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Information service grants data access

EBSCO gives campus free use of recovery center database

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Representatives of EBSCO, a library database, granted free access to the Business Continuity & Disaster Recovery Reference Center for all Kentucky Virtual Library members, which will be available through June. Murray State subscribes to EBSCO's database, so students, faculty and staff will be able to access it.

The Business Continuity & Disaster Recovery Reference Center provides small businesses with resources on how to prepare for worst-case scenarios.

To be a member of KYVL, an individual must be a student, librarian, teacher or part of an organization that has access to these library resources.

According to a press release from KYVL, the database contains hundreds of resources on disaster recovery, crisis communications and more.

"The center contains more than 240 full-text publications, along with cover-to-cover indexing for nearly 270 journals, monographs, magazines and trade publications, all with a strong focus on business continuity and disaster recovery (BC/DR) and closely aligned issues," according to the press release.

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Regents discuss centennial, campus upgrades

New housing and dining halls are in motion for upcoming campus projects. Lovett Auditorium is in phase two of renovations.

Campus renovation includes new housing, dining halls

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After taking time to commemorate Murray State's past and current centennial, the Board of Regents moved their focus to the future of the University, concerning construction, housing and far more.

Mayor Bob Rogers and Calloway County Judge Executive Kenneth Imes presented a joint proclamation recognizing the centennial. "It's a pleasure for us to partner with Murray State," Rogers said. "You certainly are an integral part of our city and county ... we will join your celebration of your 100th year anniversary."

The proclamation designated the week of March 8 as Murray State's Centennial Celebration for Murray and all of Calloway

County. The proclamation also designated 2022 as a celebratory year for Murray State. Along with the centennial is Murray State's second year in the COVID-19 pandemic, which has caused college culture to deviate from its norm in order to safely operate.

A resolution of appreciation and accommodation recognized the efforts of the administration, staff, faculty and students for working through the COVID-19 pandemic and the December 2021 tornadoes.

Concerning the future of Murray State, more construction will be sprouting up around the University as other projects conclude.

The window replacements at Wilson and Wells Halls are set to conclude by the beginning of May. So far, 85% of the windows in Wells and 70% of the windows in Wilson have been installed.

"I know it has been a disruptive project for the faculty, staff and students, so we appreciate everyone's patience," Angela Lampe, the associate director of Facility Design and Construction said.

Following the window replacements, construction on the Chestnut Street bridge is set to begin this summer.

Woods Hall, which housed international student services and study abroad program information, was demolished in 2018. The green space now in that location will become Woods Park.

The park's designs were finalized and will feature walking paths, an amphitheater and a pavilion. Additionally, exterior lights have been added to Gilbert Graves Drive outside of Roy Stewart Stadium. Exterior lights also will be added to the science complex.

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GIVE BOLD
A Week of Giving

Celebrating a new century of impact!
March 6 - 12

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'Give Bold' took place during March 6-12 to honor the March 8, 1922 passage of the Normal School Enabling Act.

'Give Bold' campaign honors founder and first president

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The Office of Development raised over \$170,000 in donations during the Give Bold campaign.

The Give Bold campaign, which ran from March 6-12, was a week of giving to honor the March 8, 1922 passage of the Normal School Enabling Act.

According to the Murray State website, the Normal School Enabling Act led to Murray being selected as the new home for the Western Kentucky Normal School.

Director of Annual Giving Christian Barnes said he wanted to honor the history of the University.

"We wanted to do something special to celebrate and honor [donors] contributions," Barnes said. "Giving has always been an integral part of what Murray State is, where it began," Barnes said. "That transformative power and movement continues today, and so we wanted to celebrate all that with a special week of giving, which we have called Give Bold."

According to the Give Bold website, the name comes from two former Murray State presidents.

"Founder Rainey T. Wells and first President John W. Carr had a bold vision for Murray State," according to the website.

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MURRAY STATE RELATED COVID-19 CASES			
Students (March 7 - March 13)	Faculty and Staff (March 7 - March 13)	Weekly Total (March 7 - March 13)	Overall Total (Since Jan. 17)
1	1	2	196

Neuroscience foundation awards professor with grant

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After receiving a grant from the Dana Foundation, psychology professor Megan St. Peters conducted a two-day Brain Fair for kindergarten through third-grade students at Murray Elementary School on Feb. 18 and 25.

The Brain Fair was held in celebration of Brain Awareness Week, the global campaign coordinated by the Dana Foundation to foster public enthusiasm and support for brain science.

The foundation, a private philanthropic organization based in New York City, is dedicated to neuroscience education and exploring the intersection of topics such as neuroscience and ethics, law, policy, humanities or arts.

St. Peters was awarded the grant following an application process.

"I participated in a similar event that was funded by this granting agency when I was a [post-doctoral student], so that's how I was aware of it," St. Peters said.

St. Peters completed the application, which outlined the goals, plans and budget of her proposed program, within three weeks. She also contacted the principal and the Parent-Teacher Organization of Murray Elementary and received a letter from the school expressing support for the fair.

Shauna Traylor, a physical education teacher at Murray Elementary, helped St. Peters run the event.

"Students loved the hands-on activities, visuals and demonstrations presented at the fair," Traylor said. "With these activities, the students were able to better understand the importance of protecting the brain, emotions that our bodies have and what parts of the brain controls different aspects of the body."

