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News Briefing: Legislative Update

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Planned Parenthood Files Lawsuit Against HB 3 in Kentucky

House Bill 3, which was passed two weeks ago on April 13, bans all abortions after the 15th week of pregnancy. Planned Parenthood, joined by the American Civil Liberties Union, received a temporary restraining order from the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Kentucky. The reasoning for the restraining order was the law did not provide enough time for clinics to comply with the stricter regulations. "This law is constitutional, and we look forward to continuing to defend it," said Attorney General of Kentucky Daniel Cameron.

Marjorie Taylor Greene Candidacy Challenged for 2022 Midterm Elections

House Member Marjorie Greene was challenged by a group of Georgia voters in response to her actions involving the January 6 Capitol insurrection. **see UPDATE, page 2**



Murray State alumnus Melvin Henley speaks at the Grand Opening of the Centennial Exhibit in Wrather West Kentucky Museum on Thursday, April 21. Dionte Berry/The News

Centennial Exhibit launches in Wrather Museum

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To commemorate the Centennial Celebration, University Libraries and the Office of Development hosted the Grand Opening of the Centennial Exhibit in Wrather West Kentucky Museum on April 21. Interim Dean of Libraries Cris Ferguson said planning for the exhibit began in 2020 with drafting storyboards, which are now displayed in Wrather Museum. "In early 2021, we began to gather images for Murray State's Special Collections archives and worked to design and build our exhibits managed this spring," Ferguson said. "Two years after this exhibit was first envisioned, it has finally come together." Four rooms within the Exhibit featured artifacts and history of the University from different

points in time. With one room displaying old cheerleading uniforms and letterman jackets. Ferguson said these exhibits are a celebration of Murray State's history and growth. "These interactive exhibits bring to life the rich history of this institution, chronicling our transition from a normal school of just 87 students to a nationally recognized regional prominent ... university of more than 9,000 students," Ferguson said. "Moreover, through these exhibits, we acknowledge and celebrate all of those who have contributed to making Murray State the finest place you know." All exhibits on the main floor galleries were curated by students in the class Introduction to Public History and Topical Seminar in Information Studies. Murray State alumnus Melvin Henley was the event's guest speaker.

Henley said the University has changed considerably since his time as a student—there were only seven buildings on Murray State's grounds at the time. "The boundaries of the campus were Main Street, Fifteenth Street and Sixteenth Street and a portion of Chestnut Street," Henley said. "Dr. Carr, being the visionary that he was, during the recession, [when] 40 acres became available on the north side of Chestnut Street, he fought for that 40 acres because he knew that Murray State sometime in the future would need that." He graduated in 1962 with a bachelor's degree in Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics before continuing to get his PhD in chemistry and physics in 1964. **see EXHIBIT, page 2**



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The Distinguished Young Alumna Marla Moore ('11) was also one of the 22-Under-40 recipients.

University honors alumni with distinguished awards

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The Office of Alumni Relations hosted the Distinguished Alumni Awards dinner on Friday, April 22, to honor alumni who have made an impact since graduating from Murray State. Nancy Gibbs Becker ('63), Harold G. Doran Jr. ('75), Robert Foster ('83), Steven Rudy ('00) and Alissa Young ('89 and '93) were named the 2022 Distinguished Alumni recipients. Marla Moore ('11) was named the 2022 Young Alumna recipient. More recipients of the Distinguished Alumni Award

were named in honor of Murray State's Centennial year. The Distinguished Young Alumni or Alumna award title varies each year depending on the recipient. Director of Alumni Relations Carrie McGinnis said this event recognizes alumni who have made an impact at the local, state and national level. "It's the highest honor that we bring to Murray State alumni on behalf of the Alumni Association each year," McGinnis said. The Distinguished Alumni Awards Committee follows a specific rubric to determine the best candidates for this prestigious honor. **see ALUMNI, page 3**

MURRAY STATE RELATED COVID-19 CASES

Students (April 18 - April 24)	Faculty and Staff (April 18 - April 24)	Weekly Total (April 18 - April 24)	Overall Total (Since Jan. 17)
2	0	2	203

Source: Murraystate.edu/racerrestart

Graduate student wins Georgia Teacher of the Year

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A student in the online Doctorate of Arts in English Pedagogy program, Amber Dumbuya, received the 2021-22 Teacher of the Year award from the Georgia Council of Teachers of English.

Dumbuya, who currently teaches 12th grade language arts at Kendrick High School in Columbus, Georgia, received the award through an extensive selection process.

The application packet included a resume, two lesson plans with photos and artifacts, a biography, two letters of recommendation and two one-page responses to chosen questions. Upon submission, a panel blind peer-reviewed the applications to determine a recipient from nominees across the state.

GCTE Director of Awards Brenda Logan said Dumbuya was chosen in part

because of her above-and-beyond lesson plans for students.

