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Photo courtesy of Michael Ramage. The Center is available to all students, including high school and community college students.

Cyber Center rebrands as tech needs change

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The Board of Regents approved the Cyber Education and Research Center, which will emphasize cybersecurity and continue to provide education, research opportunities and outreach. The Cyber Center will work in place of the Center for Computer and Information Technology. Director of the Cyber Center Michael Ramage said the decision is less of a replacement and more of a rebrand. Activities on current projects will not be stopped – for example, the Cyber Center will continue to work on research with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Rather, the Board of Regents’ approval reflects the Cyber Center’s emphasis on cybersecurity. “There’s nothing that you do today that doesn’t have cybersecurity in it,” Ramage said. “Whether you’re programming, you’re doing networking, you’re a consumer, you’re on Facebook, [or] you’re on Zoom, all of these things have a ... cyber component to it.”

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As COVID-19 cases rise, the Murray State UCWKY Chapter issues petition



As of Feb. 8, almost all of the counties in Kentucky are in the red zone for COVID-19 cases, except for Carlisle County. Calloway County is included in the red zone.

‘Keep all Racers Safe’ demands COVID-19 precautions

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The Murray State Chapter of the United Campus Workers of Kentucky sent the “Keep All Racers Safe” petition to administrators, asking for an increase in COVID-19 precautions. Composed of faculty, staff and student workers, the Murray State Chapter of the United Campus Workers of Kentucky is once again voicing their concerns about what they see as shortcomings of University administrators. The petition illustrates the local Chapter’s concerns about the lack of COVID-19 precautions on campus, despite Calloway County having record-breaking case rates along with the rise of the Omicron variant. The precautions set in place for the Spring semester are the same as the Fall 2021 semester, such

as continuing to wear masks indoors and promoting vaccination. In their petition, the local Chapter outlines 10 steps they are asking to be followed immediately to ensure the safety of the University community. The requests being made are precautions already in place at other public Kentucky universities. **The demands are as follows:**

- Reinstate the Racer Restart Committee
- Support faculty and instructors that have to move class online temporarily and allow staff the same flexibility if they are able to work remotely
- Hazard pay for all student-facing workers
- Provide two N95/KN95 masks to all campus members on a weekly basis
- Mandate weekly testing for unvaccinated Racers

- Implement a full mask mandate both indoors and outdoors
- Enforce consequences for failure to comply to masking and testing rules
- Provide consistent and accurate COVID-19 related data
- Ensure five to 10 sick days for campus workers who test positive for COVID-19
- Create plans that consider faculty, staff and students that are suffering from the long-term effects of COVID-19

“We urge the administration to communicate candidly with the Racer community about the situation we currently face, implementing the meaningful support for students, staff and faculty that this unprecedented crisis demands,” the petition concludes.

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Rebecca Mertins Chiodini/The News. Effective this semester, parking lot changes provide four rows of student parking.

Curriss Center parking lot options become more student-focused

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Students have more parking options at the Curriss Center, thanks to changes started at the beginning of January. In collaboration with University Parking Services, Student Government Association members worked to find a solution to parking at Murray State after voiced the need for more parking accommodations. Students with any color parking pass will now have 25 additional parking spaces where one-hour parking was previously located. One-hour parking will be relocated to the front row of the Curriss Center. SGA President Ian Puckett had the idea to change the parking layout at the Curriss Center. “I brought it up to the Executive Committee first, and they were very receptive,” Puckett said. “Then I

informed the Senate, and all of them felt that this change should take place.” Puckett said the University formed the Parking Committee, consisting of five SGA senators, and the Parking Advisory Committee, consisting of three student representatives from SGA, including himself. Puckett said both groups met twice before voting on the final recommendation. “Amy Krazl, Cole Wyatt and I were the student representatives on the Parking Advisory Committee,” Puckett said. “Amy and Cole had votes, and I did not. The final layout for the Curriss Center parking lot was finalized in the Parking Advisory Committee’s second meeting.” Murray State Chief of Police Jeff Gentry said SGA approached Parking Services about the Curriss Center lot in late 2021.

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MURRAY STATE RELATED COVID-19 CASES

Students (Jan. 31 - Feb. 6)	Faculty and Staff (Jan. 31 - Feb. 6)	Weekly Total (Jan. 31 - Feb. 6)	Overall Total (Since Jan. 17)
39	3	42	162

Program plans culturally immersive courses in Mexico

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The Kentucky Institute of International Studies has organized a winter study abroad program for in-state college students.

The two-week program will be held in Mexico City and the Yucatan from Dec. 26 through Jan. 7, 2023. Students who are interested can earn three course credit hours while also being immersed in Mexican culture.

The program starts in Mexico City, where students and professors will visit various historical landmarks and cultural hubs. Namely, two of these places will be the Zocalo Plaza, the oldest neighborhood in the city, and the Aztec temples of Teotihuacan. Students will also have the chance to view artwork by famed Mexican artists Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera.

Two Murray State professors will be teaching in this program. Professor of Marketing Ismail Karabas will teach international marketing, and Assistant Professor of Political Science Brittany Wood will teach Mexican politics. Both professors have taught for KIIS programs in the past.