At the fair, 19 graduate and upper-level undergraduate psychology students volunteered to work shifts.

Murray Elementary students rotated every 15 minutes between four interactive stations.

At one of the stations, students received brain-shaped stress balls and discussed what



Murray Elementary students (above) and graduate and undergraduate volunteers (below) participate in the Brain Fair on Feb. 18 and 25.

Photo courtesy of Megan St. Peters

happens to the brain when one feels anxious. Afterward, they learned relaxation techniques.

At another station, students interacted with eggs in containers that represented how the brain floats inside the skull. They learned helmets protect the brain and were given pamphlets on bicycle safety.

St. Peters said she thinks it's important for young children to learn about the brain.

"One of the cool things I liked was showing them about their emotions and how we can

control ourselves," St. Peters said. "I think knowledge is power and just knowing that you're not just at the mercy of how you're feeling ... Neuroscience is a growing field, so I just want to make people fall in love with it as soon as possible and expand the field even more."

The fair took place close to Valentine's Day, so students also talked about the regions of the brain involved in love and made what St. Peters called "anatomically correct" Valentines for their families.

"We told them that they got to go home and tell their parents the

big secret that love has nothing to do with your heart," St. Peters said. "It's actually your brain."

In the future, St. Peters said she plans to re-apply for the grant.

"We had great reception," St. Peters said. "The principal and all the teachers and students really enjoyed it."

Murray State students interested in learning more about the brain and neuroscience are encouraged to take Physiological Psychology or email St. Peters at mstpeters@murraystate.edu.

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"It features BC/DR-focused articles, benchmarks and best practices selected from leading trade and industry publications."

Center for the Economic and Entrepreneurial Development Director Chris Wooldridge said this center, which is an outreach program for 24 Kentucky counties, works with small businesses to stabilize or expand operations.

Wooldridge said this resource should be utilized by all businesses.

"If they are in a process where they're either trying to reevaluate starting their business back up, or evaluating where they want to go from here, given the challenges that we've had, both with COVID, as well as with the tornadoes ... [they can] access that and get it now because at some point, it won't be available as it is now," Wooldridge said.

Business Librarian Dana Thompson worked with the database, providing information Wooldridge said is helpful to both individual businesses and other service providers and organizations.

This resource can be helpful to economic developers or

individuals who work in a local chamber of commerce that assists businesses in need.

"They are typically the first person that touches those businesses that walk in and say, 'I've lost half my building, how do I get started or where are we from a resource standpoint on information that I need,'" Wooldridge said.

“People can develop a recovery plan to be prepared in case of a future disaster—this is not just about recovery but also about preparedness for the future.”

—Cris Ferguson, interim dean of libraries

Interim Dean of Libraries Cris Ferguson said this database will be helpful to businesses affected by the Dec. 10, 2021, tornadoes.

"It's a great resource, not only for our students in the College of Business, but also for local businesses, small businesses that were affected by the tornadoes, and even the recent ice storms, that might be struggling," Ferguson said.



Photo courtesy of kyvl.org

Students, faculty and staff can be members of the Kentucky Virtual Library and get access to the materials.

She said this database allows individuals to learn from others while also preparing for the future.

"It is specifically focused on disaster recovery, so people being affected by these storms can go in and see what other businesses have done," Ferguson said. "People can develop a recovery plan to be prepared in case of a future disaster—this is not just about recovery but also about preparedness for the future."

Businesses not affected by the tornadoes can still utilize the database. "You're never going to have too much information on small business," Wooldridge said. "It's timely now, it's good information that we should pull and I really

would like to see businesses get in the habit of using Murray State as a resource more."

Although no login information is currently required to access the database, it will be required after June.

"As of right now, any local business could access this link from their home," Ferguson said. "Wherever they find it, they can come to our library website and click on it, but also because we've been sending out newsletters and sharing those—if someone emailed them the link, they can just click on [it]."

Thompson said those still interested and wanting access after June can find access through a library or organization that subscribes to the EBSCO database by visiting KYVL's website at kyvl.org/bcr

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“Over the span of 100 years, what began as a small, rural Normal School has evolved into a nationally recognized, comprehensive university offering 145-degree programs, a campus comprising nearly 200 buildings on over 1,700 acres, students from 49 countries and nearly every state and approximately 80,000 alumni.”

“**[The founder and first president] had a bold vision, and we wanted to incorporate their bold vision ... just to help resonate with our donors, our alumni and our friends who help ...**”

— **Christian Barnes, director of Annual Giving**

Barnes said he wanted to ensure donors resonated with the history of the University. “[Wells and Carr] had a bold vision, and we wanted to incorporate their bold vision and ... what they would hope ... would turn into the campaign branding ... and just to help resonate with our donors, our alumni and our friends who help—whether it’s during giving or whether through volunteer support or through engagement,” Barnes said. “We wanted to have something that would resonate well with our constituents.”



The ‘Give Bold’ campaign is meant to honor Founder Rainey T. Wells and first President John W. Carr.

