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The NPHC Plaza is located outside of Waterfield Library.

Plaza built to honor Black campus groups

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Set to commemorate the historically Black "Divine Nine" Greek organizations, the National Pan-Hellenic Council Plaza is quickly approaching its completion after nearly a year since the campaign broke ground on Nov. 21.

The NPHC was founded in the 1930s, according to the NPHCHQ, with the intention of promoting "unanimity of thought and action as far as possible...and to consider problems of mutual interest."

Located on the main walkway beside the Waterfield Library, the plaza was designed with nine brick columns representing each of the Divine Nine's letters and crests, along with bricks that span out from each column. Some of the bricks will feature personalized messages and names of the numerous donors who supported the plaza's campaign.

President of Murray State's NPHC Jaelyn Paige Carter said the plaza aims to educate the community on the history of the organizations.

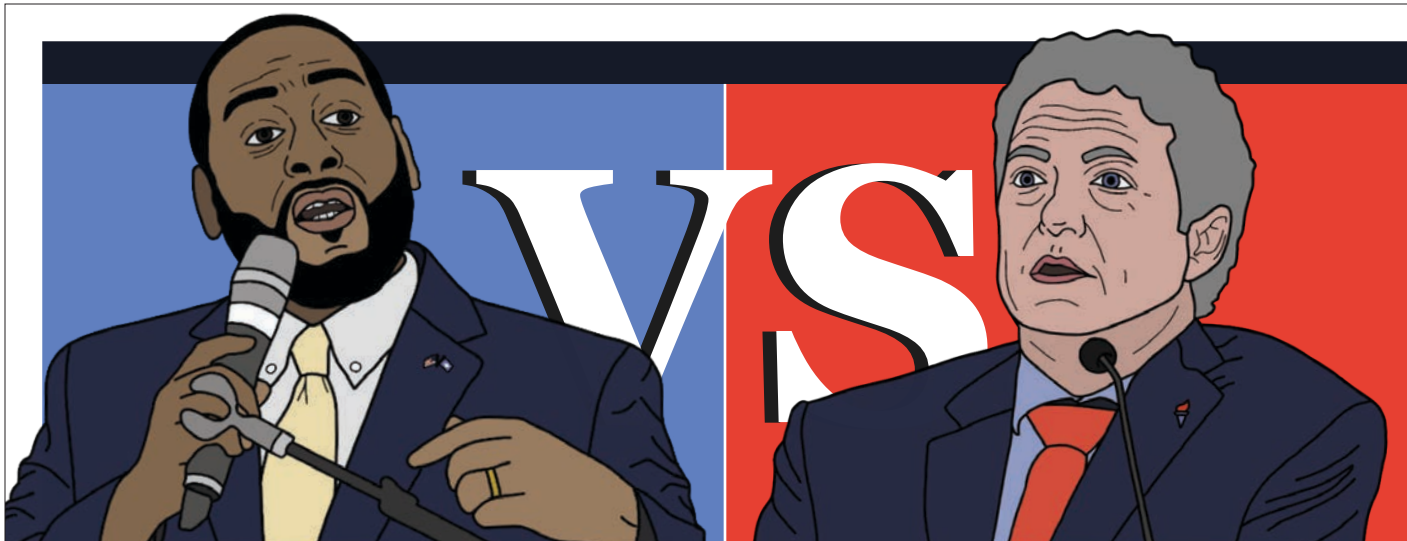
"This plaza serves as a place to educate the campus about the history of each of the organizations while offering a new outdoor gathering place for the community to engage and have programs," Carter said. "A place like this will help educate every student, faculty member and visitor to Murray State [on] the importance and impact of these organizations."

The NPHC chapters strive to produce leaders while simultaneously connecting them with their brothers and sisters, forging unbreakable bonds, according to the NPHC plaza campaign website.

The five NPHC chapters currently active on campus are: Alpha Kappa Alpha, Kappa Alpha Psi, Omega Psi Phi, Delta Sigma Theta and Zeta Phi Beta. The four NPHC chapters not active on campus are: Alpha Phi Alpha, Phi Beta Sigma, Sigma Gamma Rho and Iota Phi Theta.

"Each group not only plays a vital role in student life but continues to produce confident and skilled leaders—leaders who succeed academically and strive to make positive changes in their community," Carter said.

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Charles Booker vs. Rand Paul

Kentucky Midterm Elections

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Election season is quickly approaching

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Election season is right around the corner. On Nov. 8 Kentuckians will be lining up at precincts statewide to choose who will represent them in Washington D.C. for the next six years.

Democrat Charles Booker is running for Senate against Republican incumbent Rand Paul, but unlike other elections, Kentuckians will also be voting on statewide access to legal abortions.

Local groups such as the College Democrats and the Calloway County Democrats are among many that are working to spread voter information to avoid voters being uninformed at the polls.

An uninformed voter is an individual who votes but is not well informed on candidates or the issues they support.

As members of the fourth estate, we at *The News* find it important to do what we can to make sure voters walk into those poll booths with informed opinions.

Booker's message is clear: "Kentucky is worth fighting for." Booker is fighting for a future where opportunity and success is not determined by zip code, pronouns or other demographics, according to charlesbooker.org.

Booker has heavily campaigned his Kentucky New Deal, which is described as an investment in the people of Kentucky, widely focusing on investing in low-income areas of Kentucky.

"It will be the largest investment in the people of Kentucky that we've ever seen, ending poverty, delivering

quality healthcare to everyone in our Commonwealth and fixing our crumbling infrastructure," according to charlesbooker.org.

In addition to the Kentucky New Deal, Booker supports reproductive rights, veterans, funding public education and quality healthcare.

A senator since 2010, Paul is a supporter of constitutional liberties and fiscal responsibilities.

"As a fierce advocate against government overreach, Dr. Paul has fought tirelessly to return government to its limited, constitutional scope," according to randpaul.com.

As a senator, Paul has introduced anti-abortion and military legislation.

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Leach launches historic attorney campaign

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University alumna Madison Leach has made history as the first openly transgender person to run for public office in Calloway County.

"I've been told that I'm the first in the state," Leach said.

Leach, who has practiced criminal defense and family law in the area for seven years, is running for county attorney.

The incumbent, Bryan Ernstberger, previously ran unopposed. Leach said she decided to run because it is important to have conversations about criminal justice reform during each election cycle.

"I just don't think that's healthy for a democracy for someone to run unopposed over and over again," Leach said.

In addition, Leach said she thought it was important for an openly trans person to run for office, given that the trans community has become a "punching bag" for the Republican Party.

"They have put so many bills through the Kentucky Assembly and almost every state in the country attacking trans people and trans youth, so I thought it was important to run as an attorney in this community and allow that visibility to bring awareness to trans people and some other issues," Leach said.

Leach graduated from Murray State in 2011 with a bachelor's degree in political science. Following graduation, she started at the Salmon P. Chase



Alumna Madsion Leach is running for Calloway County Attorney.

Photo courtesy of Madison Leach

College of Law at Northern Kentucky University and later transferred to the Southern Illinois University School of Law, where she graduated in 2015.

Leach said the local area needs more programs to provide students with hands-on experience before they decide to go to law school.

"I think sometimes some students are disadvantaged in these internship programs because they are usually

not paid," Leach said. "If we could find some funding or even some grant money or somewhere in the budget to advocate for a stipend for these students, we could have a larger base of students who intern for us."