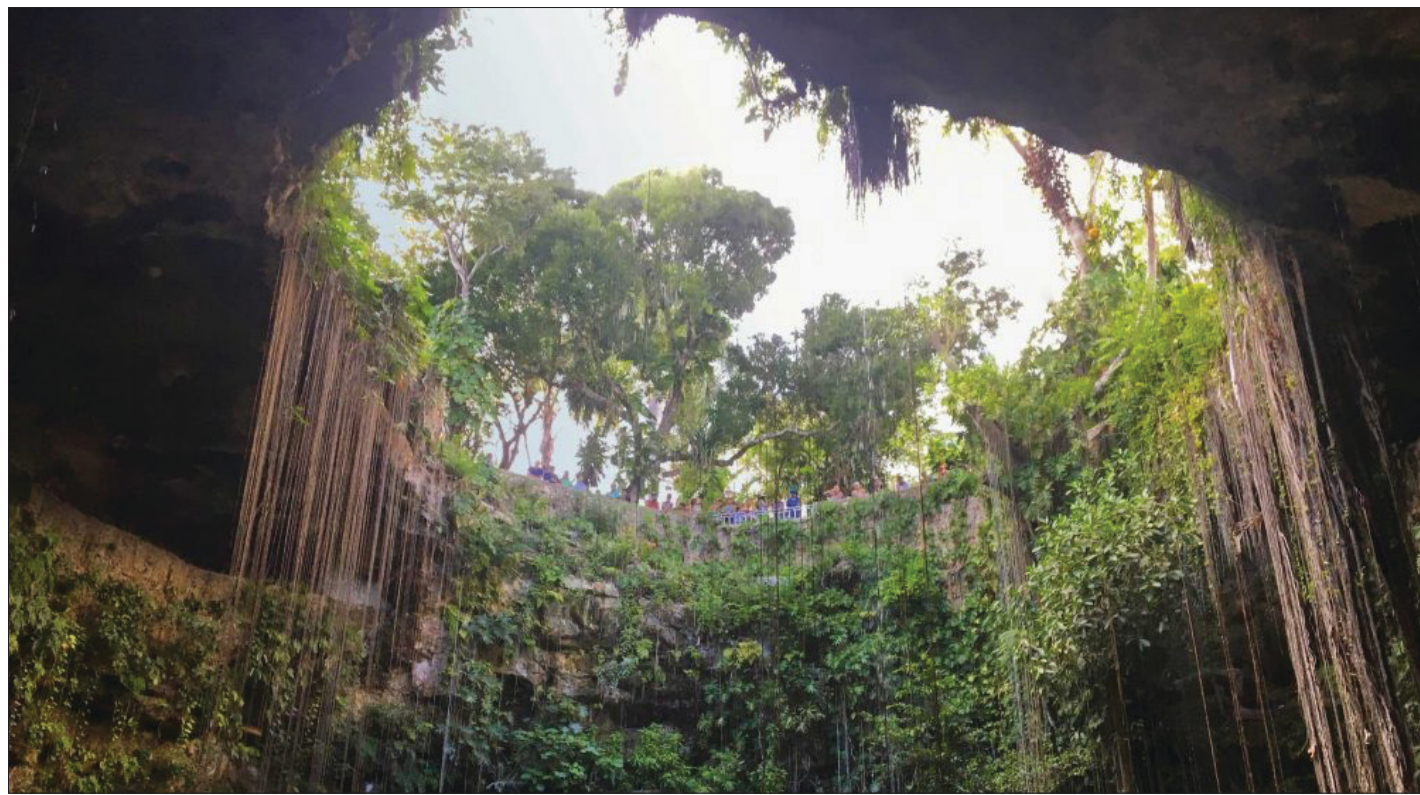
Wood said studying abroad is a valuable tool to broaden one's perspective. She said the courses for this program will rely on excursion-based learning activities where students will familiarize themselves with local traditions and ways of life.

Karabas said his class will study local markets by observing local brands and talking to locals in Mexico.

"I have selected topics that are applicable and hands-on," Karabas said. "We can study through observing things and doing things while we are in Mexico. It's applying a cultural dimension onto what the students observe."

Wood said the classes involved in the program are unconventional because they won't be in a classroom. She said the program will take full precautions in regards to COVID-19 and travel safety, including complying with COVID-19 testing.

"People still need to be aware that travel can be interrupted," Wood said. "As long as we are taking the



Cenote Ik Kil, "Natural Swimming Pool," is an attraction that students will often visit during the study abroad program.

Photo courtesy of kiis.org

right precautions according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Murray State, KIIS and the Mexican government, then we will be in a good spot."

Karabas said studying abroad and traveling in general makes people draw similarities between a foreign culture and their own culture and think about what is important to them back home.

"[Traveling] in some ways is almost as if you're in a room full of

mirrors," Karabas said. "Studying abroad is also about self awareness."

Wood said students leave with their lives changed or with a different view on life and referenced a quote from Mark Twain to explain the benefits of travel.

"Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry and narrow-mindedness, and many of our people need it sorely on these accounts," Wood said, quoting "The Innocents Abroad" by Mark Twain. "Broad, wholesome,

charitable views cannot be acquired by vegetating in one little corner of the earth all one's lifetime."

The program will cost \$2,775 plus airfare per student. The cost will cover hotel accommodations, meals and medical insurance.

The deadline to sign up for the program is Sept. 15. Students who sign up by Aug. 1 will save \$100.

For more information visit KIIS.org, contact Karabas at ikarabas@murraystate.edu.

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The petition was collaboratively authored by the members of the local Chapter, one of them being Ray Horton, assistant professor of English.

"Even when I was in graduate school, I was always supportive of academic labor movements," Horton said. "I just believe that no matter what the status of a university worker's relationship is with the administrators ... I think workers should be organized and have a collective voice."