"Amber's lesson plans were exemplary, with a differentiated unit plan she had created on 'Hamlet' for her students," Logan said. "She is extremely creative."

Dumbuya demonstrates involvement outside the classroom. She sponsors and coaches in Fitness for All Bodies, an after-school fitness program she founded for students, faculty and staff. The program aims to promote a healthy lifestyle and help students prepare for the physical aspect of military basic training, police academy and similar pursuits.

Logan said the recommendation section of Dumbuya's application showed she has tenacity and patience.

"Amber's university supervisor noted that Amber was thorough in her on-the-field classroom experiences and did more than just the requirements," Logan said.

Dumbuya has also worked as an adjunct English professor at Vincennes University, Brandman University and Georgia Military College.

As an active member of GCTE and the larger National Council of Teachers of English, she has presented at conferences for both organizations in the past.

"I like the connection between members of both councils and the networking and resources that are available for English teachers at all levels," Dumbuya said.

Logan said Dumbuya was ultimately chosen for standing out from the rest of the candidates.

"I was proud to meet her," Logan said. "I was especially elated to learn that she was working on her doctorate as well to help improve her content knowledge."

Because she teaches seniors, Dumbuya has helped review students' college applications and written recommendations.

"What I love the most about teaching is seeing how my students mature over the year, take on more responsibilities and start to make goals for their future," Dumbuya said. "I love hearing from students after they



Photo courtesy of murraystate.edu. Amber Dumbuya's award shows "Teacher of the Year."

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Their challenge is based on the Fourteenth Amendment provision that states no person may hold office in the United States if they have "engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the same," according to the Constitution. The trial is ongoing, but a decision from the judge is expected within the next few weeks. The final decision will lie with the Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger and the Georgia Supreme Court. If she is found to have involvement in the insurrection, she will be ineligible for re-election.

Gov. Andy Beshear Seeks to Introduce Medical Marijuana to the State

Gov. Andy Beshear announced a four-step plan to gauge public opinion on medical marijuana and its legalization. This would involve a general counsel to decide on executive action for the usage of medical marijuana and the creation of the Governor's Medical Cannabis Advisory Team. Around 90% of all Kentuckians support the passing of medical marijuana legislation, according to a Kentucky Health Issues Poll conducted in 2020.

Murray State Hosts Town Hall to Discuss Budget

Following the passing of the Kentucky state education budget, also known as HB 1, the Budget Advisory Committee for the University met on Monday, April 25 to discuss and look over the proposed budget. They will be hosting a campus-wide today at 3 p.m. in the Curris Center Theater to present the budget. A Zoom link is available at murraystate.edu/streaming.

President Joe Biden Signs Executive Order Protecting Old-Growth Forests

Following Earth Day on Friday, April 22, President Joe Biden signed an Executive Order requiring federal agencies to support economic growth while also protecting natural resources amid a climate emergency. Supporters of Biden see this as one of the first moves toward meaningful anti-climate change efforts for the United States following the Leaders Summit on Climate Change in November 2021.



The Centennial Exhibit displays installations honoring significant figures and images associated with Murray State, like the Racer Tree (above) and donated furniture (below). Dionte Berry/The News

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Henley also received a Masters in Business Administration in 1990 at the University of Mississippi.

Henley was a former chemistry professor, department chair and Board of Regents member at the University.

"In his many years in public service, he served as mayor of the City of Murray in 1978 to 1982, as well as his stint on the Murray City Council," Executive Director of Governmental and Institutional Relations Jordan Smith said. "Lastly, [he served] as state representative from 2005 to 2013 ... as co-chair of the Capital Projects Committee and on the budget of the Subcommittee on Post-secondary Education."

The Exhibit highlighted the changes the University has gone through since Henley's years as an undergraduate student.

Jackson said he is grateful for the work of University Libraries and those who helped curate the exhibits.

The exhibit also features photos from Digital and Media Services Manager Jeremy McKeel.

Director of Special Collections and Archives Jeff McLaughlin said renovations on the museum have already started, with more work starting this summer.

"Work has already begun in the underbelly of the building on stuff like the boiler, internet stacks, etc," McLaughlin said. "Much of the building will be a construction site when the fall term starts, but all of the work in the main

gallery spaces has already been completed and we're free to resume normal museum operations."

A renovation timeline has not been announced, but McLaughlin said he does not expect the space to be ready for classes and events until 2023.

Wrather Museum is currently closed for renovations, but will re-open in August for those interested in visiting the Centennial Exhibit.

For those interested in the University's Centennial, visit the Centennial page on Murray State's website at murraystate.edu/centennial.

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The committee looks at innovative contributions made in their professions, a record of leadership or mentorships, contributions to their community and active engagement with the Murray State community.

Though engagement with the University after graduating is taken into account, it is only a small portion of the criteria that the committee judges.