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Leach said she would work with the political science, criminal justice or psychology departments to allow students to experience the courtroom.

"There are tons of resources here," Leach said. "We should be using them."

During her time at Murray State, Leach minored in psychology, which she called one of the biggest assets from her undergraduate experience for practicing law today.

"Those classes gave me a basic understanding of social psychology, abnormal psychology and the resources we need to have in place in order to treat them," Leach said. "Lots of psychology studies... show it can make things worse to incarcerate somebody when you're putting them in there for minor offenses."

Leach said opponent Ernstberger has argued no effective deterrent exists for theft. However, she maintains that theft is a result of poverty and thrill-seeking psychology.

"When you approach that topic, you know there are ways to reduce recidivism if you treat the individual with more than just jail," Leach said. "My opponent wants to make sure that jail time is higher than surrounding counties so they steal elsewhere, but that's not right. Counties are imaginary lines, and I don't think criminals understand if I commit this crime in Marshall, I'll get less jail time than I would in Calloway."

Since most dockets are for repeat offenders, Leach said the county needs a new approach to reducing recidivism—the tendency of a convicted criminal to reoffend.

"What's most likely to keep that offender from coming back into the courtroom and being a repeat offender?" Leach said. "If you want to lower the crime rate, you have to figure out how to keep those people out of the courtroom."

As a criminal defense and family attorney, Leach has represented several women who have

experienced partner abuse. She said she takes domestic violence seriously.

"Sometimes, that involves more than just locking up the offender," Leach said. "Sometimes, that involves getting the victim resources or getting them in touch with local certified programs, such as the Merriam House, that can help them."

Leach believes the U.S. is over-incarcerated, which she attributed in part to marijuana laws.

"I think that marijuana should be just as socially acceptable as having a glass of wine at the end of the day, as long as you're not driving on it," Leach said. "It's less harmful than McDonald's or alcohol, for sure."

Leach reported knowing individuals who graduated from Murray State but were unable to find employment because of marijuana charges from their undergraduate years. She said this is unfortunate.

"Marijuana laws ruin people's lives unnecessarily," Leach said. "I'm going to ask all they have to do to get a charge dismissed is to get an evaluation from a social clinician."

Leach noted she would continue to prosecute those using other illegal drugs or driving with any substance that impairs their ability to drive.

Though the voter registration and absentee ballot request deadlines have passed, early voting in Calloway County will be open on Nov. 3 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Nov. 4 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Nov. 5 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. All early voting will occur at the Calloway County Courthouse Annex on 201 S. 4th St.

Kentucky will hold Election Day on Nov. 8. In Calloway County, polling places will include the CFSB Center, North Calloway Elementary School, Southwest Calloway Elementary School, New Concord Church of Christ, Elm Grove Baptist Church and Hazel Baptist Church. All locations will be open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

To find your polling location, visit elect.ky.gov.

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October 31 - Graduates/Post Bacc
8 a.m. - Last names: A-Z

November 1 - Seniors
8 a.m. - Last names: E-L
10 a.m. - Last names: M-R
12:30 p.m. - Last names: S-Z
2:30 p.m. - Last Name: A-D

November 2 - Juniors
8 a.m. - Last names: M-R
10 a.m. - Last names: S-Z
12:30 p.m. - Last names: A-D
2:30 p.m. - Last names: E-L

November 3 - Sophomores
8 a.m. - Last names: S-Z
10 a.m. - Last names: A-D
12:30 p.m. - Last names: E-L
2:30 p.m. - Last names: M-R

November 4 - Freshmen
8 a.m. - Last names: A-D
10 a.m. - Last names: E-L
12:30 p.m. - Last names: M-R
2:30 p.m. - Last names: S-Z

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Swift branches out but disappoints in 'Midnights'

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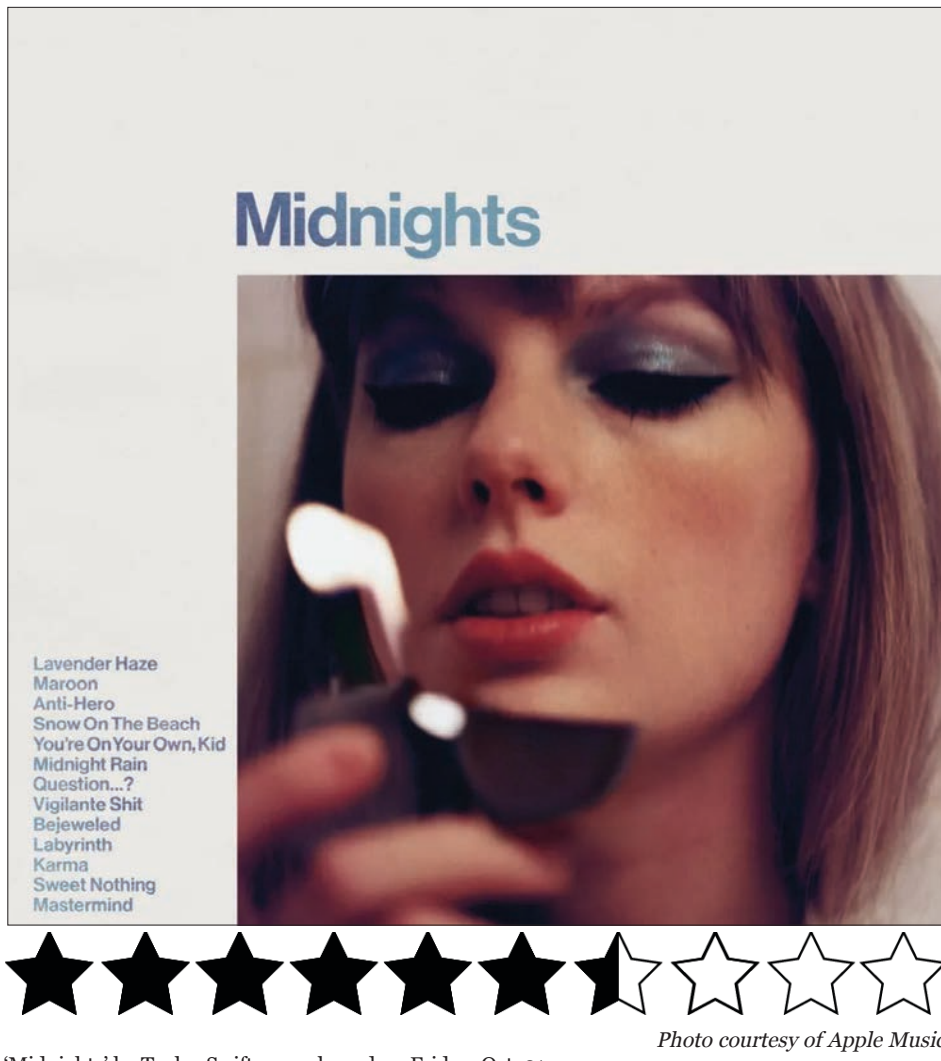
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When I was 9, Taylor Swift released the music video for “Teardrops On My Guitar.” I was instantly captivated—with her glittery blue eyeshadow and blonde, wavy hair, she told a story about passing an unrequited love in a hallway, laughing at all his jokes and going home to write a song about it. I listened to “Fearless,” “Speak Now” and “Red” when they were released, fully entranced by her storytelling abilities. I wasn’t a fan of her albums after that until she released “folklore” in 2020. Since then, I’ve been on the Swift train again. “Midnights” was released on Friday, Oct. 21 after weeks of Swift revealing each track name on TikTok. Since its release, it has set several records: biggest streaming of the year, largest streaming week ever for a female artist, single-largest sales week for a vinyl since 1991 and more, according to Billboard. The album has 13 tracks. Swift dropped an extended version of the album three hours later with seven additional tracks.

