who value unedited reactions, opinions and commentary on sports. Schmidt plans to do whatever he can in order to grow the podcast as a whole and reach bigger audiences. As long as it involves sports, Schmidt plans to be a part of it.

Tune in weekly on listennote.com to keep up with Schmidt and his sports analytics on "The Penalty Box."

# Seminar addresses implicit bias, male privilege in STEM

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Dean Rudolph Buchheit of the University of Kentucky College of Engineering presented a seminar on implicit bias surrounding women in male-dominated fields that can impact decision making during hiring, promotion and advancement.

"It all starts, really, with a reminder to yourself and to those you may be in the decision-making process with that we all have implicit bias to contend with," Buchheit said.

The presentation was titled, "Developing Majority Allies to Advance Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in the Academy." Murray State's ADVANCE Grant funded the seminar.

Buchheit particularly addressed the inclusion of women in traditionally underrepresented academic fields such as STEM.

Buchheit said those with privilege have a responsibility to acknowledge it.

"It's nothing you did," Buchheit said. "That's just the way the system and our country is, but you have responsibilities. Are white men aware of the privilege that they enjoy? Men can forget about privilege because they don't need to think about it, because men don't have to experience this."

Despite advocating for equity, Buchheit admitted he was not always aware of the problems women face in his field of engineering.

"Until 2014, I never associated privilege with the collection of benefits that I got," Buchheit said. "You have to resist the tendency to defend yourself by stating that you are more progressive than most men when it comes to gender diversity."

As a takeaway, Buchheit told attendees to start small by acting as ambassadors in promoting diversity awareness.

"Work with the willing," Buchheit said. "Let's not worry about

the people who aren't here right now. Let's start with this group."

Maeve McCarthy, a mathematics professor and the assistant dean of the Jones College of Science, Engineering & Technology, serves as the principal investigator of Murray State's Catalyst Grant. The grant is aimed at maintaining the recruitment, retention and promotion of women faculty in STEM. McCarthy said ADVANCE has been focusing on implicit bias, particularly toward women in STEM fields.

"It was great to have Dr. Buchheit here," McCarthy said. "He's been here all day visiting with us. He came in last night and met with some of our project investigators, and he's been helpful in sharing some of his experiences at Ohio State University and UK."

McCarthy said Buchheit plays a large role in diversity programs at the University of Kentucky.

"He's been very involved in advocate and ally programs there to increase male responsibilities for women's issues on campus there," McCarthy said.

Robin Zhang, chair of the department earth and environmental sciences and co-PI of the Catalyst Grant, said she believes men can be equally as aware of gender disparities in the workforce as women are.

"It's a learning experience," Zhang said. "Just as any type of disparity, closing the gap would take all of us. When we have more advocates like Dr. Buchheit, it will promote awareness and advance gender equity."

The ADVANCE Grant, funded by the National Science Foundation, has been at Murray State since 2016. The University is on its second grant from ADVANCE so far, and Buchheit's presentation was just one event aimed at making an impact on women in STEM.

According to the University's ADVANCE page, "In this presentation, approaches for elevating DEI awareness and teaching practical skills to majority men are discussed. These approach-

es build from workshop-based engagements to develop interest and awareness of socially reinforced implicit bias and how it manifests in the behaviors and decision-making that determines how the academic community operates."

ADVANCE will host a seminar presented by Pamela Harris and Aris Winger titled "Fostering Faculty Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Through Advocacy" on Oct. 26 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. in Engineering and Physics Room 1303.