Having two kids under the age of 5, Horton is looking out for himself and others in his position who have children too young to receive the COVID-19 vaccine and who could possibly get the virus through their parents.

Although Horton said he is happy to be back in the classroom with students, the fear of accidentally giving his children COVID-19 is not out of sight.

"I could seriously jeopardize my children's health and well-being for the rest of their lives," Horton said. "That's something that is at the heart of what a lot of the faculty members in particular who signed this petition and who helped to write this petition are really concerned about."

Along with Horton, Jennifer Morrison, assistant professor of public administration, played a role in drafting the petition.

Morrison became interested in joining the local Chapter after the tornadoes that swept through Western Kentucky on Dec. 10, 2021. Morrison is familiar with university crisis response. While she was



Photo courtesy of @ucwk on Instagram

at the University of Alabama, there was a tornado that caused destruction in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, in 2011.

"The University of Alabama was closed for a week after that tornado," Morrison said. "The response by Murray State after those tornadoes right before Christmas, to me, was just appalling."

Morrison finds continuous issues in both the University's tornado and COVID-19 responses where they lack employee engagement and consideration.

"I do not think that the administration really cares all that much as to how employees feel," Morrison said. "If they did care, then they would take our comments and our

requests that affect faculty, staff and student workers seriously."

Morrison sees the University's lack of acknowledgement to the local Chapter's requests as detrimental to the future of Murray State.

"When you don't take requests seriously, that's when people think about leaving, and when people think about leaving, they leave," Morrison said. "And when we leave, and we go off into our respective fields, we're going to tell people, 'You don't want to work there because this is what happened when I was there.'"

This will be Morrison's last semester as a professor at Murray State.

Instead of outwardly acknowledging the work and concerns of the

local Chapter, University administrators have expressed their satisfaction and security with the current COVID-19 guidelines in place.

Student Government Association President Ian Puckett authored a resolution appreciating President Bob Jackson and the administration for keeping Murray State open and in-person and for their response to the December tornado.

The resolution recognizes the University's COVID-19 vaccination rate of 65% for students and 71% for faculty and staff. It also recognizes the University's provision of COVID-19 and booster clinics.

The resolution addresses the issues the local Chapter has, but does so by saying that the SGA does not share the same concerns without actually acknowledging the Chapter. The resolution was unanimously passed by SGA.

Jackson's statement streams along the same note of the SGA's approach to the issue.

"Murray State University has operated with an important shared governance model with key constituent groups — particularly our Student Government Association, Faculty Senate and Staff Congress — each of which has representation on our Board of Regents," Jackson wrote. "Murray State University is not unlike many other higher education institutions, with individuals who carry a variety of thoughts, perspectives and opinions often shared and discussed by these constituent groups."

The petition is signable via the Linktree in the local Chapter's Instagram bio [@ucwkymurray](https://www.instagram.com/ucwkymurray).

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“We wanted to ensure we were doing the best we could and make a positive change for our students, and without impacting our recruitment efforts,” Gentry said.

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— Jeff Gentry, Murray State
Chief of Police

Puckett said he is pleased with the positive feedback from the changes. “Parking is always a heated topic, so I am sure some people are not pleased with

the final layout,” Puckett said. “However, we are pleased and think that most students appreciate the new layout.”

Senior Christina Mioux said she is overwhelmed with the changes.

“I am glad there are more options for student parking, but it seems like the students who could really benefit from more parking options...will have to fight over spots with passes that have plenty of representation throughout campus,” Mioux said. “[Students] with a purple pass have very limited areas to park, and to me, the Curris Center is a good middle spot for those students.”

Senior Cady Stribling said she had no idea the parking layout had changed.

“I didn’t know that the Curris Center parking lot was any

different until I went to park at the beginning of the semester and realized a few of the spots at the front had changed,” Stribling said. “I still am not certain about the parking, so it’d be nice if they had sent something out explaining the changes, unless I just missed it.”

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— Ian Puckett, SGA President

Stribling said she will utilize the new parking layout.

“The last row is now for everyone and not just one-hour parking, and the one-hour parking has moved to the few spots at the front and beside the tennis courts,” Stribling said. “Before these changes, students only had three rows of parking available to them, which is absolutely not enough.”

Puckett said the change was needed because the Curris Center parking lot should reflect student needs.

“Before the changes to the lot were made, students could park in roughly one-third of the lot,” Puckett said. “Now students can park in more than half of the spots at the Curris Center. While the final layout is not perfect, it is a great improvement to the lot and the fact that there is more student parking is a huge positive.”

CYBER, from page 1

The Cyber Center will continue doing recruitment and outreach for the computer science, computer information systems and cybersecurity programs.

Outreach includes high school students, community college students and all Murray State.

Ramage said he tries to talk with students about how and what the Cyber Center can do to help them explore their career opportunities.

A main focus of the activities is to help students apply what they’re learning in the classroom to the real world.

“There are many majors right now where you have to go to where the jobs are,” Ramage said. “In ... cybersecurity, especially right now, you can pick the city you want to live in, so [if] you want to live in Paducah, or you want to live in Nashville, or you want to live in Kansas City, you can move to that city, and there are going to be job opportunities available there.”

The Cyber Center’s accreditation from the National Security Agency and the Department of Homeland Security was another reason for the rebrand.