“Lavender Haze” begins with a thumping beat and a modulated voice that both persist through the song. When I first heard this, I was a little surprised, as I wasn’t expecting an electronic-pop sound for this album, and I don’t think it entirely fits Swift. She sings about “lavender haze,” a phrase that was used in the 1950s to describe the feeling of falling in love, and Swift uses it to describe her six-year relationship with Joe Alwyn. The lyrics allude to rumors, tabloids and other negative press that they’ve had to dodge.

“Maroon” starts very similarly to “Lavender Haze” with percussion but instead it alternates between bass drum and clipped electronic snare with synth in the background. The melody feels a little unoriginal, which isn’t inherently bad, but it didn’t capture my attention. That is until the chorus when she picks up the pace, singing, “The burgundy on my T-shirt when you splashed your wine into me and how the blood rushed into my cheeks.” The chorus transitions



“Midnights” by Taylor Swift was released on Friday, Oct. 21.

Photo courtesy of Apple Music

back into the verses with a descending synth. This is definitely a song that grew on me, particularly the chorus.

“Anti-Hero” was the first song I really enjoyed on first hearing it. Swift sings, “When my depression works the graveyard shift, all of the people I’ve ghosted stand there in the room.” She begins in a higher register and switches to her chest voice. I don’t mind the electronic sound here; it’s believable this time around. In the chorus, she sings, “It’s me, hi. I’m the problem. It’s me,” which has been stuck in my head since I listened to it.

“Snow On The Beach” is a collaboration with known indie pop queen Lana Del Rey. Swift ditches the percussion for strumming and a brighter melody. Her voice is softer here; it sounds like a track that could be off “evermore.” I was a little disappointed, however, by the lack of participation from Rey. She doesn’t have a verse of her own and instead takes up backing vocals.

“You’re On Your Own, Kid” has become my favorite. This song and

“Anti-Hero” are the two tracks on which Swift is lyrically the most vulnerable. Sometimes I find her rhymes corny, but I enjoy them here: “From sprinkler splashes to fireplace ashes, I gave my blood, sweat and tears for this. I hosted parties and starved my body like I’d be saved by a perfect kiss.” Swift sings about her experience growing up in the spotlight since adolescence.

“Vigilante Sh*t” introduces the corniest lyric on the album: “Draw the cat eye sharp enough to kill a man.” Swift sings about revenge, but again, I don’t buy it. In the background, the bass thumps, and Swift sings in a lower register. Objectively, these tracks aren’t bad sonically, but I just don’t find it genuine from Swift.

“Bejeweled” is my least favorite track. It’s too bright and sweet for my taste. It begins with a twinkling sound and leaps into a bass-heavy background. It’s a shallow sentiment, and I’ve come to expect more creativity from Swift. She’s allowed to have fun, but this track isn’t fun to me.

“Labyrinth” returns to a soft, gentle tone with electronic embellishments. She sings higher notes, which I don’t think sound the best, but this is the type of sweetness I enjoy from her: “It only feels this raw right now, lost in the labyrinth of my mind.” The song breaks down into a modulated, electronic sound later, which somewhat reminds me of another band, The 1975.

“Karma” is a track I really liked starting out. A synth and simple beat take prominence in the verses, as Swift layers octaves over each other, and her vocals take front stage in the chorus. Swift sings in her lower register before returning to higher notes in the chorus: “Karma is my boyfriend, karma is a god... Karma’s a relaxing thought.” But then she ruined it, singing, “Karma is a cat purring in my lap because it loves me,” which is a cheesy metaphor to me.

“Mastermind” features an arpeggiator sound with heavy bass. Swift plays into the public perception of her as “controlling,” singing, “What if I told you I’m a mastermind?” and “No one wanted to play with me as a little kid, so I’ve been scheming like a criminal ever since to make them love me and make it seem effortless.”

This album is heavy with arpeggiator, heavy bass and electronic flourishes, which is a genre I can usually appreciate, but I don’t entirely enjoy it from Swift. I became a fan of Swift again after listening to “folklore”: her poetic language, storytelling and raw emotion is what drew me back to her. I expected the same sort of style in “Midnights,” which was an incorrect assumption. I was partially disappointed—instead of long, haunting lines and stripped-down acoustics, we got clever rhyme schemes and electronic chords.

For that, I’ll give the album a 6.5 out of 10. The more I listen to it, the more it grows on me, but this is nowhere near the love and joy I felt listening to “Red” and “folklore.” I like her more fun tracks, and I’m glad she’s experimenting with sound. It’s just not what I prefer to hear from Swift—and I don’t think it’s her forte. I’ll still be streaming it and bumping it in my car, but I wish I could connect to this album more.

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Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Don Robertson said the NPHC Plaza was a significant addition to the University’s campus.

[The NPHC Plaza] honors our current students, past students. It helps in promoting and recognizing diversity and inclusion at Murray State.

—Don Robertson, vice president of Student Affairs

“I believe it will have a very positive impact and a point of pride,” Robertson said. “It honors our current students, past students and future students. It helps in promoting and recognizing diversity and inclusion at Murray State University. This plaza will be a point of pride and inspiration for all of our students.”

The NPHC Plaza’s fundraising campaign raised over \$129,000 in support of this historic plaza.

“It will symbolize the importance of these organizations on campus today as well as the significant contributions of their alumni,” Robertson said. “It also shows the appreciation the University has for the group’s leadership and service to the University and the community.”

The NPHC will host the plaza’s unveiling ceremony at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 29.

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In addition, Paul supports balancing the nation’s budget, fixing the justice system, protecting the Second Amendment right to bear arms and reforming Washington through term limits.

There is a strong push from Booker and his campaign staff to get young voters involved in politics, especially with controversial issues on the ballot this election.

One of the issues on the ballot is Amendment 2, which addresses the right to abortion.

The proposed amendment to the Kentucky Constitution states: “To protect human life, nothing in this Constitution shall be construed to secure or protect a right to abortion or require the funding of abortion.”

Senior political science and pre-law major Conor Washburn said it’s important for people to read this amendment with caution.

“I think it’s kind of a misleading amendment,” Washburn said. “I saw where it said vote ‘yes’ for Amendment 2, and I was like, ‘Oh, okay, like if saying vote ‘yes’ to more abortion access,’ but it’s actually saying, ‘Vote ‘yes’ to not giving people abortion rights.’”

A “yes” vote will support amending Kentucky’s Constitution to declare there is no protected right to abortion. A “no” vote will be against adding the amendment.

Eve Jacobson, a junior Spanish and professional writing double major, said she believes the amendment was worded to purposely confuse voters.

“The phrase ‘to protect human life’ in particular is intentionally unspecific,” Jacobson said. “It is also definitely not a neutral choice of words, which I doubt is appropriate for an amendment.”

Another issue on this election’s ballot is Amendment 1.

If passed, Amendment 1 would allow lawmakers to call themselves into a special session, which means they can call sessions to pass laws the governor doesn’t agree with.