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Barnes said this campaign was only open for a week to generate more excitement among donors. “It helps generate some motivation for people who want to give now or today or this week, it kind of creates that general sense of urgency,” Barnes said. “We wanted to honor this week specifically and highlight this week because of what it is and what it represents.” Planning for this campaign included designing a logo, social media graphics and building the website to make the process as engaging as possible for the donor. “I always keep the donor and our alumni—our constituents—at

the forefront of my mind, in making sure that however they want to be involved in something like this, to make it as easy as possible for them to be involved,” Barnes said. “So whether that’s the number of clicks to get to the website, or how many minutes it takes to make a gift.”

“**It’s our centennial. We only get to celebrate it once, and we want to do it right.**”

— **Christian Barnes, director of Annual Giving**

Donors can specify where they would like their gift to go and how it can be used. Barnes said he was happy with the amount of engagement the campaign saw. “We have seen quite an increase in giving this week, and I think that’s just because of the message of the campaign, getting people involved and people wanting to be involved in something like this,” Barnes said. “It’s our centennial. We only get to celebrate it once, and we want to do it right.” People who want to find out more information on how to give a gift to Murray State should visit murraystate.edu/give.

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Along with the lighting updates, Lovett Auditorium is in phase two of renovations, focusing on window replacements and HVAC. State Funded Projects are part of the 2022-2028 Statewide Capital Improvements Plan. The concepts for a \$45 million new Nursing Building have been unveiled. “In the new building, we hope to see state-of-the-art clinical service centers and open classroom spaces,” Lampe said. Both the Oakley Applied Science Building and Mason Hall are set to be renovated in order to be more accessible and meet the American Disabilities Act guidelines. “With Mason Hall ... a person [who] is in a wheelchair has to take the long way around the building, up a ramp,” Lampe said. “Once they get inside, there is another wheelchair ramp and an elevator that needs repairs.”

“**In the new [nursing] building, we hope to see state-of-the-art clinical service centers and open classroom spaces.**”

— **Angela Lampe, associate director of Facility Design and Construction**

Beyond accessibility renovations, they also are set to have HVAC repairs. Overall, the renovations for Mason Hall will cost nearly \$8 million, and Oakley Applied Science will cost nearly \$17 million. The renovations and construction plans in the 2022-2028 Capital Plan were unanimously approved by the Board. On the residential side of Murray State, more information concerning the housing redesign with the public private partnership (P3) has been unveiled. Along with Regents and R.H. White Colleges, Hart College is also set to be replaced. As of right now, the plan has been split into phases. The first phase of construction will be two residential halls



President Bob Jackson, Regents Chair Eric Crigler, Murray mayor and Executive Judge hold centennial proclamation.

Dionte Berry/The News

able to house 300 residents each and a new dining hall to replace Winslow Dining Hall. Phase two, which is not yet outlined, will be concerned with what may happen to Regents and R.H. White Colleges. “Originally, one of our thoughts was that Regents and White are older buildings,” Executive Director of Auxiliary Services David Looney said. “They’re kind of there, but when we started thinking of this concept about replacing Hart, we were not quite ready to make a decision regarding Regents and White.”

“**Under the leadership of Coach Rechelle Turner, our student athletes have grown in every area, as students, people, athletes and professionals, which is our core values we like to teach.**”

— **Scott Barhart, associate athletic director of Business and Resource Operations**

The two residential colleges planned for phase one will be located to the north of Hart.

Housing rates for the new buildings have yet to be determined and will be announced at a later date. Concerning the P3 project, a finalized partnership has not yet been made. The Board moved on to highlighting Racer Athletics’ competitive success and coach contracts. A resolution was unanimously passed commemorating the women’s track and field and cross country teams on becoming 2022 OVC champions. Resolutions of acknowledgment and appreciation were passed, recognizing the achievements of the men’s and women’s basketball teams. Both coaches and star players were recognized. The contracts of women’s basketball Head Coach Rechelle Turner and Assistant Coaches Monica Evans, Amber Guffey and Sarah Jones were also a topic of discussion. “Under the leadership of Coach Rechelle Turner, our student athletes have grown in every area, as students, people, athletes and professionals, which is our core values we like to teach,” Associate Athletic Director of Business and Resource Operations Scott Barhart said.

Turner’s contract was extended through March 31, 2026, and Evans’, Guffey’s and Jones’ contracts were extended through March 31, 2023. The Board also began looking at Kentucky’s current legislative session, how Murray State may be affected by circulating legislation and the University’s state-funded budget. Jordan Smith, the executive director of Government and Institutional Relations, said around 120 proposed bills may impact higher education, which shows how higher education is at the forefront of this year’s legislative session. “The current Senate budget that was passed this week has our base appropriation for the first fiscal year at \$46.6 million and for the second fiscal year at \$49.6 million,” Smith said. The Marketing Committee followed and presented on the activities commemorating the centennial. Along with the centennial-based events, traditional events have been “centennialized,” such as All Campus Sing, Commencement and Homecoming. Further events, solely for the centennial, are the Centennial Awards Luncheon, the Centennial Gala, the production of a centennial podcast and the soon-to-be-published book co-written by President Bob Jackson about Murray State’s history. More information about events surrounding the Centennial Celebration and pieces of Murray State’s history can be found at murraystate.edu/centennial. At the conclusion of the meeting, Murray State policies were updated concerning both bereavement leave and paid parental leave. Bereavement leave was expanded to include grandparents, grandchildren and foster children. Paid parental leave is set for six weeks but can be extended to 12 weeks concerning adoption and childbirth. More information concerning the structural changes to Murray State will be discussed at the Spring Quarterly Board of Regents meeting on June 30.