The Murray State cybersecurity network management program became a Center for Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education, meaning that the NSA and the Department of Homeland Security have put their seal of approval on the content that Murray State is teaching.

“It helps with that accreditation or that designation, that cyber is in the name,” Ramage said. “That was going to allow us to better reflect that emphasis on cybersecurity, while at the same time being able to still promote our cybersecurity network management program, or our computer science program and our computer information systems program.”

Recently, the Cyber Center has participated in problem-solving research projects and competitions.

One research project they participated in revolved around GPS systems and how critical they are to global infrastructure.

Ramage said GPS stands for Global Positioning Satellite, and it provides the service of position, navigation and timing (PNT).

“That PNT process is important to your cell service,” Ramage said. “It is important to the electricity that we use. It’s important for communications. It’s our critical infrastructure. It’s not just to help your phone tell you how to get home or to get to the place that you’re going.”

The project specifically worked on several questions proposed by the Center: What happens to wired infrastructure or wireless infrastructure if GPS fails? What happens to cell phones if GPS fails? What happens to the Internet? To telephone systems?

Ramage also said that GPS is an American implementation of PNT, and other countries have their own versions.

“We actually wrote a phone application that uses those different global navigation systems to compare



Students can have a hands-on experience, meaning their learning will have real-world applications and can be used in their future career fields. Photo courtesy of Michael Ramage (above) and murraystate.edu (below)

which one’s more accurate, which one’s better,” Ramage said. “If [American] GPS wasn’t there, would we still be able to use one of these other ones to accomplish what we need to?”

Both undergraduate and graduate students in the program have participated in a national organization called Information Technology Education Research Association, known as ITERA.

Every year, ITERA does a national case study competition, where participants are given a Request for Proposal, which presents a network or security problem for them to solve. The problems range from how to securely network seven sites together to redesigning network infrastructure for a school district and more.

Ramage said Murray State has won this competition more than any other university involved, and there’s only been one year the University wasn’t selected as a finalist.

“What that says is that our students are top [students],” Ramage said. “In these competitions, we compete against

Ball State, we compete against Southern Methodist University, Texas A&M, University of Colorado at Boulder ... literally schools from all over the country, and we’re always at the top.”

Ramage said the two skills employers most desire in students in this field are soft skills and problem-solving skills.

“This competition, actually, kind of proves the point that our students are really good at problem solving,” Ramage said. “The way that we teach is very hands-on, but not so vendor-specific that you only know that specific vendor. So if we bring you a problem, you can look at the big picture and be able to solve that, and our students are very good at it.”

Ramage said he hopes that the Cyber Center stays true to its name and provides the necessary educational and research opportunities for students.

More specifically, in five years, Ramage said he wants the Cyber Center to be held up as a leader in cybersecurity.

“I want people to know that they can come to the Murray State Cyber

Center and be able to get the support that they need in cyber areas,” Ramage said. “For our region, for our state, we want to be that leader. So [if] that means ... the Center continues to do research [and] provide education opportunities for our region, [then] absolutely.”

The next conference the Cyber Center will be participating in is their annual Security Matters Conference on April 21, which is the largest technology conference in the region.

“We’ll bring folks from all over the region in – high school students, college students, faculty, staff and industry professionals – and have speakers so that we can continue to provide that ongoing educational opportunity for those in our region,” Ramage said.

“We want to continue that. We want our academic programs to be known as that place that can prepare you in this field. I think that we will be able to accomplish that goal. That in five years ... we will be a leader in this space.”

For more information, visit murraystate.edu/cyber.

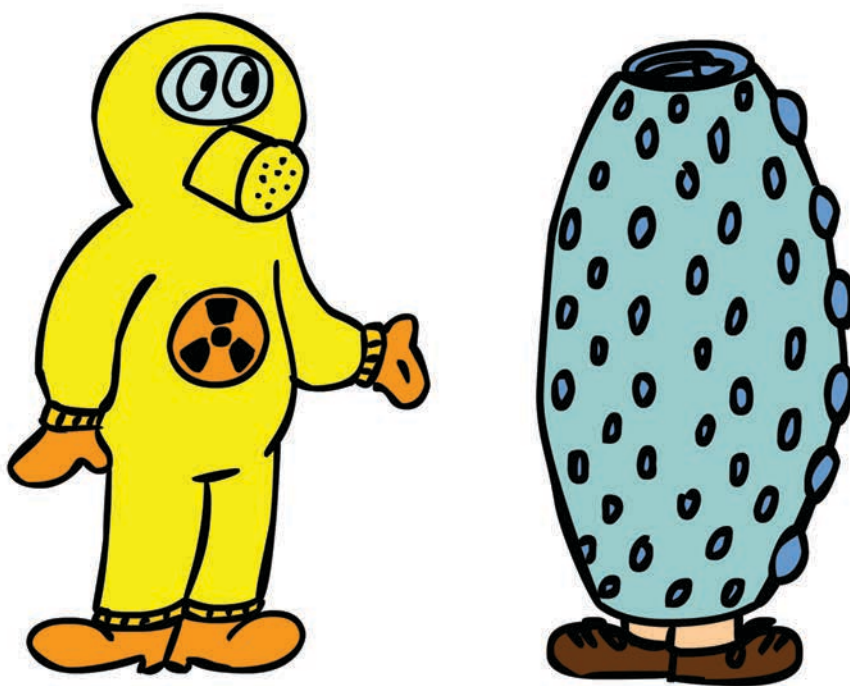
Our View:

Administration fails to validate campus union's concerns

As the Spring semester began, the Murray State Chapter of the United Campus Workers of Kentucky became a loud voice advocating for worker needs following the December tornadoes along with a spike in COVID-19 case numbers.