Booker has campaigned specifically to young voters in an effort to increase engagement and turnout.

Washburn said he sees an increase in engagement among young voters but thinks more could be done.

“I think having people in office that are not...75 years old [will increase engagement],” Washburn said. “That’s why if we see more young people [who] want to run for office and more young people in positions of power, then more young people will be inclined to vote.”

Senior biology major Kylie Jones said she only follows presidential elections but admits she doesn’t enjoy politics.

“I feel that most of the information circulating is very biased,” Jones said. “I would be more interested in strictly facts about candidates and things like that as opposed to people’s opinions.”

Washburn said he considers an informed voter to be an individual who researches a candidate and the issues they support.

“We have the tools to be informed,” Washburn said. “I feel

like that’s on each individual voter...if they utilize those tools the correct way or not.”

When deciding on a candidate, Washburn said he looks for someone who doesn’t put their interests ahead of their voters.

“I look for someone who has the best interest of all voters in mind, not just one group,” Washburn said. “I want someone who has the best interest of their party and the party that may not vote for them in mind because at the end of the day, we’re all citizens of the same state and all citizens of the same country.”

Jacobson said she believes the majority of young voters are informed on issues but people could begin to do more.

“I know way too many people who are only going to vote for a candidate based on what political party they are, and I cannot stress how important it is to actually know what you’re voting for,” Jacobson said.

“I think the best way to make sure more young voters are informed is also to continue spreading awareness on political topics.”

Jacobson said she will work to stay informed on political issues.

“Politics are incredibly complicated to me, and there are so many different components to it that I don’t think I’ll ever understand,” Jacobson said. “That being said, I always do my best to stay informed and try to understand what’s going on to the best of my ability.”

Election Day is Nov. 8. To find out your polling location, visit elect.ky.gov.

Our view:

Election Day should be considered a holiday

Citizens from across the country will be going to the polls on Nov. 8 to vote on candidates running for their state senate and U.S. Senate, state representative and U.S. Representative, state Supreme Court justice and several other positions. When it comes to this election, voting is crucial to ensure the candidates and policies people support will have a better chance of being elected and passed.

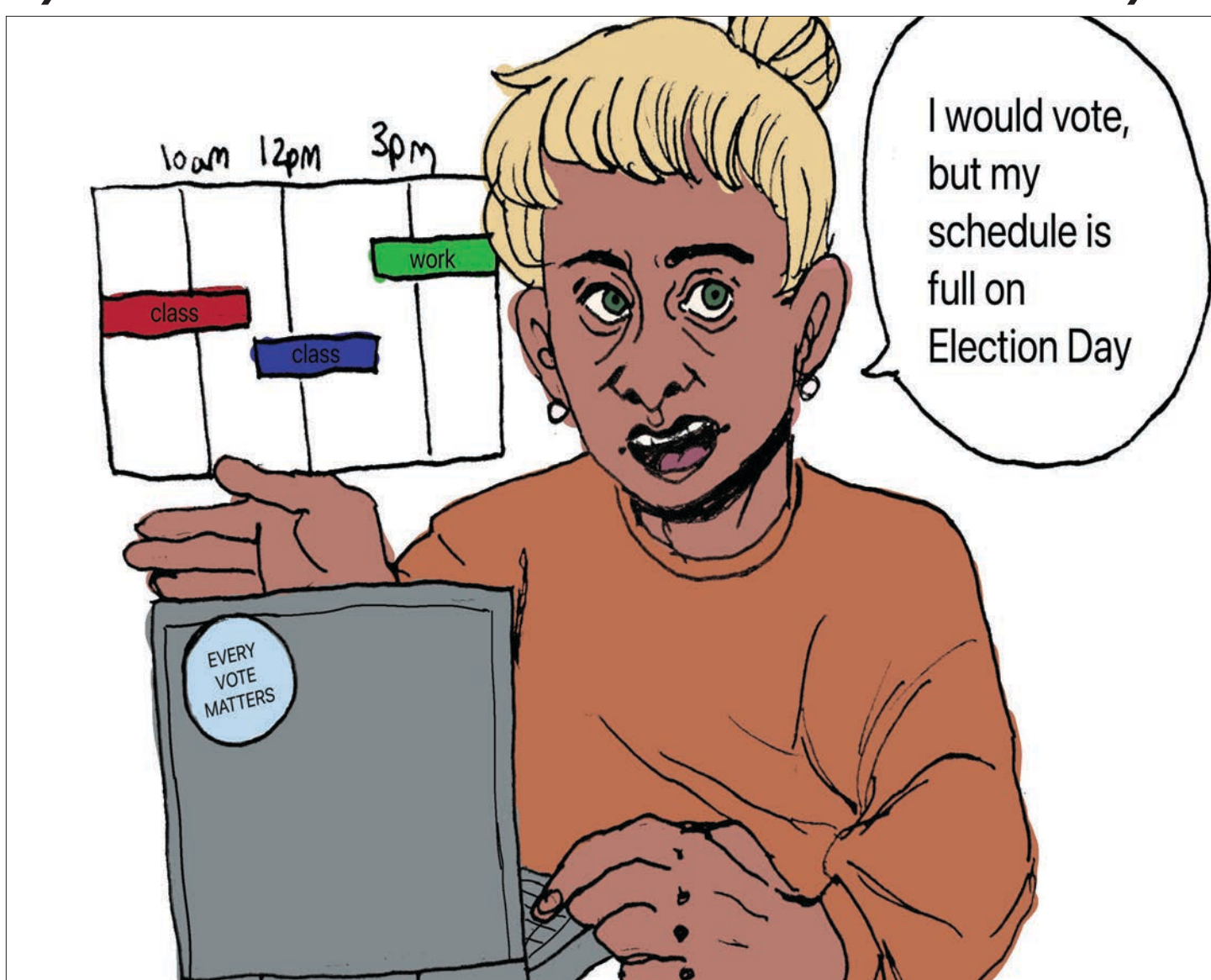
Despite the importance of this election, many people will never make it to the polls because they won't receive the day off from work or school. Being able to have the day off—or even half a day—would provide the opportunity for more people to vote.

While many people don't have work or school all day long, many of them have obligations such as childcare, extracurricular activities or others that may keep them from voting. One of the biggest problems with not receiving the day off is many people need to travel to vote, especially college students.

Most have to travel home to their permanent addresses where they are registered to vote. Having the day off would be incredibly important in ensuring everyone has an equal opportunity to travel to their precinct and vote.

Although not having Election Day off is not a direct tactic to suppress votes, it can certainly have that effect. Having your ability to vote be limited can result in a sense of disdain toward government officials creating these policies.

Another voter suppression tactic was an action by the Supreme Court in 2013. The Court struck down as



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unconstitutional a formula at the heart of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. This section required certain areas with a history of voter discrimination to first approve changes with the federal government. The biggest facet of the Voting Rights Act was to ensure discriminatory voting policies were blocked—now, they can only be blocked after harming voters.

This ruling changed the way discriminated voters were treated when it came to voting. These groups now have to prove they are being discriminated against. Because of this, a new law emerged in North Carolina, disenfranchising Black voters.

The law required residents to show identification before casting a ballot, elim-

inated same-day voter registration, eliminated seven days of early voting and put an end to out-of-precinct voting. While showing ID is not extreme when it comes to voting, the other measures taken to suppress voters could change the trajectory of the election.