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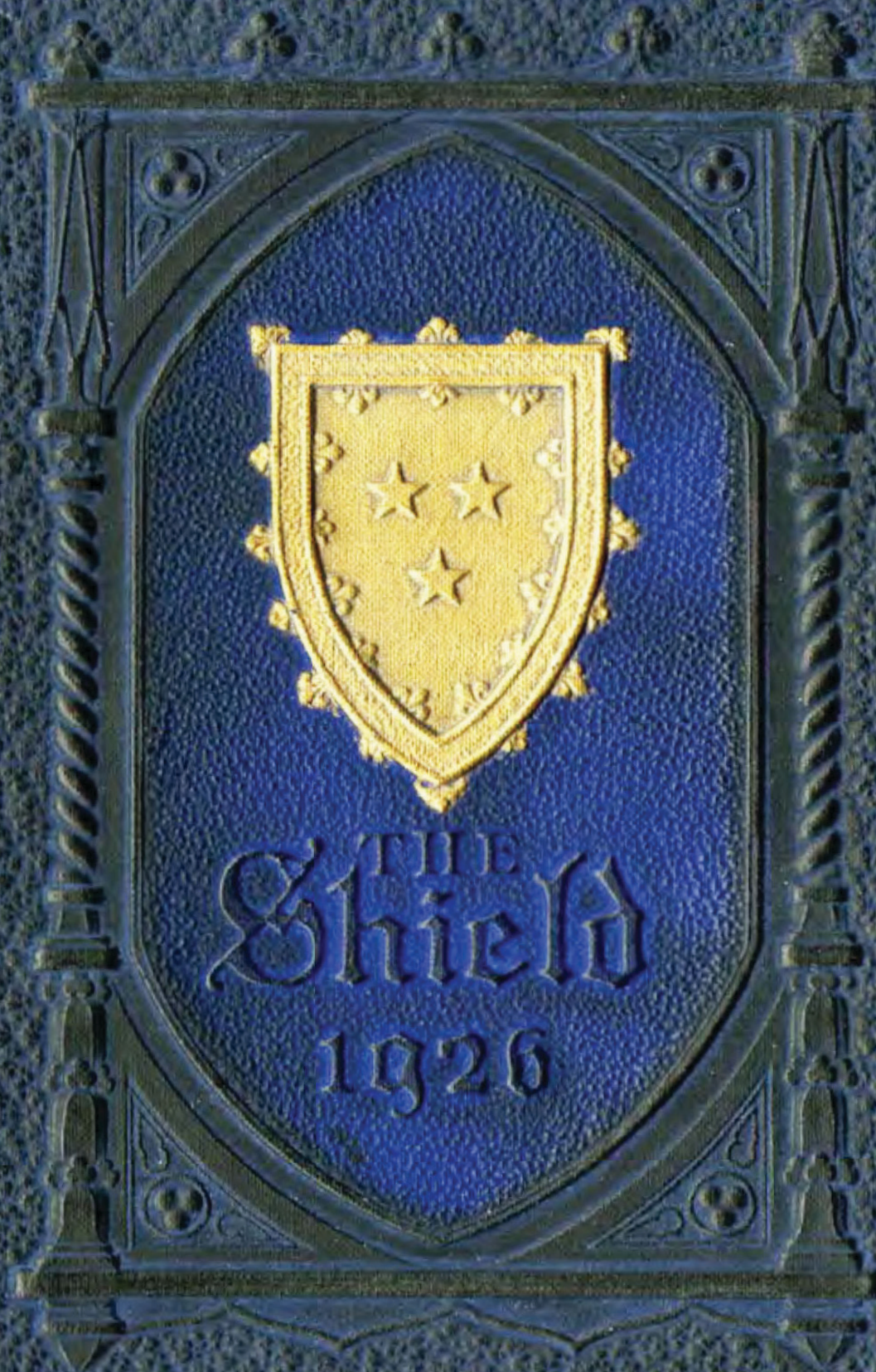
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# Letter from the Editor

It's an honor to welcome alumni back to Murray State, after the past year the world has endured. Although it's littered the news more than we have wished, COVID-19 has been a big societal obstacle.

This time last year, I could not imagine such festivities happening. I'm happy to see that we are able to gather again and celebrate events like homecoming again. In Fall 2020, most of my days were spent looking at people through a computer screen. Although COVID-19 still affects us, it's great that we are able to safely come together.

Along with students and alumni, I am excited to see

the support from the greater Murray community.

Never before have I seen a town collectively rally around a school the way the city of Murray supports Murray State.

As a junior, I am lucky enough to experience one normal homecoming, going to tent city, enjoying the parade and cheering for the Racers at the football game. I am also lucky to be able to experience another homecoming as a student.

Not only am I happy to see the alumni able to come back and celebrate, but I'm happy for the students who haven't experienced a homecoming yet will be able to do so.

I look forward to being in the stands cheering for our Racers against our rival school, Austin Peay.

Football may not be having their best season, but I am hopeful our team, backed by the pride and support of students, alumni and the great Murray community can bring home the win.

Let's get ready to support our Racers and show up and show out. Shoes up.

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Photo from the 2019 Homecoming parade.

# Homecoming is back on campus

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Homecoming, a beloved tradition on college campuses across the country, has been no exception to the array of events canceled because of COVID-19 concerns. However, the tradition is making a comeback to Murray State this fall.