While Distinguished Alumni and the Distinguished Young Alumna follow the same rubric, the Distinguished Young Alumni or Alumna is selected from the Annual 22-Under-40 recipients. The event has three portions: a cocktail hour, a dinner and a presentation introducing the recipients, which gives them an opportunity to talk about their time at the University and their career.

Alissa Young is the current president of Hopkinsville Community College. She began her career as a communications professor at the college before working her way up to academic chair, associate dean, chief academic affairs officer and the dean of academic affairs.

Young said she was not expecting this honor and was surprised to find out her name had been submitted for consideration.

"It truly is an honor to be recognized for my work and service," Young said. "I am grateful for the recognition, but I would like to add that I am also grateful for the talented and caring people at Hopkinsville Community College that I get to work with and serve beside."

Young said she is grateful for the connections she has made at the University and the help they provided her in achieving her educational goals. "My experiences at Murray State inspire me to provide those same opportunities for students at Hopkinsville Community College," Young said.

Other recipients of this award went on to have careers in different fields after graduating from Murray State, according to the Murray State Alumni website.

Robert Foster is a retired football coach who was previously at Virginia Tech University. Foster was a football player at Murray State for four years and began his career with his

football coach, Hall of Fame Racer Football, Coach Frank Beamer as a member of his coaching staff.

Steven Rudy is the current House Majority Leader in the state of Kentucky, serving as a member of the House of Representatives since 2004.

Nancy Gibbs Becker is a national philanthropist in humanities and fine arts. Becker has established a number of cultural and educational organizations including: The Beethoven Society, The Shakespeare Society, an annual spring fundraising event in support of the company Link Up, a children's music program at Carnegie Hall and a nonprofit continuing-education organization for adults on the Upper Eastside of New York City called RoundTable Cultural Seminars.

Harold Doran is the former president of the People's Bank of Murray, chairman emeritus for the Diabetes Research Institute Foundation and the former president of the Alumni Association. He currently serves as the vice chairman of the Foundation Board and chair of the Board's Joint Investment Committee.

Marla Moore is currently the strategic director and head of strategy at BUCK, a company that "brings brands, stories and experiences to life through art, design and technology," according to BUCK's website.

"I was stunned, to be frank," Moore said. "It was truly humbling, especially knowing the caliber of graduates that MSU has. I'm deeply appreciative and was grateful for the opportunity to visit my college home once more."

Moore said her time at Murray State prepared her for the many roles she has in her current position.

"Juggling both the demands of my BFA and the extra course load for the Honor Program taught me to budget my time and ruthlessly prioritize so that all the demands of my studies and extracurriculars were met," Moore said. "At BUCK, there are always more items on my to-do list than can be done in any given day—so I look for the most pressing need, and go from there."

McGinnis said it is important for alumni to not only make significant impacts in their career, but also to be an example for others.

To find out more information about the Alumni Association and the Distinguished Alumni Awards, visit www.murraystate.edu/alumni.

POLICE BEAT

4/13

Unknown

Stewart Stadium

Theft was reported after a grill was stolen.

4/13

9:32 A.M.

Murray State

Forgery and theft by deception was reported after a counterfeit/forged check was found.

4/13

3:17 P.M.

Stewart Stadium

Theft was reported after a bicycle seat was stolen.

4/13

8:23 P.M.

900 Block of College Courts

An electrical panel in the laundry room was reported to be on fire. No injuries/deaths.

4/14

3:16 A.M.

Richmond College Parking Lot

Officers assisted Murray Police Department in a traffic stop that resulted in the arrest of a driver under the influence.

4/15

9:43 P.M.

R.H. White College

A vehicle struck another vehicle then left the scene.

4/17

10:40 P.M.

R.H. White College

Terroristic threatening was reported after a person was threatened over social media.

4/18

8:15 A.M.

General Services Parking Lot

Criminal mischief was reported after a dumpster was pushed into a vehicle causing damage.

4/20

5:59 P.M.

H.C. Franklin Hall

A minor age 18-20 was found to be in possession of alcohol. The individual was referred for administrative action.

4/21

12:43 P.M.

Residential College area

Rape was reported from an anonymous online report.

4/21

4:50 P.M.

Elizabeth College

Terroristic threatening was reported after a subject threatened another person.