While the North Carolina law was initially struck down by a federal appeals court, other suppressive measures are still allowed based on the ruling in the Voting Rights Act. Polling place closures became common, with 1,688 polling locations closed between 2012 and 2018.

The closure of polling locations fails us when it comes to making sure people have equal access to voting. When people are

already struggling to make it to local polling locations, it becomes increasingly difficult when those locations are removed.

Any barriers that keep someone from voting should be removed immediately. One of the most important measures we can take as voters is to attempt to reduce voter suppression tactics. Although we should all do our part to vote in elections, we should also make sure everyone has equal access to voting in their local communities.

Disenfranchising large numbers of voters only leads to a lack of voting and a lack of political involvement. The less barriers to exist, the more involvement we will see in terms of voting, support for policies and becoming civically educated.

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Sophomore setter Bella Dearinger totaled 82 assists and 20 digs against both Bradley and Illinois State on Friday, Oct. 21 and Saturday, Oct. 22.

Volleyball wins back-to-back at home

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The Racers won both of their games over the weekend and have bumped themselves up into sixth place in the MVC with an overall record of 9-12 and a conference record of 5-6.

Murray State's freshman outside hitter Federica Nuccio earned MVC Freshman of the Week after leading the Racers with 29 kills over the two-game span. Nuccio recorded her 13th and 14th double-double as she finished the weekend with 22 digs.

The Racers hosted the Bradley University Braves on Friday, Oct. 21 and the Illinois State University Redbirds on Saturday, Oct. 22. The Racers won both matchups in four sets by a score of 3-1.

vs. Bradley

Murray State and Bradley went back and forth in the match's first set. Down 21-20, the Racers went on a three-point rally started by a Bradley service error. A Bradley attack error followed, and graduate middle blocker Elisa Dozio then earned a kill, giving the Racers a 23-21 lead.

The set was tied at 24 apiece before sophomore setter Bella Dearinger and junior middle blocker Darci Metzger each earned a kill, giving the Racers a 26-24 win in the first set.

The second set was competitive, as both teams traded points till it was tied at 20 apiece. Bradley then went on a five-point rally thanks to three Murray State attack errors and two kills. The Braves won the second set 25-20.

The Racers had control for the majority of the third set, leading 19-13. Murray State then went on a five-point run that was initiated by a Bradley service error. The Braves then committed an attack error and freshman outside hitter Ella Vogel earned a kill.

An attack error followed, and Metzger finished the rally off with a kill, giving the Racers a 24-14 lead. The Racers then committed a service error, but the Braves committed an error as well, giving Murray State the third set 25-15.

The Racers trailed in the fourth set before Metzger earned a kill and Bradley committed an attack error, giving the Racers a 22-21 lead. The Braves retaliated by scoring twice in a row, but it was not enough.

Nuccio earned a kill, and the Braves committed two attack errors, giving the Racers the fourth and final set 25-23.

Metzger led the Racers with 14 kills and six blocks. Nuccio finished the matchup with 13 kills, two aces and 11 digs. Dearinger finished the game with 42 assists, and junior libero Dahlia Miller finished

with 10 digs and three assists.

vs. Illinois State

The Redbirds jumped ahead in the first set before the Racers were able to close the gap. Down 17-11, the Racers scored on 10 of 13 possessions, taking a 21-20 lead.

The Redbirds were able to regain a 24-23 lead. On the brink of losing the set, Nuccio killed the ball three times in a row, giving the Racers a 26-24 win in the first set.

The Racers had an 18-15 lead before Illinois State went on a series of rallies. The first was a three-point rally that tied the game at 18 apiece. An attack error halted the rally and put Murray State up 19-18.

Illinois State then went on a six-point rally, making the score 24-19. An attack error and a kill by Vogel gave the Racers some momentum; however, the Redbirds ultimately won the second set 25-21.

The third set was started by a kill from Metzger, and Nuccio followed with one of her own. An attack error rounded out the three-point rally to start the set. The Redbirds scored twice in retaliation before the Racers strung together another three-point rally, giving the Racers a 6-2 lead.

Murray State then went on a four-point rally soon after. The rally was initiated when senior outside hitter Alysha

Smith earned herself a kill, and Nuccio followed with another. The Redbirds committed an attack error, and the rally was completed after graduate middle blocker Elisa Dozio earned a kill. The score was 10-3.

The Redbirds gave the Racers a fight, but Murray State came out victorious 25-17.

Illinois State completed three three-point rallies in the fourth set. These rallies helped get the Redbirds to a 23-20 lead, and it was looking like the match would be forced to a fifth set.

This was until Nuccio earned a kill, and Miller earned a pair of service aces and an attack error. Nuccio then earned another kill, completing a five-point rally to give the Racers the win in the fourth and final set 25-23.

Nuccio had 16 kills and 11 digs in the matchup against Illinois State. Dearinger finished with 40 assists and 11 digs, while Miller had four aces and 18 digs. Smith had 10 kills, five blocks and an assist.

Dearinger finished the weekend with 82 assists and 20 digs. Miller totaled 28 digs and five assists over the two games. Metzger ended up with 14 blocks. Freshman outside hitter Julia Fullop had three aces over the weekend.

The Racers travel to compete against the University of Northern Iowa at 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 28 in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Soccer turns focus to MVC tourney

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The Racers fell to the Drake University Bulldogs 1-0 on Sunday, Oct. 23 in their last game of the regular season.

Murray State dropped down to an overall record of 4-11-3 and a conference record of 3-5-2 after the loss.

The Racers have dropped four straight games, but they still made it into the MVC Tournament. Murray State heads into the tournament as the eighth seed, meaning the Racers will have to win three straight games to make it to the championship round.

Before the start of the tournament, the Racers faced off against a fellow MVC Tournament opponent in a highly defensive battle.

The lone goal of the match came from Drake's senior midfielder Rachel Panther in the 85th minute. Freshman mid-

fielder Madelyn Smith was credited with the assist on the goal.

The Bulldogs attempted seven shots, and five of them were on goal. They also saved four shots and had nine corner kicks. Drake committed 10 fouls in the game.

Murray State had nine shot attempts in the matchup, and four were on goal. The Racers saved four shots, had three corner kicks and committed nine fouls.

Senior goalkeeper Jamie Skarupsky got the start on Sunday and played for the entirety of the game. She had all four of Murray State's saves, allowing only one goal in 90 minutes played.

Freshman midfielder Mary Hardy, junior midfielder Hailey Cole, senior midfielder Lauren Payne and senior forward Marti Floyd each had a shot on goal that was saved in the matchup.

The Racers' first game of the tournament will be a bit of a revenge game, as they face off against Drake again in the first round. The two teams



Photo courtesy of David Eaton/Racer Athletics

Senior goalkeeper Jamie Skarupsky grabbed four saves against the Drake Bulldogs.

played each other for the first time this season less than a week ago, so adjustments will be made on both sides to prepare for the familiar opponent.

The Racers will travel to

compete against the Bulldogs at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 27 in Carbondale, Illinois.

The winner of the matchup will play the SIU Salukis at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 30 in Carbondale.

Football's historic fall continues

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For the first time since 1965 and the third time in program history, Murray State's football team has not been able to win a game in its first eight weeks.

Following their 33-18 loss to the Lindenwood University Lions on Saturday, Oct. 22, the Racers fell to 0-8 on the season, despite an early first quarter lead and 157 yards rushing from sophomore running back Demonta Witherspoon.