Courtney Rager, a senior communication disorders major and candidate for Homecoming Queen, said the return of homecoming is a source of excitement.

“Of course having a number of MSU events back after the COVID break feels great, but knowing homecoming is getting to happen as well is a completely

different joy,” Rager said. “Homecoming is not only an event current students love and enjoy but also past ones and faculty and staff.”

Despite the continual presence of the pandemic, Rager said homecoming will foster unity.

“I love the fact homecoming unites so many individuals and brings us all together for one commonality, our love for Murray State,” Rager said.

Rager said homecoming is a reflection of campus values.

“To me, homecoming is essential to our campus community to be able to understand the rich tradition of coming back to the campus that has given so much to the individual,” Rager

said. “I also feel that MSU overall embodies a campus that fosters a true community that values each student.”

Rager said this is a bittersweet homecoming for her, but it is also special because she is one of few individuals to be on the Homecoming Court.

“As someone who has only experienced three years at MSU and already a senior, I have had many experiences taken away as a result of COVID,” Rager said. “I have been anxiously awaiting for next weekend for so long and cannot believe it’s almost here.”

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A promotional poster for a Halloween event. The background is dark with a large full moon, a silhouette of a castle, and a jack-o'-lantern. The text is in a stylized, white, outlined font. The event is titled "HIGH NOON MOON" and "HALLOWEEN THROWDOWN". It is held at "Big Apple GRILL & BAR" on "1005 Arcadia Cir. Murray, KY 42071" on "OCTOBER 30th". The event starts at "8 PM" and is a "COSTUME PARTY". Prizes are available to the "TOP THREE WINNERS". The cover charge is "\$5 Cover".

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Photos from the 2015 Homecoming Football game.



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The Racettes performing at the 2019 Homecoming parade.

### Homecoming, from page 3

Kristen Lyons, a middle school education major and another candidate for Homecoming Queen, said the tradition of homecoming builds community.

"I am so excited to have a normal homecoming," Lyons said. "You don't realize how important traditions are until they get taken away. I know that there is a whole class of Racers who have never experienced a normal homecoming. I am so happy that it is back."

Lyons said homecoming is important because it helps campus organizations become recognized.

"Homecoming is one event that brings everyone together," Lyons said. "Every organization participates, alumni and past faculty and staff come back

and we all get together to honor and recognize this wonderful university."

Mollie Beck, an elementary education major and Homecoming Queen candidate, expressed similar sentiments.

"It is the biggest event that showcases the love of our community," Beck said. "With many businesses and organizations outside of Murray State participating in the homecoming parade each year, you can sense the pride our small town has for Murray State."

Beck also expressed enthusiasm for the return of alumni to campus.

"The swell of alumni returning to revisit a time of their lives that they hold so dear just rekindles the love of being in the Racer family," Beck said.

Beck said it is incredible to have homecoming back.

"Goodness, I have missed it," Beck said. "The anticipation of the traditional Murray State homecoming has been building for weeks. It is truly the best day of the year for Racer Nation."

For those who have never experienced a normal homecoming, Beck said this year will be especially unique.

"I am thrilled to see so many students experience a true homecoming this year," Beck said. "It will definitely make it even more memorable."

A schedule for all of this week's homecoming events, including those for students and alumni, can be found at [murraystate.edu/homecoming](http://murraystate.edu/homecoming).

## 2021 Homecoming Schedule of Events

All registration links can be found at  
<https://www.murraystate.edu/homecoming/reunions.aspx>

### Thursday, Oct. 21

- 5-9 p.m. College of Humanities and Fine Arts Annual Wine Tasting, dinner, and auction in Murray Room. CSFB Center. RSVP Required.
- 8 p.m. Early Bird Gathering @ ATO House
- 9 p.m. Ques Meet and Greet @ Big Apple Cafe. Registration required.