SPRING 2022 FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

Shann Riley / The News

EXAM DAY	FOR CLASSES THAT MEET:	EXAM TIME
Monday, May 9	8:30 a.m. MWF	8:00 a.m.
	11:00 a.m. TR	10:30 a.m.
	2:30 p.m. MWF	1:30 p.m.
	Monday Evening	Regular Class Time
Tuesday, May 10	9:30 a.m. MWF	8:00 a.m.
	11:30 a.m. MWF	10:30 a.m.
	12:30 p.m. TR	1:30 p.m.
	Tuesday Evening	Regular Class Time
Wednesday, May 11	9:30 a.m. TR	8:00 a.m.
	12:30 p.m. MWF	10:30 a.m.
	2:00 p.m. TR	1:30 p.m.
	Wednesday Evening	Regular Class Time
Thursday, May 12	8:00 a.m. TR	8:00 a.m.
	4:30 p.m. MWF	8:00 a.m.
	10:30 a.m. MWF	10:30 a.m.
	1:30 p.m. MWF	1:30 p.m.
	Thursday Evening	Regular Class Time
Friday, May 13	7:30 a.m. MWF	8:00 a.m.
	3:30 p.m. TR	10:30 a.m.
	3:30 p.m. MWF	1:30 p.m.

Police Beat is compiled with material from the Murray State Crime and Fire Log.

Not all dispatched calls are listed.

Our View: Campus workers must be heard

Without campus workers Murray State would be a shell of an institution. Therefore, workers' needs should be taken into account and their voices should be heard. Yet at Murray State, workers' needs are not being met. With worker retention at jeopardy, the future of Murray State as a credible institution is not certain.

The Murray State Chapter of the United Campus Workers of Kentucky has been working toward improving campus working conditions. Their demands include: raising the minimum wage to \$15 an hour and increasing salaries according to the cost of living adjustment (COLA), affordable healthcare, support for parents and caregivers, allowing professors to use virtual teaching formats, and respect and safety for all campus workers.

Although these changes and demands should be given more thought, administration does not give priority to our campus workers. The administration does much on campus to bring in prospective students, while current students and faculty receive little consideration.

At *The News*, we believe Murray State could allocate more money to supporting its campus workers. New campus updates could be a nice advantage, but administration tosses faculty to the side because they are more focused on maintaining recruitment rather than retention.

There is no purpose in having pretty buildings that will just end up empty at the cost of our faculty and staff. Unfortunately with continued dismissal of our staff's needs, empty buildings are exactly the direction we are headed.

As a result of the lack of care being felt, staff retention is falling rapidly. Nearly 43% of staff workers have considered leaving the University for reasons other than retirement, according to the Murray State 2021-2022 Staff Perspective Survey.

With nearly half of the staff considering leaving the University, consider how students and staff alike will suffer. Less options for workers will certainly take a toll on our campus community and leave us empty-handed.

Many of the problems faculty



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face have to do with a simple lack of support and resources. COLA would account for faculty and staff wages and consider the rising cost of living to make sure they are being paid adequately and can afford housing. Although COLA has been under discussion for a while, our faculty has not been able to see the discussions reflected.

COLA is meant to reflect the increase of the world's inflation, but with that wage adjustment, workers are expected to work for less money. Unfortunately, wages are remaining stagnant and even decreasing in some cases. COLA would be crucial in making sure our faculty are receiving wages to be able to pay bills without falling below the poverty line.

An increase in workers' wages has been put on the backburner. Many faculty and staff members have been handed empty promises. Especially

with issues such as COLA, faculty members will search for better opportunities and higher wages if their needs are not being met in their current workplace.

If the administration maintains ignorance by not listening to workers, the faculty members will feel unheard and disrespected.

We at *The News* share the idea that open communication is crucial to letting our faculty know the University supports them. Despite open concerns, the administration seems to ignore conversations when it comes to positive changes on our campus.

As long as workers raise concerns, there should be a foundation of respect which includes letting our workers know their voices and opinions are being heard.

Unfortunately, members of faculty and staff are part of a vulnerable

population when it comes to sharing their opinions. As students, it is our job to represent our campus community, including our educators and staff. Unlike faculty and staff, we won't risk having our jobs dangled over our heads, since we are the reason why Murray State is here.

One way to be involved is to bring the issue to our Student Government Association. We are lucky enough as a student body to have other students who are just as passionate about our issues. If we work toward resolutions within SGA, the administration may listen and make changes for our faculty.

By sharing our opinions and advocating for campus workers, we are creating a united campus community. We would not exist as a campus without campus workers, therefore they are a body that we should not take for granted.

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Baseball win streak hits four with 8-2 win at home

Racers tacked on six runs in the sixth inning against Alabama A&M

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Following a five-game road trip, the Murray State baseball team returned to Johnny Reagan Field on Tuesday, April 26, where they defeated Alabama A&M University 8-2.

The win put the Racers on a four-game win streak, with the Racers scoring six runs in the sixth inning and getting 10 hits total in the game.

Sophomore right-handed pitcher Ryan Fender took the mound for the Racers to start the game. He entered the game with a 6.91 ERA and made his way through the first inning giving up just one hit and walking a single batter.

Fender continued to deal in the second inning with two strikeouts, and then again in the third inning as he struck out all three batters.