Our View: Lawmakers fail LGBTQ+ youth

Once again, the livelihoods of those in the LGBTQ+ community are in the hands of lawmakers who want to police queer existence and societal prevalence, as if their queerness needs to be kept secret.

Freedom For All Americans, a bipartisan organization working toward queer equality, noted nearly 30 states have some form of proposed anti-LGBTQ+ legislation. States such as Florida, Texas, Tennessee, Iowa and even our home state of Kentucky have imposed forms of legislation.

House Bill 1557, dubbed the "Don't Say Gay" bill has been moving through the Florida House of Representatives. If passed, the bill would require banning of queer topics in schools from kindergarten to third grade and regulation of discussions about these topics from fourth grade until high school graduation.

In addition to the outright banning of conversations surrounding queerness, teachers would be required to out a student to their parents within six weeks of the student confiding in them about their gender identity and/or sexual orientation. If this bill is voted into law, one of several legal measures the government will take to enforce it is pressing possible legal action upon school districts caught discussing topics involving the queer community.

In addition to the "Don't Say Gay" bill, the Kentucky Senate has introduced Senate Bill 83 which would ban trans girls and women from competing in sports from sixth grade until college. The Kentucky Senate passed Bill 83, and it is currently moving to the Kentucky House for deliberation.

We at *The News* believe education on topics surrounding queerness are crucial to the development of all youth.

Anti-LGBTQ+ bills would impact both queer and non-queer youth alike. The bill would impact queer students by not allowing them to come out on their own terms and forcing them to despite not having knowledge of their environment and

homelife.

The bill will impact non-queer youth too because not being allowed to discuss this topic will cause them to have less of an understanding of what it means to be in the queer community. Without this knowledge, non-queer youth could potentially cause harm to those students who do identify as queer.

Ultimately, non-queer students will face stunted social growth and may not fully know how to interact with queer people in a future school or work setting.

We at *The News* also note the clear sexualization of the queer community and the use of this sexualization as a means for calling these discussions "inappropriate" for the classroom.

From kindergarten to third grade students are not fully aware of the implications of sexuality. Lawmakers want to further shield children from questions surrounding sexuality, because they are evaluating the idea of queerness from an overly sexualized perspective.

From the fourth grade until 12th grade, students are still not allowed to learn about queer topics that could be considered "inappropriate for their age," regardless of the topic or their age.

The over sexualized perspective of queer people has taken a toll on the community in the past. For example, the HIV/AIDS crisis was fueled by ignorance and the stigmatization surrounding sexually transmitted diseases in the queer community, which we still see today.

Stigmatization eclipsed the knowledge being spread during the HIV/AIDS crisis, because people did not see a need to raise awareness or have a sense of prior knowledge regarding STDs.

In turn, students and adults alike will only continue to increase the amount of misinformation and incorrect judgment regarding HIV/AIDS.

Along with the "Don't Say Gay" bill in Florida, the Kentucky Senate passed Senate Bill 83 onto the Kentucky House of Representatives

"Alright class, any questions?"

"Why does Eric have two dads?"

"...Any other questions?"



Cade Utterback/The News

regarding transgender girls and women in sports.

At *The News*, we agree this bill could also be harmful to queer youth, but it can also share different effects.

We believe this bill would negatively affect student athletes from participating in sports. This ongoing debate is the main reason for the passing of Senate Bill 83, but it leaves out the idea that everyone should be allowed to be an athlete no matter their gender.

Senate Bill 83 may cause conflict because of the ongoing debate on transgender girls and their ability to perform at a higher level than a girl who has not physically transitioned.

This topic has been highly publicized for years, and even recently due to the relevance of Lia Thomas, a transgender female swimmer from Pennsylvania State University who swam for the men's swimming team for two years but began swimming on the women's team after transitioning. She, like many other transgender female athletes, have become the subject of controversy and hate for participating in sports against other women.

At the end of the day, these bills will cause ongoing problems for queer youth by increasing the

stigmatization and harm toward the community as a whole.

President Biden and other lawmakers should work toward empowering queer youth and ensuring the safety of vulnerable groups.

Beyond giving the queer community recognition, in order to show he really cares, Biden needs to pave the way for actual change and equality to be made. This means more than recognizing June as Pride month, but instead working towards legislation that protects queer people from having their rights ignored.

Students can act on this matter by contacting their state legislators regarding these bills and informing our lawmakers of our opinions as voters. Since both bills have already advanced through one legislative body, the time for action is now.

Another crucial way to stay involved is educating ourselves on this topic and other issues we are passionate about.

With lawmakers willing to inhibit our knowledge about those around us, it is more important than ever for us to keep ourselves and those around us informed. By not allowing conversations about the existence of queerness or queer participation in our society it'll create the idea queerness is something meant to be concealed.

"DON'T TRY THIS AT HOME!"



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Murray State goes dancing at NCAA Tournament

PREVIEW: Racers first weekend at March Madness

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With the OVC Championship win, Murray State punched their ticket to the NCAA tournament, better known as "March Madness."