### Friday, Oct. 22

- 9 a.m. ATO Golf Scramble at the Murray Country Club, 2200 College Farm Road.
- 10 a.m. Alpha Sigma Phi Alumni Golf Scramble at Miller Golf Course, 2814 Pottertown Road.
- 11 a.m. Dean's Circle Luncheon at the Hall of Benefactors in Heritage Hall
- 3:30 p.m. Library Open House at Waterfield Library
- 5 p.m. Golden Reunion in the Murray Room at the CFSB Center. Registration required.
- 5 p.m. Racer Football Reunion in the Dennis Jackson Room
- 5:30 p.m. Hutson School of Agriculture Alumni Pinic at the Cherry Expo Center. Registration required.
- 6 p.m. Alpha Kappa Alpha 50th Anniversary Meet and Greet at the Sid Easley Alumni Center
- 6 p.m. Omega Psi Phi Fraternity 50th Anniversary Banquet at the Pogue Special Collections Library
- 6 p.m. Zeta Phi Beta 20th Anniversary Dinner at the Murray-Calloway Fairgrounds Facility, 211 Fairgrounds Road
- 6:30 p.m. MSU Black Alumni Receptions and Awards Program at the Upper Concourse of the CFSB Center
- 7-9:30 p.m. Alpha Sigma Alpha Social - free t-shirts at the Big Apple Cafe

- 7 p.m. Alpha Sigma Phi Alumni Meet and Greet at the Oaks Country Club, 363 Oaks Country Club Road
- 8 p.m. ATO Alumni Meeting at the ATO House
- 9:30 p.m. Black Alumni Reunion Masquerade Party at the CFSB Center, Upper Concourse

### Saturday, Oct. 23

- 8-9:30 a.m. COEHS Homecoming Breakfast at Murray Middle School. Registration Required
- 8-9:30 a.m. M-Club Breakfast at the Murray Room of the CFSB Center. Registration Required
- 9:30 a.m. Homecoming Parade on Main St. from 4th St to 13th St.
- 10 a.m. Race for the Homecoming Cup, Varisty Rowing vs Murray Rowing Society at the Racer Rowing Boathouse, Kenlake State Park
- 10:30 a.m. Tent City at Roy Stewart Stadium
- 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. School of Nursing and Health Professions Brunch outside Waterfield Library. Registration available
- 11 a.m. National Pan-Hellenic Council Plaza Groundbreaking next to Waterfield Library
- 11 p.m. SGA Annual Picture at the south end of Stewart Stadium under the scoreboard
- 2 p.m. The Racers vs Austin Peay Governors at Roy Stewart Stadium
- 5:30 p.m. NPHC Reception at the Curris Center
- 6:30 p.m. Alpha Sigma Alpha Formal Banquet at the Murray Country Club, 2200 College Farm Road
- 7 p.m. Racer Rowing Reception
- 7:30-10 p.m. NPHC Step Show at the Curris Center. Tickets available at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nphc-reunion-step-show-tickets-151625234157>
- 8 p.m. Ques Alumni Bash at Spring Hill Suites. Registration Required.

### Sunday, Oct. 24

- 10 a.m. Black Alumni Reunion Sunday Best
- 3:30 p.m. Concert Choir and Treble Chorus Concert at St. Leo Catholic Church, 401 North 12th St.