After winning the coin toss, the Racers deferred and let the Lions get the ball first.

The Racers forced a punt on the Lions' first drive and made their way down the field, looking to take an early lead.

Following a 22-yard rush from freshman running back Cortez Jones, sophomore quarterback Jayden Stinson found senior wide receiver DeQuan Dallas for a 6-yard catch. From there, freshman backup quarterback Lucas Maue came in and rushed 1 yard for a touchdown.

The point after attempt was missed, but the Racers were up 6-0 with 8:13 left in the first quarter.

The teams traded punts over the next few drives before Murray State started to put a drive together. Witherspoon took a handoff 29 yards up the field, then Stinson found Dallas for a 10-yard gain that set up another 1-yard rush from Maue for a touchdown.

After failing on the 2-point conversion, the Racers led the Lions 12-0 after one quarter.

Lindenwood managed to get a drive into Murray State territory to start the second quarter

with a 13-yard rush from junior running back Justin Williams. Senior quarterback Cade Brister took advantage with a 39-yard pass to senior wide receiver Kobe Smith for a touchdown. The Lions were on the board, though they were down 12-7 with 13:34 left in the second quarter.

Once the Racers got the ball back, they ate up as much time as they could with a slow 15-play drive. The longest play of the drive came later, as Stinson completed a 10-yard pass to senior wide receiver LaMar-tez Brooks, putting the Racers at the Lindenwood 9-yard line.

Three plays later, the Racers settled for 3 points with a 22-yard field goal from senior kicker Aaron Baum. The Racers were up 15-7 with 5 minutes left in the first half.

Lindenwood answered on their next drive, as Brister found senior wide receiver Payton Rose for a 27-yard touchdown pass. With the extra point attempt up and good, the Lions cut the Racers' lead to just 1 point.

After forcing a punt, the Lions got the ball back with 1:13 left in the first half. They quickly made their way down the field, and sophomore kicker Logan Seibert made a 42-yard field goal, putting the Lions up 17-15 at halftime.

With the ball in the Racers' hands to start the second half, Witherspoon went to work with multiple double-digit yard rushes in their first drive. Then, Stinson found Dallas for a 27-yard gain to move the Racers across midfield.

A couple plays later, the Racers found themselves on fourth down in the Lions' red zone. Baum walked out on the field and kicked a 32-yard field goal, put-



Photo courtesy of Dave Winder/Racer Athletics
Freshman quarterback Lucas Maue (No. 4) ran in two touchdowns on Saturday, Oct. 22.

ting the Racers back on top 18-17.

Once the Racers got the ball back, they quickly made their way down the field, all the way up to the Lindenwood 6-yard line. Stinson dropped back and tried to get a pass to the end zone, but senior defensive back Darion Bolden intercepted the pass and took it all the way back for a touchdown, putting the Lions up 24-18. From there, the Racers were not able to put points on the board as Lindenwood took full control of the game.

The game entered the fourth quarter, and Lindenwood was in possession of the ball on its own 15-yard line. They got the ball moving, first with a 15-yard pass from Brister to Smith, then with a 64-yard pass from Brister to Rose.

After a personal foul on Murray State, Brister dropped back and completed a 4-yard pass to Smith for the touchdown, going up 30-18.

After a punt from Murray State, the Lions made their way back down the field and set up a 29-yard field goal for Seibert to put them up 33-18.

The Racers had another chance

to get points on the board, but after making it up to the Murray State 36-yard line, Stinson was again intercepted by Bolden.

The interception was the nail in the coffin for the Racers, as they left St. Charles, Missouri, without a win.

Brister completed 16 of his 26 passes for 242 yards and three touchdowns. Rose caught three passes for 111 yards and a touchdown, while Smith caught five passes for 65 yards and two touchdowns.

Stinson completed 11 passes for 98 yards with two interceptions. Dallas had 44 yards on four catches, while Brooks had 35 yards on four catches.

Teams that have gone eight weeks without a win in Murray State history have all finished the season without a win. The Racers have three more weeks to grab a win or suffer the fate of being the third team in Murray State history without a win.

Murray State will host Tennessee State on Saturday, Oct. 29 for the annual Homecoming game. Kickoff is set for 2 p.m.

MURRAY STATE ATHLETICS SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 27 - NOVEMBER 2

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27
OCT.

Soccer vs. Drake (MVC Tournament) @ Carbondale, IL **6 p.m.**

28
OCT.

Tennis @ Nashville, TN **ALL DAY**

Cross Country vs. MVC Conference @ Terre Haute, IN **ALL DAY**

Volleyball vs. Northern Iowa @ Cedar Falls, IA **6 p.m.**

29
OCT.

Tennis @ Nashville, TN **ALL DAY**

Men's Golf vs. UNC Greensboro @ Greensboro, NC **ALL DAY**

Football vs. Tennessee State @ Murray, KY 2 p.m.

Volleyball vs. Drake @ Des Moines, IA **5 p.m.**

30
OCT.

Tennis @ Nashville, TN **ALL DAY**

Men's Golf vs. UNC Greensboro @ Greensboro, NC **ALL DAY**

31
OCT.

Women's Golf vs. Missouri State @ Greensboro, NC **ALL DAY**

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NOV.

Women's Golf vs. Missouri State @ Greensboro, NC **ALL DAY**

Women's Basketball vs. Bethel @ Murray, KY 6 p.m.

2
NOV.

Women's Golf vs. Missouri State @ Greensboro, NC **ALL DAY**

For more information visit GoRacers.com



Professor studies mining effects in Global South

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Political Science and Sociology Professor Marc Polizzi co-authored “The Roots of Engagement: Understanding Opposition and Support for Resource Extraction,” a book that looks at the impact that resource extraction has on communities—specifically conflicts.

Resource extraction is the act of withdrawing resources from the environment for human use. Resource extraction can include coal, oil, minerals and lumber.

Polizzi said four surveys were conducted on attitudes about resource extraction in communities where it was occurring: one in Peru, two in Nicaragua and one in South Africa.

“Some see it as a threat to the community because of competition with agriculture, or in the case of South Africa, it’s the potential damage to wildlife,” Polizzi said. “Other people view it as an opportunity because in many of the more impoverished areas, these are higher wage jobs. It also brings in tax revenue that can be used on different kinds of community projects and so forth.”

Polizzi said these places have all had sustained protests and mobilizations against resource extraction, which has stalled potential projects to better the region.

Like Kentucky, these countries rely on mining for natural resources. In Peru, the main resource is copper, Nicaragua is gold and South Africa is coal.

Polizzi said while some individuals still view mining as a threat and some are simply more engaged in their communities, there is a theory that by being more socially engaged, there can be three different outcomes. The first is that individuals get more information about the potential risks, so they will go to local community group meetings.

“One of the things that the leaders



Dr. Marc Polizzi discusses his new book at the Department of Political Science and Sociology’s colloquium event held on Tuesday, Oct. 25.

of those organizations will often do is provide them with information about what had happened in nearby communities where maybe mining had occurred, and there were negative effects to the environment or community livelihoods,” Polizzi said.

The second point is individuals feel more empowered within their communities to determine what kind of economy and industry they want to see.

The third point is that individuals have a unified community worldview and that the mine is actually going to change the landscape physically, culturally and socially.