On Selection Sunday, the Racers were selected as the seven-seed in the East Region, with teams like the one-seed Baylor and the two-seed Kentucky as potential opponents down the line.

The Racers will face the 10-seed University of San Francisco Dons in the first round on Thursday in Indianapolis, Indiana. According to CBS Sports, this game is "the matchup to watch in the first round."

While the seeding seems to give the Racers the advantage, odds from sports betting website FanDuel give San Francisco the one-point favorite heading into the weekend. Murray State Head Coach Matt McMahon said it will be one of the Racers' toughest matchups yet.

"The work begins now," McMahon said. "I have great respect for San Francisco. Really good basketball team. Every analytics site you look at, they're a no-brainer Top 25 team in America. We will need to prepare accordingly this week."

The Racers finished the season ranked 20th in the AP Top 25 poll, while San Francisco wasn't ranked. However, Murray State finished the regular season 21st in the NET, or NCAA Evaluation Tool, rankings, and San Francisco finished 22nd, just a single spot behind the Racers.

What perhaps gives the Racers an advantage is their efficiency. Murray State currently sits at

14th in the country in offensive efficiency and 13th in defensive efficiency. San Francisco is ranked 54th in offensive efficiency and 31st in defensive efficiency.

McMahon also said with the playstyle and numbers of San Francisco, it'll be like Murray State playing itself in the first round.

"By the numbers, [the Dons] are very similar to Murray State," McMahon said. "Elite defensive team. I mean terrific, one of the best teams defensively in the country defending the three. They've also been dominant in rebounding on both ends of the court. They score in high numbers, they have great players. It's gonna be fun, I'm looking forward to it."

According to CBS Sports, the Dons have experience over the Racers, playing the 16th hardest schedule in the regular season, while Murray State played in the 190th hardest schedule.

Against the AP top 25 teams in the country, neither team took a victory, but San Francisco played three top-ranked teams while the Racers played just one.

Regarding experience, McMahon believes the older guys on teams are going to make the difference. In the Racers' case, McMahon said that's junior guard Tevin Brown and junior forward KJ Williams.

"We have two players in Williams and Brown who have won a lot of games and a lot of championships," McMahon said.

"They've won a game in the NCAA Tournament and have performed at a high level in the tournament. I expect them to show great leadership toward our other players who may or may not have played in the tournament."



Jakob Milani/The News

The Racers celebrated receiving the seventh seed during Selection Sunday.

All the hype is great, but whoever plays the best in the game on Thursday is what matters most."

If the Racers defeat the Dons in Round One, they will take on the winner of two-seed Kentucky and 15-seed St. Peter's in Round Two, with Kentucky being the heavy favorite going into the matchup.

If the Racers win and end up taking on the Wildcats, it would be the first time in NCAA basketball history that the two teams face off.

McMahon said he is not focused on the next opponent. In fact, he said it's one game at a time

from here on out for the Racers.

"For us, it's a one game tournament," McMahon said. "Obviously, great respect for Coach Cal and the program at Kentucky, but if you don't win Thursday, there is no matchup. Our goal is to get better this week and go 1-0 on Thursday. That's all, from a basketball standpoint, that we will be focused on."

The Racers' first round matchup against San Francisco is set for Thursday at 8:40 p.m. The first and second round matchups will both take place in Indianapolis in the Gainsbridge Fieldhouse.

AP Top 25 Men's College Basketball



(Week 19)



(Week of March 16)

1. Gonzaga (26-3)
2. Arizona (31-3)
3. Kansas (28-6)
4. Baylor (26-6)
5. Tennessee (26-7)
6. Villanova (26-7)
7. Kentucky (26-7)
8. Auburn (27-5)
9. Duke (28-6)
10. Purdue (27-7)
11. UCLA (25-7)
12. Texas Tech (25-9)
13. Providence (25-5)

14. Wisconsin (24-7)
15. Houston (29-5)
16. Iowa (26-9)
17. Arkansas (25-8)
18. Saint Mary's (25-7)
19. Illinois (22-9)
20. Murray St. (30-2)
21. Connecticut (23-9)
22. USC (26-7)
23. Boise St. (27-7)
24. Colorado St. (25-5)
25. Texas (21-11)

Baseball dominates Northern Alabama at home

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Following a two-game sweep over Illinois State, the Murray State baseball team won its third straight game with a 10-2 win over University of North Alabama on Wednesday, March 16.

The Racers took a 16-inning game at home over Illinois State on Thursday, March 10, by a score of 7-6, then followed it up with a 6-2 win over the Redbirds the following day. The Racers kept the streak going when they hosted the Lions at Johnny Reagan Field. Freshman left-handed pitcher Jake Lynch made the start for the Racers. The Lions gave him trouble from the get-go as junior second baseman and lead-off hitter Drew Hudson managed a walk to start the game.

After stealing second and advancing to third, Hudson came around to score on a wild pitch from Lynch to give the Lions a 1-0 lead early on.

The Racers were quick to answer as a single from senior left fielder Bryson Bloomer brought home graduate outfielder Jake Slunder and advanced sophomore designated hitter Jacob Pennington to third base.