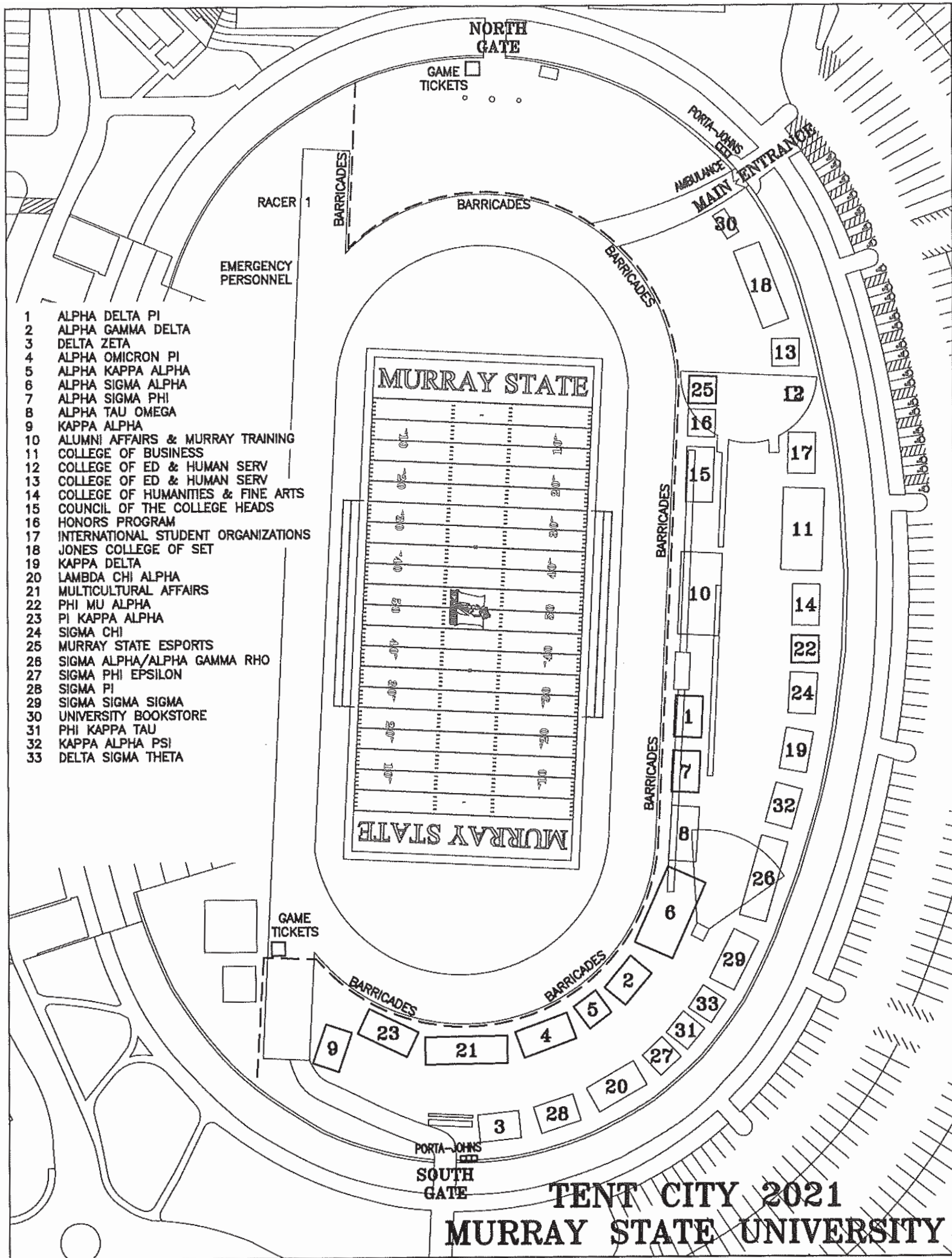


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Ellie McGowan, sophomore agriculture business major, is the chief of staff for SGA. She is also the philanthropy and fundraising chair for the Murray State Ag-Business Club and part of 2021 Racer Nation Orientation Team.



Courtney Rager, senior communication disorders major, is a College of Education and Human Services student ambassador. She's also in Alpha Gamma Delta, National Student Speech Language Hearing Association and SGA.



Mollie Beck, senior elementary education major, was an orientation leader and is the vice president of recruitment for Alpha Gamma Delta. She is also the president of the College of Education and Human Services Student Ambassadors.



Jaclyn Paige Carter, senior nursing major, is the president of Zeta Phi Beta and a member of Emerging Scholars Institute.

"It would be an honor to represent the school I fell in love with over the years," Carter said.



Kristen Lyons, senior middle school education major, is a member of Alpha Gamma Delta. She is a College of Education and Human Services student ambassador. She is also a member of Educators Rising Collegiate.

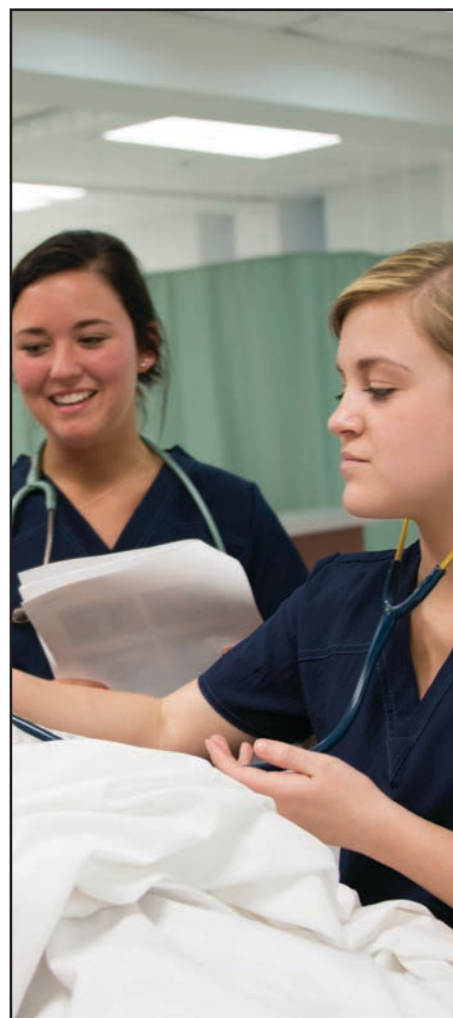


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Hayden Smee, junior engineering physics major, is involved in the Murray State Student Ambassadors, School of Engineering Ambassadors and Honors College Ambassadors. He is also a member of the Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society and the Honors Student Council.