The Racers were first to strike with a run coming in the bottom of the third inning. It started with graduate catcher Alex Crump getting hit by a pitch, followed by a bunt-single from graduate center fielder Jake Slunder.

Following a walk from sophomore designated hitter Jacob Pennington to load the bases, senior third baseman Bryson Bloomer hit a sacrifice flyout to center field to bring Crump home and put the Racers up 1-0.

Through the fourth and fifth innings, Fender allowed just one hit, a double from sophomore left fielder Janmikell Bastardo. Aside from that, Fender forced four groundouts, a flyout and a foul out.

The Bulldogs were able to get on the board in the top of the sixth inning. Sophomore shortstop

Chandler Stocking drew a walk on four pitches and forced Fender to be pulled from the game, being relieved by sophomore left-handed pitcher Allen Roulette.

After Stocking stole second, Bastardo came up to bat and hit a single to right field. The hit was enough to bring Stocking around to score and tie the game at one run apiece.

The Racers answered with much more than one run in the bottom half of the sixth.

After junior right fielder Brennan McCullough singled into left field and sophomore second baseman Riley Hawthorne doubled down the third base line, freshman left fielder Carson Garner hit a triple to right field, allowing both runners to come home and put the Racers up 3-1.

Sophomore first baseman Parker Estes followed it up with a double to bring in Garner and add another run to the Racers total.

A wild pitch by the Bulldogs pitcher, junior righty Daniel Hernandez, allowed Estes to score, moving the two base runners up to second and third. Bloomer then hit another sacrifice fly to bring home Crump for another run, putting the Racers up 6-1.

The Racers finished off the inning with a single from sophomore shortstop Drew Vogel that allowed Slunder to score from second and put the Racers up 7-1.

Roulette struck out all three batters in the seventh, but allowed another run in the top of the eighth.

Freshman center fielder Devin Tonkins reached base, and then stole second to start. Freshman second baseman Jalen Ford followed with a single to bring Tonkins around to score. The



Dave Winder/Racer Athletics

Graduate center fielder Jake Slunder was 3-3 at the plate in the Racers win against Alabama A&M on Tuesday.

Racers still held the lead at 7-2.

In the bottom of the eighth inning, the Racers managed to tack on one more run.

With Slunder on third base, Bloomer stepped up to the plate and struck out. However, a throwing error from the catcher allowed for Slunder to cross the plate and give the Racers their eighth and final run. The Racers defeated the Bulldogs by a score of 8-2.

Murray State put 10 balls in play through 30 hitters in the game, batting in six runs in that time. The Racers also drew six

walks, struck out three times, and left eight runners on base.

Alabama A&M had four hits and two RBIs through 27 batters. The Bulldogs struck out nine times, drew four walks and left three runners on base.

Murray State's record improved to 22-18 with the win over the Bulldogs. The season continues for the Racers with a three-game home series against Southern Illinois University Edwardsville starting on Friday, April 29, and ending on Sunday, May 1. First pitch for the series is set for 5 p.m. on Friday.

MURRAY STATE ATHLETICS SCORES

APRIL 22 - 27

Shann Riley/The News

April 22:

Women's Track at 2022 Kentucky Invitational @ Lexington, KY
Women's Track at 2022 Illini Invitational @ Champaign, IL
Baseball at Eastern Illinois @ Charleston, IL **W, 17-10**

April 23:

Women's Track at 2022 Kentucky Invitational @ Lexington, KY
Women's Track at 2022 Illini Invitational @ Champaign, IL **13th**
Baseball at Eastern Illinois @ Charleston, IL **W, 15-9**
Tennis vs. Austin Peay @ Murray, KY **W, 4-3**
Softball vs SEMO @ Murray, KY **W, 1-0**

April 24:

Men's Golf at Ohio Valley Conference @ Cape Girardeau, MO
Softball vs SEMO @ Murray, KY **W, 4-0**
Baseball at Eastern Illinois @ Charleston, IL **W, 24-20**

April 25:

Men's Golf at Ohio Valley Conference @ Cape Girardeau, MO

April 26:

Men's Golf at Ohio Valley Conference @ Cape Girardeau, MO
Baseball vs. Alabama A&M @ Murray, KY **W, 8-2**

April 27:

Men's Golf at Ohio Valley Conference @ Cape Girardeau, MO **7th**
Softball at Austin Peay @ Clarksville, TN **L 1-2, L 3-4**

For more information visit **GoRacers.com**



Battle of the border results in two losses for softball

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Murray State's softball team traveled to play a midweek double header against conference rival Austin Peay University on Wednesday, April 27.

The Racers dropped the first game 2-1 after leading early on, and then dropped game two of the series in walkoff fashion in the eighth inning.