The local Chapter has drafted two petitions, one concerning the lack of communication between campus workers and the administration and the other about the lack of COVID-19 precautions.

"We've already been through 2 years of this... do we need to be more strict?"



"Why not - it's clearly worked so far!"

Cade Utterback/The News

REFER TO "KEEP ALL RACERS SAFE" PETITION OUTLINES COVID-19 GUIDELINES' ARTICLE FOR PETITION STEPS ON PAGE ONE

The "Keep all Racers Safe" petition outlines 10 steps the Chapter believes the University should put in place to ensure safer on-campus conditions as we enter our fifth COVID-19 impacted semester.

The Chapter's requests are similar to those implemented by other Kentucky universities. For example, the University of Kentucky requires mandatory testing for those who are unvaccinated.

There has yet to be an upfront response from the administration, and it almost seems as though they don't want to validate the Chapter's voice.

At the Student Government Association's Feb. 2 meeting, the senators unanimously passed a resolution thanking President Bob Jackson and the administration for their response during the tornadoes and for keeping campus activities in-person.

Nowhere in the resolution is the Chapter or their petitions mentioned. The resolution just acts like a pat on the back and invalidates the genuine concerns of campus workers.

We at *The News* do not find that

the resolution serves a major purpose, but instead only dismisses the feelings and requests of the Chapter.

Ignoring the voices of campus workers can have harmful effects on the University as a whole. If employees do not feel as though they are being heard in their work environment, then they may seek employment where their voices are considered.

Losing staff would not only have a negative effect on enrollment and the opportunities Murray State can offer, but on its reputation as well.

These actions can have a negative effect on the current and prospective faculty and staff, because a bad reputation will not be attractive to educators wanting to further their careers.

The administration should at least look into the requests of the Chapter and have a line of communication with them, so that they don't feel as though their voices are unheard.

Their requests are reasonable and would serve to lower COVID-19 rates as they rise because of the Omicron variant.

In the fourth week of the Fall 2021 semester, the campus case rate was 78. Compared to this, the fourth week of the Spring 2022 semester sees a significant increase with a case rate of 162.

This jump in case rates is enough reason to see that maybe we need to have guidelines set in place allowing professors to temporarily move their classes online.

Classes should be flexible for a vari-

ety of reasons, such as a major increase in case rates, ensuring students who test positive do not miss coursework or even classtime; after four semesters we know how to manage our digital tools for hybrid classes.

Overall flexibility can increase productivity.

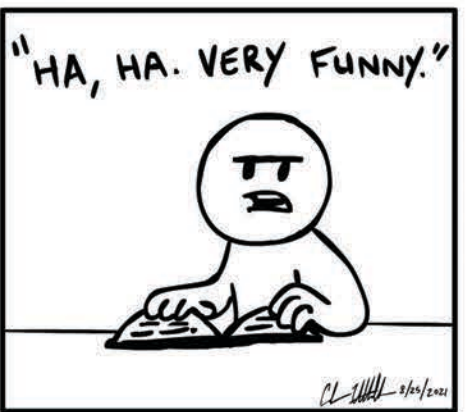
Lastly, the Chapter's requests are not impossible, because we have had semesters in the past that were mostly online such as Fall 2020 and Spring 2021. The technology is available to allow teaching flexibility, so it is hard to understand why we can't take advantage of it.

We at *The News* want to see communication between the administration and the Chapter before the situation becomes detrimental to Murray State's academic quality.

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Racers pick up win 300 in CFSB Center

Murray State ranked 23rd in NCAA men's basketball

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Murray State men's basketball officially ranked in the Associated Press College Basketball Top 25 poll after defeating the SIUE Cougars by a score of 79-59 on Saturday, Feb. 5.

The Racers ranked as the 23rd best team in the country following the win, ranking higher than schools like University of Connecticut and Xavier University.

Head Coach Matt McMahon spoke about the team being ranked 23rd in the country. He said he wants the team to enjoy the journey they are on but stay focused on the next game.

"I think you can have this balance," McMahon said. "You can enjoy the journey and have fun, but balance that with the hard work and discipline it takes to be a good team.

Hill spoke postgame about the run he had to start the second half. He said if the opportunity is there, you just have to take advantage.

"I'm just trying to bring energy to the team," Hill said. "Just trying to be a point guard and get others involved. But when the opportunity presents itself for me to score, I just try to take advantage of that."

Murray State's lead jumped up to 28 with a layup from Burns, but the Cougars kept fighting back with a layup from freshman guard Desmond Polk and a dunk from graduate guard Shaun Doss Jr. A bucket from Hill kept the Racers up though with a score of 63-35 with 13:14 left in the game.

The Cougars kept fighting to make it a respectable game, with layups from Kurtas and Doss Jr. taking the lead down to 21. Free throws from the Racers kept them up though, and a dunk from Williams gave them a 71-45. As time began to wind down, the Racers held strong and kept their lead

the Cougars within four points.

The Racers were able to get going with a layup from sophomore forward DJ Burns that set off an 8-0 run for the Racers. From there, Murray State didn't look back. Brown made another three-pointer, and sophomore guard Dequan Smith made seven straight points to end the half. At halftime, the Racers were up 44-24.