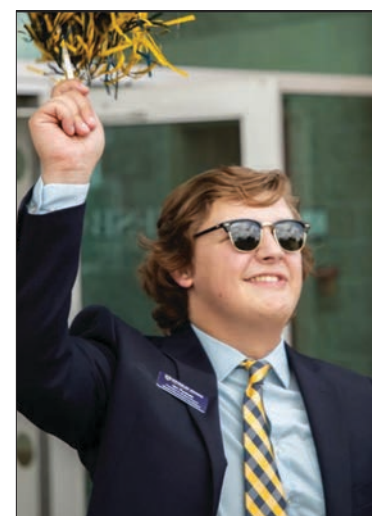


Senior Zaid Haija is a member of Pi Kappa Alpha and was nominated by the Order of Omega.

“I am greatly honored to have been nominated... I am thankful for all the opportunities that Murray State has provided me and it would be a privilege to represent this great insitution,” Haija said.

Senior Walter Steely was first runner-up in the Mr. MSU Pageant. He is also a member of Alpha Sigma Phi.

“It is an absolute honor to be on Homecoming Court,” Steely said. “...I always loved watching the parade and seeing the court, and to be on it senior year is a dream come true,” Steely said.



Ian Puckett, senior history major, is the president of SGA. He is a student regent and a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

“I am honored to be on the Homecoming Court this year with my lifelong friend, Mollie Beck,” Puckett said. “We love Murray State more than anyone.”

Ty Allen, senior biology/preoptometry major, is the SGA Chief Justice of the Judicial Board. He is also involved in UNICEF and Pre-Health Professionals.

“I want to use this pedestal of homecoming court to impact positive change and shine a light onto... Murray State University,” Allen said.



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# Racers look to end losing streak against Governors

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Homecoming is known for many things in schools across the country, but one of the biggest events for Murray State's Homecoming is the annual football game.

This year, the Murray State football team is set to take on rival school Austin Peay in the annual "Battle Of The Border" game for homecoming.

The Racers are 36-18 all time against the Governors. Their biggest victory over the Governors came in 2016, when the Racers traveled to Austin Peay and won by a score of 45-17; however, the Governors have won the last four meetings between the two teams.

The Racers currently sit at 3-3 overall, including their comeback win over SEMO on Saturday, Oct. 15, and their victory over Eastern Illinois on Oct. 2. They have put up a total of 130 points this season and have gained 1112 yards across their six games.

Freshman running back Demonta Witherspoon leads the Racers in rushing with 425 rushing yards, four rushing touchdowns, 144 receiving yards and a receiving touchdown. Senior wide receiver Malik Honeycutt leads the Racers in receiving yards with 226 yards, followed closely behind by junior wide receiver LaMartz Brooks with 219 receiving yards.

The Governors sit at 2-4 on the season, with their two wins



File Photo from the 2016 Homecoming Game

coming against University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and Morehead State. They have put up 69 points across six games but have allowed 198 in those games.

Graduate running back Ahmad Tanner leads the Governors in rushing with 454 yards and six touchdowns while also picking up 41 receiving yards and a receiving touchdown. Graduate wide receiver Baniko Harley leads them in receiving with 575 yards and five touchdowns.

Junior quarterback Preston Rice has been a do-it-all player for the Racers in 2021, passing for 630 yards and rushing for five touchdowns. Freshman backup quarterback DJ Williams has also made an impact for the Racers, passing for 422 yards and two touchdowns, as well as rushing for three touchdowns. Sophomore quarterback Draylon Ellis leads the Governors under center this season. He's thrown for 1,709 yards and 10 touchdowns.

There's no better opponent for the Racers on Homecoming than the Governors. The history

between the teams runs deep in football and almost every game between the two is a close one.

Can the Racers stop their losing streak against the Governors

this year? Only time will tell.

The Murray State vs. Austin Peay game is set for Saturday, Oct. 23, with kickoff at 2 p.m. at the Roy Stewart Stadium.



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