GAME ONE

Junior right-hander Hannah James took the mound for the Racers. Her 1.25 ERA on the season looked as though it would hold strong as she gave up just one hit in the bottom of the first inning, and then one more in the bottom of the second. This left the Governors with two runners on base and no runs to show for.

The Racers were the first on the board in the top of the second inning when junior second baseman Lindsey Carroll stepped up to the plate. On the first pitch, she hit a homerun to straight away center to put the Racers up.

While freshman left fielder Isabella Wilson and sophomore catcher Taylor Jackson followed the homer with a couple of hits, the Racers left them stranded on base, leading 1-0 after two innings.

The third inning saw the three batters for both teams go down in order, but the Governors managed to make their way onto the board in the bottom of the fourth.

It started with graduate shortstop Brooke Pfefferle reaching on a fielder's choice, and then freshman designated hitter Kylie Campbell hit a single.

Junior left fielder Kendyl Weinzapfel followed it with a single of her own before sophomore catcher Mea Clark hit a sacrifice fly to right field to bring home Pfefferle and tie the game at one run apiece.

While the Governors starting pitcher, senior right-hander Harley Mullins, was still dealing in the top of the fifth inning by putting down the Racers in order, sophomore right-handed pitcher Jenna Veber came in to relieve James in the bottom half and put the Governors batters down in 1-2-3 fashion.

The Governors scored their last run in the bottom of the sixth as Weinzapfel singled to left field and brought Pfefferle around to score and put the team up. The Racers were unable to get any runs in the top of the seventh, and that was the end of it. Austin Peay defeated Murray State 2-1.

The Governors struck out four times and had seven hits through 24 batters, while the Racers had six hits through 27 batters and didn't strike out.

GAME TWO

Veber was the starting pitcher for the Racers in game two and struggled from the get-go.

Sophomore right fielder Megan Hodum made her way to third before senior third baseman Lexi Osowski hit a sacrifice fly to right field, allowing Hodum to reach home.

Then, Campbell came up to bat and hit a double to left field, bringing in Pfefferle and graduate center fielder Bailey Shorter to put the Governors up 3-0 early on.

The score remained the same until the top of the sixth inning when the Racers made it on the board.

The first run came off of a single from junior third baseman Gracie Osbron that brought senior center fielder Logan Braundmeier across the plate.

Two more runs came across when Carroll singled and brought home Osbron and senior shortstop Sierra Gilmore to tie the game at three runs apiece.

Veber's pitching and Murray State's defense kept the Racers hopes alive



Jesse Ordunez/Racer Athletics

Senior shortstop Sierra Gilmore was 3-7 at the plate in the series against Austin Peay

as the last six Governors batters all grounded out or lined out. As no runs came across in the seventh inning, the game was forced into extras.

While the Racers put two runners on base with a single from Gilmore and a walk from Osbron, neither were able to come across home plate and gave the Governors a chance to walk it off.

Hodum started the bottom half of the eighth with a single, which was then followed by a single from Shorter. Finally, a single from Osowski brought home Hodum for the final run and the walk-off win. The Governors defeated the Racers 4-3.

The Racers had five hits and four walks through 29 batters, while striking out three times in the game. The Governors had eight hits and four RBIs through 29 batters without striking out once.

Murray State's record falls to 32-14-1 overall and 16-6 in the OVC. The Racers' final two series of the season take place over the next two weeks, with the next three-game series taking place at Tennessee Tech.

The Eagles host the Racers with two games on Saturday, April 30, and one game on Sunday, May 1. First pitch of game one is at 1 p.m. on Saturday.



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MURRAY STATE ATHLETICS SCHEDULE

APRIL 28 - MAY 3

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April 28:

Football Spring Game 7 p.m.

April 29:

Women's Tennis vs. TBA @ Evansville, IN TBA
Women's Track at Vanderbilt @ Nashville, TN All Day
Baseball vs. SIUE @ Murray, KY 5 p.m.

April 30:

Women's Tennis vs. TBA @ Evansville, IN TBA
Women's Track at Vanderbilt @ Nashville, TN All Day
Softball at Tennessee Tech @ Cookeville, TN 1 p.m., 3 p.m.
Baseball vs. SIUE @ Murray, KY 2 p.m.

May 1:

Women's Tennis vs. TBA @ Evansville, IN TBA
Softball at Tennessee Tech @ Cookeville, TN 1 p.m., 3 p.m.
Baseball vs. SIUE @ Murray, KY 1 p.m.

May 3:

Baseball vs. Southern Illinois @ Carbondale, IL 5 p.m.

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Contest captures research with photography

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As part of the Spring Scholars Week, students were challenged to use images in a communicative and expressive manner.

The Images of Research competition is open to all students. Research and Instruction Librarian Dana Thompson coordinates the competition.

Five prizes are awarded for this competition: first, second and third place, plus two honorable mentions.