Pennington tacked on another run when he scored on a wild pitch from freshman right-handed-pitcher Bryse Ingle. Junior right fielder Seth Gardner added some more damage with a single up the middle that brought Bloomer around to score. The Racers were up 3-1 headed into the second inning.

The Racers swapped out Lynch for sophomore lefty Ryan Fender after putting two batters on base

to start the second inning. Fender pulled the Racers out of trouble when he forced sophomore left fielder Dominick McIntyre to ground out to third base.

Runs came pouring in from the Racers in the bottom of the second. The first two runs came early on when Slunder and graduate second baseman Jordan Holly scored on an error by junior infielder Jonathan Lane.

Junior left fielder Brennan McCullough helped add to the total with a double to center field, allowing Bloomer to score an unearned run.

After loading the bases, the Racers ended their fourth-inning onslaught with sophomore center fielder Cade Sammons getting hit by a pitch to bring home McCullough, making it a 7-1 ballgame.

The Lions cooled the Racers off for the third inning, but the runs were raining in again in the bottom of the fourth.

Sammons grounded out to Hudson at second base, but it was enough to bring home Gardner from third base and grow the Racers lead.

Holly added on with a single to center field to bring home sophomore shortstop Drew Vogel from third, putting the Racers up 9-1 with five innings left to play.

Neither team was able to bring a runner home for the next few innings.

The Racers brought in junior right-handed pitcher Spencer Keylon in the fifth inning to take over for Fender. He ended up facing eight batters, striking out one and walking another.

The Racers then went to sophomore righty Cade Killingsworth in the seventh inning, who struck out one of the three batters he faced.



Sierra Gilmore/Racers Athletics

The Racers extended their win streak to three games with their 10-2 win over Northern Alabama.

In the top of the eighth inning, sophomore right-handed pitcher Matt Boynton took over on the mound. Despite being a fresh pitcher, he struggled in his only inning pitched. He loaded the bases with one out, then allowed an RBI single from junior infielder Peyton Thomas, giving the Lions their first run since the first inning.

The Racers answered in the bottom of the eighth inning when freshman catcher Blake Hale doubled to left-center to bring Sammons in all the way from first base.

As the Lions went to their last three outs, a double from sophomore center fielder Garrett Smith kept the hopes in the dugout alive.

Senior catcher Luke Harper then drew a walk with two outs, looking to start a rally late in the game. However, a lineout by freshman right fielder Zak Majer ended the Lions hopes, giving the Racers the 10-2 victory.

The Racers had 14 total hits in the game, including doubles by Hale and McCullough. Slunder, Bloomer, Hale and Holly each had two hits for the Racers. Bloomer also managed two stolen bases and led with three RBIs in the game.

The Lions had five hits in the game, two of which came from Lane. Smith hit a double for the Lions, while Thomas had the only RBI. The Racers struck out Northern Alabama a total of eight times in the game, while only striking out themselves five times.

Following a four-game losing streak, Murray State is now on a three-game win streak with a 10-4 overall record. The Racers stay at Johnny Reagan Field for the weekend as they host Valparaiso University in a four-game series.

The first game takes place on Friday, March 18, with the series ending on Sunday, March 20.

MURRAY STATE ATHLETICS SCHEDULE

MARCH 17-30, 2022

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March 17:

Softball vs UTEP @ Murray, KY 3pm
Women's Basketball vs Vanderbilt @ WNIT (Nashville, TN) 7pm
Men's Basketball vs San Francisco @ NCAA Championship (Indianapolis, IN) 7pm

March 18:

Baseball vs Valparaiso @ Murray, KY 3pm

March 19:

Softball vs SIUE @ Edwardsville, IL 12pm, 2pm
Baseball vs Valparaiso @ Murray, KY @12pm, 2:30pm

March 20:

Women's Golf vs South Alabama @ Mobile, AL
Softball vs SIUE @ Edwardsville, IL 12pm
Baseball vs Valparaiso @ Murray, KY 1pm

March 21-22:

Women's Golf vs South Alabama @ Mobile, AL

March 25:

Women's Track vs Margaret Simmons Invite @ Murray, KY
Baseball vs Morehead State @ Morehead, KY 2pm

March 26:

Women's Track vs Margaret Simmons Invite @ Murray, KY
Baseball vs Morehead State @ Morehead, KY 1pm
Softball vs UT Martin @ Murray, KY 1pm 3pm

March 28:

Women's Golf vs Chattanooga @ Chattanooga, TN
Men's Golf vs Nicholls State @ Houma, LA

March 29:

Women's Golf vs Chattanooga @ Chattanooga, TN

March 30:

Softball vs Austin Peay @ Murray, KY 2pm 4pm
Baseball vs Alabama A&M @ Huntsville, AL 5pm

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Repurposed studio aims to welcome all artists

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Murray, Kentucky, is home to a growing art scene, and artist and educator Anne Beyer has picked the Murray area as a place to grow her art and further her career, creating her own space in the art community.

Beyer is a Michigan native who received her bachelor's degree in visual art at Albion College in 2010 and went on to do a wood-fired pottery apprenticeship in Albion, Michigan.

"Wood firing is very basic. It's a type of firing style that's been around for a long time, and people have been creating ceramic work all over the world with wood," Beyer said. "That's kind of how people learned that when you heat up clay it becomes hard, making it ceramic."