“A lot of these communities are made up of Indigenous populations or are communities whose economies are dependent on agriculture,” Polizzi said. “When mining is looming, it can drastically change the makeup of the community and its economy.”

Polizzi said the research process started in 2014, but there were no plans to turn the findings into a book.

“We had different individual projects where we were designing surveys to again try to understand about the opportunities and the threats, but we didn’t necessarily have a larger scheme in mind,” Polizzi said.

Polizzi used fieldwork to get a better understanding on how people are engaged within their communities through local organizations, theorizing community engagement plays a role in forming attitudes over mining.

Polizzi said he and the other authors combined their fieldwork within the communities and talked to community leaders, some in charge of environmental organizations and other types of nongovernmental organizations.

A nongovernmental organization is a group that promotes social or political change without being controlled by the government and is often volunteer based.

Polizzi said people should have a vested interest in resource extraction because it promotes community empowerment and the ability for communities to vocalize what they want for their town.

“In the case of the Tía María mining project in Peru, local farmers sell to national markets and even export some products abroad,” Polizzi said. “Their community worldview is that the local economy is all connected to agriculture. As such, mining is seen as a threat to that worldview.”

Polizzi encourages people to think about how they see their community, the people within and what they ultimately want it to look like.

To purchase this book, visit the Oxford University Press website.

Second UNICEF carnival raises funds for children

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Murray State’s chapter of UNICEF, also known as the United Nations Children’s Fund, along with nine other campus organizations, hosted its second Halloween Carnival philanthropy event to raise funds for developing nations.

UNICEF is an organization focused on providing humanitarian and developmental aid to disadvantaged children and adolescents in over 190 countries.

President William Groves said this event was extremely important to their organization.

“The UNICEF Halloween Carnival is important for us because, on top of furthering our donation goal for UNICEF, we get to meet and work with a lot of the other student organizations on campus and share our event with the rest of the city of Murray as well,” Groves said.

The nine organizations that participated in the carnival were Amnesty International, Murray State Esports, Secular Student Alliance, Euclidean Mathematics Club, Active Minds, College Democrats, the National Society of Leadership and Success, the Public Relations Student Society of America and Racer Report.

“We chose to host this event because I wanted to bring back the nostalgia of an elementary school fall festival,” Groves said. “This is our organization’s spin on Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF.”

Groves, as the fundraising chairperson, originally came up with the idea for the carnival in 2021.

Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF is the Halloween-themed fundraising event that involves children asking for change donations instead of candy while



Members of UNICEF hosting a pumpkin painting booth at the UNICEF Halloween Carnival held at the Murray State Quad on Friday, Oct. 21.

trick-or-treating.

Vice President of UNICEF’s Fundraising and Administration Case Thomason said UNICEF enjoys hosting the carnival, and they hope to make it an annual event.

“It is an excellent way for UNICEF to reach out to everyone in a fun manner that we’ve enjoyed every moment of doing and hope to carry out on for years to come,” Thomason said.

Some of the activities that were held at the carnival include

pumpkin painting, face painting, a balloon-popping dart throwing game, pumpkin bowling, a cupcake walk, bean bag toss, dino throw and multiple photo ops, along with festive fall treats like hot cider and candy.

“I’m most excited about our pumpkin painting that UNICEF will personally be doing,” Thomason said. “I can’t wait to see some of the creativity of others and have everyone laugh at the mess that will be my painted pumpkin.”

All funds and donations raised by

the carnival will go towards the end-of-the-year donation made toward UNICEF USA. Last year, the carnival raised over \$300 for UNICEF’s efforts in Ukraine.

Groves said the donations are important in assisting developing nations in areas of vaccination, world hunger and clean and accessible drinking water.

Anyone interested in learning more about the organization or donating can visit @murrayunicef on Instagram.



(Clockwise from left) The promotional art for *Suspiria* depicting the eyes of the dance company members, Casey Becker screams as she sees "Ghostface" in the reflection of her window and Li Ronan enters the cave in 'Incantation' where she and her friends had disturbed a strange religious ceremony six years prior.

Staff Picks: Five horror movies to watch before Halloween

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As temperatures drop and more of the surrounding world becomes draped in the signature lights, ornaments and wreaths associated with the season of giving, horror fans may find themselves longing for one last scare.

With only four days left until Halloween, the staff of *The News* has come together to assemble a list of some of our favorite horror movies for those interested in binge-watching away their final moments of Halloween.

'The Birds'

The first entry on our list comes from director Alfred Hitchcock, commonly considered a pioneer of the horror genre. "The Birds" was released in March 1963, less than three years after the release of Hitchcock's famous work "Psycho."

"The Birds" is loosely based on a short story written by British author Daphne du Maurier. The film follows Melanie Daniels as she meets a man named Mitch Brinner in a pet store as he looks for a pair of lovebirds to buy his sister for her birthday.

Melanie buys the lovebirds for Mitch and follows him to a small town in northern California to deliver the birds. Upon arriving in the town, a series of strange bird attacks begins.

Our staff admired "The Birds" for its ability to vilify something as simple as a flock of birds. A similar sentiment was echoed in a review that was published in *The New York Times* in 1963:

"Making a terrifying menace out of what is assumed to be one of nature's most innocent creatures and one of man's most melodious friends, Mr. Hitchcock and his associates have constructed a horror film that should raise the hackles on the most courageous and put goose-pimples on the toughest hide," Bosley Crowther said. "The Birds" is available to

stream on NBC's streaming service Peacock.

'Scream'

The next entry on our list is the 1996 Wes Craven classic, "Scream." "Scream" follows a group of high school students as they become the target of a mysterious masked killer known as "Ghostface."

"Scream" opens with a high school student, Casey Becker, who is home alone, seemingly preparing to watch a scary movie. Casey is interrupted when she receives a mysterious call from a stranger who attempts to discuss horror movies with her.

After repeated phone calls, the caller reveals to Casey he is outside of her home and demands she correctly answer questions about horror movies if she wants her boyfriend, who is bound with duct tape outside of the window, to live. Casey answers incorrectly, and her boyfriend and herself are murdered.

The murder of the students sends the town and the remainder of the students into a frenzy, leading to accusations as the murders and threatening phone calls continue.

Our staff admired "Scream" for its unapologetic self-awareness and critique of the horror genre. At the time of release, director Wes Craven had already built an impressive horror filmography with films like "Nightmare on Elm Street" and "The Hills Have Eyes."

Craven's filmography puts him in a unique position to critique his own genre. The sentiments of our staff are also echoed by original reviews of "Scream" in 1996:

"Scream winks at everything from a virginal heroine in a flowered cotton nightie to the moment when the supposedly dead killer comes back to life for one last scare," Janet Maslin of *The New York Times* said in her review.

Scream also features Murray State alumnus W. Earl

Brown who plays a news cameraman named Kenny. "Scream" can be viewed with premium Amazon Prime or Roku subscriptions and can also be rented on YouTube.

'Perfect Blue'

The next film on our list is an animated film titled "Perfect Blue."

"Perfect Blue," directed by Satoshi Kon, debuted at the Fantasia International Film Festival in 1997 but was released to the Japanese public in 1998.

"Perfect Blue" follows a Japanese pop star named Mima Kirigoe as she transitions her career toward acting. Mima takes on edgy film roles as she struggles with shedding the "good girl" image she had curated for herself during her musical career.