"This year we had submissions from Studio Art, Ag Business, Horticulture, Business Administration, Journalism, Graphic Design, Wildlife Biology, Biology, Agronomy, English, Photography and Mathematics Education," Thompson wrote in an email that announced the winners.

This semester's first place winner was agronomy major Miranda Rudolph with her picture "Drops Of Wonder."

Rudolph wrote her project is a study of the effectiveness of apple cider vinegar against drought stress at various stages in soybean development in her project description. She wrote she took the picture of the application of the apple cider vinegar on the first treatment group.

"The droplets seen are the apple cider vinegar settling on the leaves after I sprayed it on each replication," Rudolph wrote. "The title 'Drops of Wonder' refers to the extremely complex and not entirely understood nature of drought and the effects

that different compounds have on drought recovery. Scientific investigation begins with a simple 'I wonder what this will do?' and can sometimes lead to groundbreaking discoveries that change the world."

Agriculture business major Savannah French received the second place prize for her photo titled "Little Worker with a Big Impact."

"The research being conducted focuses on bees and their [effect] on crop production and yields," French wrote in her description. "Pollinators increase crop yields, but crops are not always the best for pollinators. The research goal is to find a solution that helps our bees and our farmers increase production while becoming happier and healthier."

John Gee, a studio art major with an emphasis in photography, placed third with his photograph titled "Waste."

Gee's photograph shows several plastic shopping bags pinned to a wall. He wrote in his description that with the ongoing climate crisis, it is more important than ever to take action no matter how small it seems. "By pinning the bags on to the wall, it emphasizes how useless plastic becomes after it is used," Gee wrote. "The choice to only use bags that feature red logos is intentional as red is usually seen as a color of danger symbolizing the danger of climate change and how we utilize plastic in our society."

Gee wrote that the outward facing logos become confrontational toward the specific companies, calling them out since



From left Miranda Rudolph wins first place with "Drops of Wonder" and John Gee wins third with "Waste."

much of the climate crisis stems from corporations.

One honorable mention was awarded to wildlife conservation biology major Michelle Weaver for her photograph "Eye-D."

In her description, Weaver wrote that her project is looking into how wetlands respond to restoration. She wrote one key aspect of this research is to collect aquatic insect samples and ID them.

"Aquatic insects can be a good indicator of water quality and would give us insight into how well the wetlands are doing," Weaver wrote. "Pictured is a damselfly we collected and preserved as part of this process. As most of these insects are very small, we use microscopes to ID them."

The other honorable mention went to studio art major Molly Ramsey for her photograph "Eroding Beauty."

Ramsey wrote in her description that her photograph represents the way nature can be destroyed by people and animals but

can then adapt and become beautiful again. She wrote that the picture shows a creek bed that at one time was a small trickle through the woods and has now become so big that a bridge is needed to cross it.

"The creek is in a high traffic area as it is near the disc golf course, no matter how much we try to preserve nature, it will undoubtedly continue to grow in size each year," Ramsey wrote. "The picture itself was taken to represent the good and the bad of Murray, thus 'Eroding Beauty.'"

Prize money is being awarded to each of the students who placed this semester. The first place winner received \$100, second place received \$75, third place received \$50 and the honorable mentions received \$25 a piece.

The five prize winners will also be featured in the semiannual campus publication Steeplechase.

To see all of this year's winners visit <https://digitalcommons.murraystate.edu/steeplechase/>.

Veteran Affairs Office focuses on revamp

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After relocating to Blackburn Science Building in 2021, the Veteran Affairs Office is now under a new coordinator, who is working toward revamping the Office's space and outreach making their presence known on campus.

AJ Cunha retired from the Navy on Oct. 28 2021, after serving as active duty for two decades. Following his service, Cunha took on the role as coordinator for the Murray State Veteran Affairs Office in February.

"When I took off the uniform in October, I knew that I wanted to be connected to the service in some way," Cunha said. "And I just thought when this job became available, I would be able to utilize a lot of my experiences in the last 20 years in a positive way to help veterans and not just put them in the corner."

During part of his time as active duty, Cunha served as an educational officer, so he had prior experience of the intersection between the military and higher education. Cunha said he was familiar with helping soldiers receive and use their educational benefits.

"I just figured that if I had this knowledge, taking on this position would be a great way to give back naturally," Cunha said.

With the Veteran Affairs Office moving from Wells Hall to Blackburn Science Building, there is more space available to the Office, and Cunha wants to take advantage of that space.

While the Office's amenities were formally separated in Wells Hall, in Blackburn the Office is right across from the Veterans Lounge, and there are resources for veterans, such as a

conference room, kitchen, larger conference space and a new printer.

"What we're trying to emulate is basically what a USO [United Service Organizations] office is," Cunha said. "It's a place in an airport where you can show your ID card, and you walk in and just relax in between flights."