Brown led the Racers at halftime with 10 points and four rebounds. Williams followed close behind with eight points and seven rebounds. Smith scored seven points in the first half, while Hill scored six points, grabbed three rebounds and had three assists.

The second half started with a 9-0 run from the Racers, with all nine points coming from Hill. He started the run with a jump-shot in the paint and ended it with a three-pointer from the right wing, putting the Racers up 53-26.

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Jayden Hayn/The News

Senior guard Tevin Brown scored 20 points in the Racers win over SIUE on Saturday, Feb. 5.

over 20. Back-to-back layups from freshman forward Nicholas McMullen cut the Cougars final run short as the clock wound down. When the clock hit zero, the Racers were the one on top, defeating the Cougars 79-59.

Brown and Hill each finished with 18 points. Brown grabbed seven rebounds and Hill had seven assists. Williams finished with 12 points and 10 rebounds in the game. Burns had 11 points and five rebounds.

Doss Jr. led the Cougars with 18 points and four rebounds. Pruitt and Shamar Wright each had nine points and four rebounds. Kurtas had eight points and seven rebounds.

McMahon shared his mentality about winning and how it's gotten the team to where it is now.

He said it's something you have to enjoy but not something you can sit and think on for too long.

"I hear coaches talk about how they hate losing more than they enjoy winning," McMahon said. "I think that's nuts ... You gotta celebrate winning and enjoy it. To our players' credit, I think they can do that, but also keep working hard to get better ... I have been proud of our players and their focus and commitment to practice. I'm blessed to have an unselfish team."

The win marks Murray State's 300th win in the CFSB Center over its 24 years of use. The win also moves the Racers to 22-2 overall and 12-0 in the OVC. The Racers next travel to Nashville to take on Tennessee State on Thursday. Tipoff is set for 7:30.



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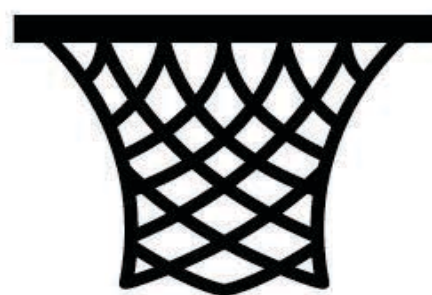


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AP Top 25 College Basketball



1. Auburn (22-2)
2. Gonzaga (19-2)
3. Purdue (21-3)
4. Arizona (20-2)
5. Kentucky (20-4)
6. Houston (20-2)
7. Duke (19-4)
8. Kansas (19-4)
9. Texas Tech (18-5)
10. Baylor (19-4)
11. Providence (20-2)
12. UCLA (17-4)
13. Illinois (17-6)
14. Wisconsin (19-4)
15. Villanova (18-6)
16. Ohio St. (14-5)
17. Michigan St. (17-6)
18. Marquette (16-8)
19. Tennessee (16-6)
20. Texas (18-6)
21. USC (20-4)
22. Saint Mary's (19-5)
23. Murray St. (22-2)
24. Connecticut (16-6)
25. Xavier (16-6)

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Women's basketball bounces back vs SIUE

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The Murray State women's basketball team bounced back after their overtime loss against Austin Peay with an 87-73 win over the SIUE Cougars on Saturday.

Senior guard Macey Turley spoke about the team's ability to win. She said the team just has to lock and keep their focus on what's important.

"It always feels good to get a W," Turley said. "But we gotta lock back in and focus on keeping the pedal down and not giving up leads, so we don't lose like we did in Austin Peay."

Sophomore forward Katelyn Young struck first with a layup, but junior guard Mikayla Kinnard answered with a layup of her own.

The two teams traded baskets until senior forward Gabby Nikitinaite got two shots to fall and give the Cougars the lead. Senior forward Prima Chellis and junior guard Jaida Hampton added on layups to give the Cougars a 12-4 lead.

A three-pointer from Turley gave the Racers life, and another three-pointer from senior guard Lex Mayes brought the Racers within three points of the lead. Young got two layups to fall, but a jump-shot from Kinnard kept the Cougars up 16-15 at the end of the first quarter.

The Racers took over in the second quarter, starting with a layup and a pair of free throws from senior forward Alexis Burpo. Back-to-back baskets from Young and a layup from Turley extended the Racers lead to five points. Then, a free throw and a three from Turley pushed the Racers lead to nine points.

Burpo continued to add onto her point total with a pair of layups.

Then, a pair of free throws from sophomore Bria Sanders-Woods put the Racers up 35-22.

A jump-shot from Kinnard kept the Cougars in the game, but only for a short time as Burpo scored five unanswered points to put the Racers up 16. As the teams went back to the locker rooms for halftime, the Racers led the Cougars 42-26.

Burpo led the Racers into halftime with 15 points, four rebounds and five assists. Young followed with 10 points and four rebounds. Turley had nine points in the first half, shooting a perfect 3-3 from the field and 2-2 from three-point range.

For the Cougars, Nikitinaite, Kinnard and Hampton all had six points at halftime. Nikitinaite and Hampton led with one assist each, while Chellis led with three rebounds.

The Racers held the Cougars to just 10 points in the second quarter, while scoring 27 in the quarter. The Racers also outrebounded the Cougars 25-11 in the first half, with 16 of the Racers rebounds coming on the defensive end.

Sophomore forward Hannah McKay got the second half started with a layup. Chellis answered with a layup of her own, but the Racers kept the pressure on with three-pointers from Turley and McKay to extend the lead to 22 points.