Following her apprenticeship, Beyer did workshops and residencies at Penland School of Crafts in North Carolina, where she met her partner Wyatt Severs. Then, she received her master's degree in studio fine arts from Indiana University Bloomington in 2019.

Beyer and Severs settled down in Murray right before the height of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020.

Beyer was an adjunct professor at Murray State teaching ceramics and art for non-majors during

the Fall 2021 semester. She later stepped away from the position in order to pursue her personal career as an artist.

"All that effort [from being an instructor] has been put into designing the wood kiln, my programming and making prototype objects to start a home business," Beyer said. "It's pretty much like the studio artist's version of the American dream, right? You are your own boss, you work for yourself."

Beyer is laying the foundation on her property for an anagama kiln and soon will start constructing an art studio repurposing the materials from a building she purchased at an auction. An anagama kiln, which translates to "cave kiln," is an ancient type of Japanese kiln that serves to harden clay into ceramic.

The studio will serve as a production space for both Beyer and Severs, who does woodworking.

Along with housing their own works, it is in Beyer's five-year plan for the studio to serve as a space to host workshops for kids and adults, residency programs and private studios.

"We got a small business loan that allowed us to purchase a building in Enterprise, Alabama, and we went down there and took it apart by hand," Beyer said. "It's a big pain in the butt to put it back together, but we can do it at a fraction of the price and kind of incorporate that story and idea of what if we did



Photo courtesy of Anne Beyer

Former Murray State art and design instructor Anne Beyer loads ceramics into a wood kiln.

repurpose more instead of throwing things away and buying new."

Before the building was taken apart for its materials, it was a maintenance shop. Now, the building will serve as a woodwork shop.

Beyond the central studio, Beyer says she wants to create separate studios and living spaces for apprentices on her property.

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Alumnus wins awards with short horror scripts

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Murray State alumnus Phillip Dishon has embarked on an award-winning entertainment career, drafting several critically acclaimed horror scripts.

Dishon graduated from the Murray State Honors College with a major in journalism and electronic media and a minor in creative writing in 2007.

Though Dishon later studied film production in Miami, he claims his love for horror actually found its roots during his time at Murray State.

"I haven't always been drawn to horror films," Dishon said. "In fact, I was quite the coward when I was younger. I only started to appreciate horror in my teens and during my time at Murray State."

Dishon graduated with a master's in film production from the University of Miami in 2009. He said during his time in Miami he focused on the horrors of suburbia.

"Miami was a massive city that ranged from poverty to super wealth, and I wanted to tell grounded stories of the horrors that went on behind closed doors," Dishon said.

The first award-winning script Dishon authored was titled "Everyone." Dishon said he was inspired to write "Everyone" after waking up from a very vivid nightmare.

"Everyone" developed from an extremely vivid nightmare I had where a ghost child whispered, 'If you see her, you can't run, because she eats everyone' into my ear," Dishon said. "After I woke up screaming, I immediately jotted down the poem into my phone notes."

"Everyone" eventually evolved into an 11-page horror short set in the 1990s. The script is centered around a young boy who messes up an initiation ritual

at his new school and angers a vengeful spirit.

"At the time, I just felt like I needed to get it out of my head," Dishon said. "The dream scared the hell out of me, and I figured if it could unsettle my desensitized mind then it could probably work as a horror short."

Dishon submitted "Everyone" to a film script competition at Hollywood Horrorfest in the summer of 2021. "Everyone" won the festival, receiving the "Best of the Fest" award.

"Everyone" has since been selected by 17 festivals, and it was also selected as a quarterfinalist and semifinalist at several of them. "Everyone" brought home awards from five of the 17.

"Winning a festival is a great feeling," Dishon said. "Even making the finals is a tremendous feat. But like all artistic endeavors, judgment is very subjective. I decided early on to focus on submitting to horror genre festivals. Horror is a popular genre, but it is hard to stack it against well-written dramas or comedies."

Contrary to his inspiration for "Everyone," Dishon wrote his script titled "Staring Contest" in an attempt to challenge himself. "Staring Contest" is about a girl who faces off with an unseen entity in a high-stakes staring contest.

"The entry fee was \$5 and I wanted to challenge myself," Dishon said. "One page might sound easy, but finding a story that can be shocking and frightening within that limited space sounded like a good exercise."

Dishon wrote "Staring Contest" with the intent to submit it into the one-page category of the Killer Shorts Horror Short Screenplay competition.

The Killer Shorts competition is designed for emerging screenwriters. The competition only accepts submissions within the horror genre and subgenres. The main contest category requires that scripts be 25 pages and under, but



Photo Courtesy of Phillip Dishon

Alumnus Phillip Dishon's 11-page horror script 'Everyone' has won 5 awards at film festivals.

there is a separate category for scripts that are one page or less.

The Killer Shorts contest received over 1500 entries, and Dishon's script made it into the Top 10 entries.

Dishon said a key element of participating in film festivals is the networking and connections made by attending.

"Even though I've only been able to attend them virtually this past year, I've made all sorts of contacts by participating in film festivals," Dishon said. "Nothing is set in stone yet, but there is some promise that 'Staring Contest' might very well get made soon because of a chance meeting at

an online film festival."

Dishon said students interested in making careers out of entertainment must be willing to put themselves and their work out there by submitting to film festivals.