Along with revamping what the Office has to offer, Cunha says he wants to make their presence known in the Murray State community.

"We've already revamped the communication process with prospective Racers, or those that are going to be using their benefits come fall semester, so there's been more email communication and more picking up the phone to answer questions," Cunha said.

With the addition of Cunha to the Office, Veteran Affairs Certifying Official Colleen Anderson says she is happy with the spatial and outreach improvements being made in the Office.

"Since AJ came on board, we've very much ramped it up as far as the decor and trying to really be more hospitable to veterans and working with them, and making our campus presence known," Anderson said.

Focusing on veteran outreach, the Office is also trying to get more students involved. Cunha and Anderson are working toward rebooting the Murray State Chapter of the Student Veterans Association.

The Chapter would serve to address the needs of veterans in higher education.

Jadeline Morrow is a junior biology major and a Veteran Affairs student worker, as well as a military dependent. Morrow said she enjoys being on both sides of the Office's operations.



(Left to right) Casey Stibblefield, AJ Cunha, Colleen Anderson, Jadelin Morrow and Markus Oxford in office.

"I'm using veterans' benefits, so getting to see a freshman or somebody who's a prospective student walk in here and talk to us about all their options about going to Murray State and seeing their faces light up when they see what we have and what we can offer them and how we can help them is amazing," Morrow said.

Morrow has worked with the Office since August 2021, has been witness to a lot of the Office's changes and is looking forward to the future of the Office.

"After meeting AJ, I just knew that there were so many changes to come," Morrow said. "I knew that

they had what was best for veterans, so I was really excited about that."

With the Office revamp, Cunha said he looks forward to creating a more prominent and supportive community for the nearly 600 students using veteran benefits.

"I think the end goal for the revamp that we've set in this office is that every day is Veterans Day," Cunha said. "The way veterans are treated, the communication they receive and what can be done for them should mirror the treatment they receive on Veterans Day."

The Veteran Affairs Office is located in Room 456 of the Blackburn Science Building.

All Campus Sing endures, returns to Lovett steps

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After two years, one pandemic and one inclement weather cancellation, All Campus Sing (ACS) is returning to the stairs of Lovett Auditorium.

ACS is a long-standing Murray State tradition. The first ACS was hosted in 1958, and this year's marks the 63rd iteration of the tradition.

The last ACS to be hosted in its traditional format was hosted in Spring 2019. Since then, ACS was canceled in Spring 2020, moved to a virtual format in Spring 2021 and postponed due to inclement weather on April 12.

ACS is an annual singing and dancing competition hosted by the Sigma Alpha Iota music fraternity. The competition is between student organizations, such as clubs, residential colleges and Greek organizations.

Sisters from Sigma Alpha Iota have embraced the circumstances of the weather and have titled their performance "Whatever the Weather."

Instrumental music education major Gracie Oakley said the Sigma Alpha Iota performance will include songs such as "Thunder" by Imagine Dragons, "It Will Rain" by Bruno Mars and "It's Raining Men" by the Weather Girls.

"I never got the chance to take part in a normal All Campus Sing because of the COVID-19 shutdown," Oakley said. "Being a part of a tradition that's as amaz-



Students from a cappella group, EQBlu, prepare for All Campus Sing on the steps of Lovett Auditorium. ACS will be today beginning at 4 p.m. Dionte Berry/TheNews

ing as ACS the first year it's fully back is amazing."

Student a cappella group, EQBlu, has also prepared a performance for ACS. EQBlu will be featured in the pre-show at ACS and will be performing several Lady Gaga songs, "Man in the Mirror" by Micheal Jackson and a song written specifically for the National A Cappella Convention (NACC) competition the group attended over Spring Break.

EQBlu member Luke Man-deville discussed the importance of ACS's return to the music

department as a whole.

"I am excited that ACS is back to normal and in person," Man-deville said. "Here in the music department we have had to sing with our masks on and it changes the sound and the overall feel of the music."

Sigma Alpha Iota uses the proceeds from ACS in their philanthropy project People to People, which donates instruments to schools that can not afford them.

People to People has helped supply instruments to music programs and musicians in over

60 countries. Sigma Alpha Iota will also be accepting donations of used instruments which will support local children who cannot afford musical instruments.

ACS will be hosted April 28 on the steps of Lovett Auditorium, its traditional location. The pre-show begins at 4:00 p.m. and the main event begins at 4:30 p.m.

Students, faculty and staff and the greater community can view ACS from the quad. Those who are not in town to attend ACS can find the event livestreamed at murraystate.edu/streaming.

Kite festival works to bring community together



Students from Alpha Mu Gamma, Japanese Club, International Student Organization, the Department of Global Languages and the Horticulture Club, hosted a kite festival and a plant sale at the Murray State Arboretum, on Saturday, April 23. All activities were free and open to the public. Activities included kite making and international crafts.

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