A layup from Burpo was quickly answered with three-pointers from Hampton and junior forward Ajulu Thatha that cut the lead to 17 points.

The teams traded baskets as the clock was winding down in the third. The Cougars refused to let the Racers pull away as they had an answer for every shot the Racers made. As the clock ran out in the third, the Racers were up 63-47.

Murray State opened the last quarter with an 8-0 run that saw



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Sophomore forward Katelyn Young recorded 17 points and 12 rebounds in the Racers win on Saturday, Feb. 5.

four different Racers score, including freshman forward Jaidah Black. The Cougars went on an 8-0 run of their own to bring the game back to within 16 points, but a layup from Turley kept the Racers up 75-57.

The 8-0 run was all the Cougars needed to get back in the game as they slowly chipped away at the Racers lead. Layups from Chellis and Thatha brought the Cougars to within 10 points of the Racers with just 1:58 left in the game.

With time winding down, the time to foul was upon the Cougars in order to get back in the game. However, the Racers free throws shooting was near perfect in the final two minutes with just one miss of the 10 attempted. Once it was all over, the Racers were on top, defeating the Cougars 87-73.

Turley and Burpo each scored 20 points in the game. Turley picked up seven assists and four rebounds, while Burpo had eight rebounds and seven assists. Young had 17 points and 12 rebounds in the game, while McKay had 12 in the game.

Burpo spoke postgame about her performance and her season

as a whole. She said after a down season last season, it's been all about getting her confidence back.

"My teammates have confidence in me," Burpo said. "When they have confidence in me, I'm able to shoot or pass and just be the player that I want to be. Getting back to where I'm at has been building my confidence and just practicing my shooting more. I've just been trying to play the way I want to play."

Head Coach Rochelle Turner spoke postgame about the win. She said despite a lackluster fourth quarter, she was proud of how the team was able to pull out the win.

"Thursday left a bad taste in our mouths," Turner said. "We're having a hard time putting games away in the fourth quarter. The kids came out and played really well tonight. At times offensively we were really sharp. We rebounded very well ... just nice to see them bounce back after Thursday."

With the win, Murray State moves to 16-7 overall and 8-4 in conference play. The Racers will travel to Nashville to take on the Tennessee State Tigers on Thursday. Tipoff for the game is set for 5:30 p.m.

Wrather Museum readies for reopen, renovation

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In preparation for Murray State University's centennial celebration, Wrather West Kentucky Museum is set to relaunch with new exhibits and events.

After being mostly closed to the public since March of 2020, the museum, located near Wilson Hall at North 16th and University Drive, will soon undergo major renovations. The museum's auditorium will receive a new stage, seating and carpet, which should be completed by the end of the year.

Constructed as a one-room schoolhouse in 1924, the museum was the first permanent building at the University. When Murray State became a teachers college in 1926, the building was used for classes. It has also housed a bookstore, post office, dining room and more since its establishment.

The building is important to Murray State's institutional history, says Jeff McLaughlin, director of the Wrather Museum.

"I'm expecting by the end of this year, the space is going to look absolutely gorgeous," McLaughlin said. "It's just tremendous that it's getting this makeover, so we want to build on some of that momentum and have new content to offer people."

According to the museum's homepage, its mission is "to highlight and promote an understanding of the social, cultural and economic development of West Kentucky and the Jackson Purchase." The new exhibits will continue to fulfill this goal.

Of the four spaces on the second floor of the building, one will be a new Murray State Room open to the public in April. Until then, the museum is clearing its schedule to make way for construction.

The museum has aspirations for three

other exhibits in the remaining spaces, including an arts and entertainment hall of fame, a gallery featuring local inventors in STEM and a people's history of the Jackson Purchase area from the origins of the Chickasaw to present day. These galleries will begin to take shape this year and are set to be open in 2023.

McLaughlin said the museum also serves as a venue for students to show off their work.

"I always have a really good team of history majors, political science majors, English majors and a handful of others," McLaughlin said. "They work on projects that we open and show to the public. They've contributed to the permanent exhibits that we're building."

McLaughlin says the museum exhibits art shows featuring the work of Murray State students.

"The museum is going to offer [art shows] to the campus community," McLaughlin said. "Beyond that, what we're striving for is to become a wonderful place to spend an hour on family weekend or homecoming. If you're an educator, this would be a great spot to bring your class through for a field trip."

All exhibits are free of charge. To fundraise, the museum has partnered with University Libraries to sell vintage Murray State apparel, including T-shirts and sweatshirts.

"So basically, what we do is we go to the archives, look for cool Murray State designs that were worn at any point in our history and will translate well into T-shirts and sweats," McLaughlin said.

McLaughlin said the apparel serves as an homage to the women's basketball teams of the late 1920s and early 1930s and the baseball teams of the 1960s and 1970s, which he said are the "golden eras."

Adult sweatshirts are \$35, adult T-shirts are \$22 and children's T-shirts are \$6. Apparel can be purchased at the museum or by mail with an additional \$6



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The main artist for the Wrather installation works on a paper mache tree.

shipping charge. Instructions on how to order the apparel by mail can be found on Murray State University Libraries Facebook page or Instagram @murraystatelibraries.

All proceeds from clothing sales will go toward the museum's exhibit fund. Aside from this fundraiser, the museum is also accepting cash and check donations.

"Every little bit helps, so we are very grateful for any donations that come in from the community," McLaughlin said.