"Films and scripts don't do you any good if they are on a hard drive," Dishon said. "I speak from experience. It's never too late to try. The worst thing that can happen is someone telling you no."

The winner of the Killer Shorts competition will be named on April 25. Anyone interested in reading Dishon's scripts can download them at filmfreeway.com/PhillipDishon.

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Beyer said her apprenticeship program would serve to teach those who are still eager to learn although they may not have any academic affiliations. Along with the physical presence of a studio, Beyer said she wants to ensure the environment she is creating is inclusive. Beyer plans on focusing on diversity and ensuring equal opportunities for everyone. “Inclusivity is a big component to it, as well as just understanding that different people have different experiences, and you have to, like, make sure that everyone can be in that experience,” Beyer said. Beyer said the art community is a space, predominantly made up of white men, and in white male-dominated environments it can be harder for those who are marginalized to get the same opportunities. Under the umbrella of inclusivity, Beyer said physical accessibility is also another major focus for her studio.

“Another one that gets really overlooked is accessibility, like, can somebody get a wheelchair somewhere,” Beyer said. “I think that happens a lot to the art community where just really basic things like being able to get a door open with a button is a big deal.” Beyer also wants the space to be beneficial to students studying studio arts at Murray State. “I am hoping to be a place where students can land after graduation, because there’s a really great ceramic program at Murray State, and my studio would be a more specific type of learning,” Beyer said. “If somebody goes through the Murray State program and then wants to learn about wood firing or wants to stay, or maybe can’t travel for some reason, I’ll be there.” Beyer plans to host an open house for the studio April 30 through May 1 on her property in New Concord, Kentucky.



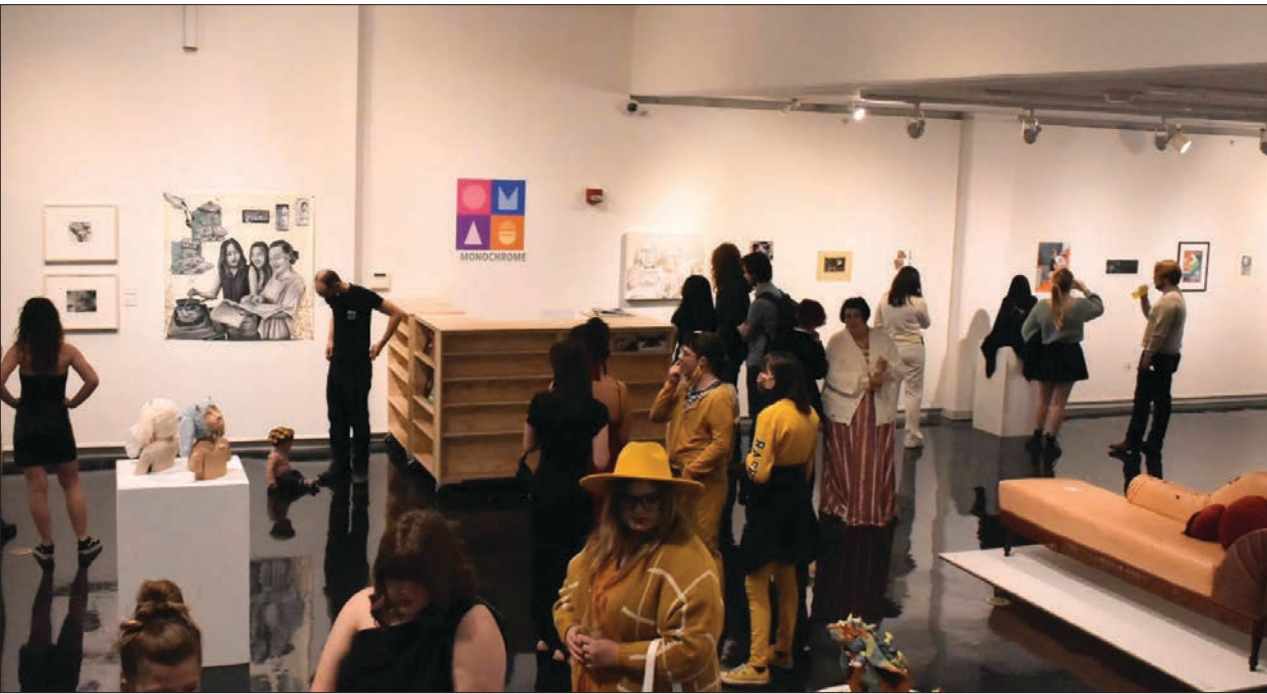
Wyatt Severs removes material from a building in Enterprise, Alabama, (above) and a collection of salvaged firebrick from a retired kiln (below). Photo Courtesy of Anne Beyer

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- 6. Toni Morrison
- 7. Princess Diana
- 11. Dolly Parton

The OMAS show is an annual juried exhibition hosted by the Organization of Murray Art Students. The OMAS show opened on March 11th in the Clara M. Eagle Gallery. Senior art education major Kerrie Pullen won the award for “Best in Show.” Submissions for the OMAS show were open to all Murray State Students. This year’s juror was Murray State alumnus Jerry Bedor Phillips. The exhibition is open through March 29 in the Clara M. Eagle Gallery. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 8 am to 4:30 pm.