The museum is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information on apparel orders, the Wrather Museum or its programs contact Director Jeff McLaughlin at smclaughlin1@murraystate.edu.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION AWARDS

The Murray State University Student Government Association is accepting applications for the following awards:

Jim Baurer Outstanding Staff Service Award application form

Established to honor and recognize a staff member who has gone above and beyond the call of prescribed duty and shown exceptional dedication with regard to the students of Murray State University. **Application deadline Noon, MARCH 9, 2022.**

I, _____, would like to
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Please complete the following information:
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Student's signature _____
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Ralph H. Woods Memorial Award application form

Established to honor and recognize a student or students who have made an outstanding contribution in service and leadership to Murray State University. **Application deadline Noon, MARCH 9, 2022.**

Form to be filled out by nominee or person making nomination and submitted to Jeanie Morgan, Student Government Association, Center for Student Involvement office, with three (3) letters of recommendation, no later than **NOON, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2022**

NOMINEE
Campus Address _____
Email Address _____

NAME OF NOMINATING ORGANIZATION OR INDIVIDUAL

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

DEADLINE - NOON, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2022

Applications are available in the CSI office, *The Murray State News* and www.murraystate.edu/sga. Please contact the SGA in the Center for Student Involvement office for additional information 270-809-6951.

Student art project commemorates Black History Month

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A periodic table is on display outside the Murray State History Department.

But it doesn't display elements. Rather, it displays history: this periodic table recognizes several categories of influential African-Americans, outside of the famous civil rights era activists.

The project, on display outside the history department offices in Faculty Hall on the building's sixth floor, commemorates Black History Month.

The table includes musicians, politicians, scientists, authors, artists, athletes, actors and actresses, entrepreneurs and activists. It also includes a column of "famous firsts," such as Thurgood Marshall, first Black Supreme Court justice, and Robert Louis Johnson, the first person to found a cable network to focus on African Americans.

Junior public relations major and project creator, Scottlynn Ballard, says she was inspired by a Black history periodic table in the Lakeland Library in Lakeland, Florida.

"The variety of names on the table represents the variety of Black history itself," Ballard said. "I hope when students see the names, they see themselves. Even if they aren't a history major, I want them to see someone who resonates with them."

On the sides of the periodic table are other individuals in the "spotlight." One such individual is Hopkinsville, Kentucky, native Gloria Jean Watkins,



The "Periodic Table of Black History" can be seen on the sixth floor of Faculty Hall outside of the history department suite.

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professionally known as bell hooks.

hooks is the author of "Ain't I a Woman?," a book examining the effects of racism and sexism on Black women throughout time. According to the description on debate.org, hooks examines how the patriarchy and slavery once placed Black women in the lowest social class in American society.

"Sometimes people try to destroy you, precisely because they recognize your power, not because they don't see it, but because they see it and they don't want it to exist," hooks said.

Another individual featured is entrepreneur Madam C. J. Walker, or Sarah Breedlove. Walker is documented in the "Guinness Book of World Records" as the first self-made female millionaire.

Walker made her fortune by

selling cosmetics and hair products for Black women. Before starting her business in 1906, Walker made less than \$1 a day as a laundress.

According to the official website of the state of Indiana, at the 1917 Madam C. J. Walker Hair Culturists Union of America convention Walker said, "This is the greatest country under the sun, but we must not let our love of country, our patriotic loyalty, cause us to abate one whit in our protest against wrong and injustice."

One of the goals of this project was to illustrate how Black history encompasses more figures than people might initially imagine. This is why the periodic table features people ranging from LeBron James to Morgan Freeman.

"It's important to know that

there's more to history than just the major names we know," Ballard said. "They were actual people with different careers and impacts in their industries. History at its best reflects those differences."

To learn more about the project you can view the history department's Instagram page, @murraystatehistory.

The history department will also be exploring Black History with a panel discussion titled "Segregation in Recreation." The discussion, organized by the Office of Multicultural Initiatives will feature Associate Professor of History Brian Clardy.

The discussion will be hosted on Friday, Feb. 25, in the Curris Center Theater at 9:50 a.m. To register to attend, follow the link in the bio of the history department's Instagram page.

Temporary Job Opportunity

Spring Break Camp Counselor at Murray State University

Monday through Friday, April 4th-8th from 9:00-3:00

Work times are flexible for classes

Camp counselors will be responsible for supervising 14-18 children ages 5-12 with the assistance of an additional counselor under the direction of the camp director. Counselors will plan, lead and implement camp programs for children. Provide high-quality educational and recreational opportunities and enjoyable experiences for camp participants. Supervise campers and ensure their safety, development, growth, skill achievement, and general well-being.

Camp Counselor Responsibilities:

- Working with other camp staff members to plan and coordinate camp events.
- Leading and supporting campers as they participate in age-appropriate activities.
- Monitoring campers to ensure compliance with camp rules and prevent accidents.
- Cleaning, maintaining, and ensuring proper use of camp facilities and equipment.
- Reporting and recording details of incidents, such as accidents or rule violations, to parents and camp staff.
- Memorizing all emergency procedures and enforcing camp rules.
- Participating in staff meetings.

Camp Counselor Requirements:

- Must be 18 or older
- Experience working in camps, with children, or with specific activities may be preferred.
- Physical ability to participate in activities, run, climb, lift, or support the weight of children.
- Ability to pass a background check.
- High level of responsibility and accountability.
- Upbeat, engaging personality.
- Strong communication, interpersonal, and leadership skills.

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