Things take a dramatic turn when an obsessive fan begins stalking Mima. The struggle with her career and stalker lead Mima to experience episodes of psychosis. Problems are even further exacerbated when people surrounding Mima's career begin to be murdered.

"Perfect Blue" was the first directorial effort by Kon, and he ultimately directed four anime films before suffering a sudden death at the age of 46 in 2010.

While "Perfect Blue" may not have the jump scares traditionally associated with horror, our staff admired "Perfect Blue" for the juxtaposition created between the elements of darkness and horror with the bright aesthetic of a pop star.

"Perfect Blue" is available for streaming with a premium Amazon Prime or Sling TV subscription but can also be rented from YouTube.

'Suspiria'

The fourth film that captivated our staff was Luca Guadagnino's 2018 remake of the 1977 Italian film "Suspiria."

"Suspiria" is set in the West Berlin of 1977 controlled by the western Allies of World War II. The film follows Susie Bannion, an American girl who leaves her Ohio home to audition for a dance company in Berlin.

Susie's arrival coincides with the disappearance of one of the company's other dancers who alleged that

the dance company's matrons were part of a coven of witches. Strange events continue after another one of the students attempts to escape and is killed.

As the strange events continue, Susie becomes the protégée of the matrons who begin to devise a special role for Susie within the coven.

In addition to the film's use of color, movement and sound, *The News* staff also praised the film's disturbing ending and Thom Yorke's score.

"Suspiria" can be viewed on Prime Video or is available to rent on YouTube.

'Incantation'

The final film recommended by *The News* was Taiwanese horror film "Incantation." "Incantation" was directed by Kevin Ko and was released in March but became available on Netflix on July 8.

"Incantation" has quickly become a record-setting film in its native country and currently holds the title of the highest grossing Taiwanese horror film of all time.

The film is shot in a nonlinear "found footage" style and follows a mother, Li Ronan, who is trying to regain custody of her daughter, Dodo. Dodo returns to live with Ronan, but she quickly begins to behave uncharacteristically and becomes physically ill.

Desperate to help her daughter who continues to grow sicker, Ronan begins to suspect that her daughter may be cursed because of an event that occurred six years ago in which Ronan and some friends broke the rules of an ancient religion.

The News staff admired the ability of "Incantation" to simultaneously introduce the audience to this cryptic ancient religion and its corresponding curse, all while leaving them wondering what is going to happen next. By the time the audience finally understands the nature of the curse, it is too late.

"Incantation" shies away from the traditional horror jump scares and monsters and opts for an atmospheric, slow mounting horror that tactfully employs disturbing gore.

"Incantation" is available for streaming on Netflix.

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Letter from the Editor

Murray State is ringing in the Homecoming festivities, while also continuing to celebrate the University's centennial anniversary.

This will be my last Homecoming as an undergraduate student. I am excited to see the support from the greater Murray community.

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

As a senior, I know I will cherish this final Homecoming, going to Tent City, enjoying the parade and cheering for the Racers at the

football game.

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

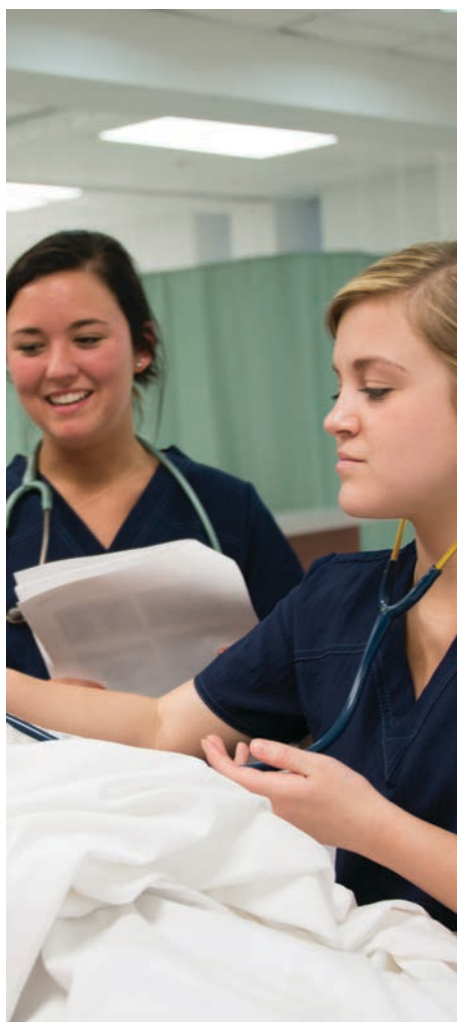
I look forward to being in the stands cheering for our Racers against Tennessee State University.

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

For this year's Homecoming Edition, we decided to pull a photo from the 1973 yearbook of the 1972 Homecoming 50 years ago when the Racers won 17-6 against Eastern Tennessee Tech.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of the community businesses, campus organizations and college departments that are advertised in this edition. Thank you for supporting student journalism.

Dionte Berry,
Editor-in-Chief



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Homecoming sheds light on centennial with theme 'Forever Blue and Gold'

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Murray State is set to celebrate Homecoming 2022 with the theme "Forever Blue and Gold" in tribute to the university's centennial celebration.

Carrie McGinnis, director of Alumni Relations, said this year's theme was a nod towards the past and the future.

"Murray State students, faculty, staff, administrators and alumni have been, as is stated in the University's Alma Mater, "cherishing thy traditions" and "holding thy banner high" for a century," McGinnis said. "As we honor the last 100 years since our founding, we now cast our gaze forward and into the next 100 years of blue and gold pride."

This year's Homecoming theme was selected by a group of staff and administrators, including President Dr. Jackson. "[We] discussed the significance of this milestone and how we could capture it through this year's Homecoming theme," McGinnis said. "While we took the task seriously, it came together quickly and seemed like the obvious choice."

Along with deciding this year's theme, it was also decided that the theme "Forever Blue and Gold" would become the permanent Homecoming theme. Instead, it was decided that the only

Homecoming related theme that would be alternating would be the Homecoming parade, a decision that will fall upon the shoulders of the students.

McGinnis said that this decision was so that students could work together with the Student Government Association to establish a theme that everyone would get excited about.

"Homecoming really is a magical time at Murray State. Our campus and community are so beautiful in the fall," McGinnis said. "Our students have settled in for the semester and they are building relationships and making lifelong friendships."

Alumni from around the world wait all year for Homecoming to return for the opportunity to reconnect with their fellow alumni and revisit campus.

"Our alumni look forward all year to coming home to campus to reconnect with the lifelong friends they made during their time as students," McGinnis said. "I think it makes all of us feel young again."

McGinnis said she is looking forward to what she believes is the best weekend of the year.

"We hope everyone who is able will join us at the 'Finest Place We Know' for what we believe is the best weekend of the year, made even bigger and better during this milestone centennial celebration." McGinnis said.



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Happy Homecoming Racers!

2022 Homecoming Schedule of Events



Thursday, Oct. 27

8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Alumni Art Exhibition
Clara M. Eagle Gallery

Noon - 4 p.m. Eta Beta Alumni Network
Charity Golf Outing
Miller Golf Course

7 p.m. A Legacy Lost & Found:
Segregation in Recreation
Curris Center Theater

6 p.m. - 9 p.m. A Taste of The Arts
Lovett Auditorium

Friday, Oct. 28

9 a.m. - 11 a.m. ATO Golf Outing
Murray Country Club

11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Eta Beta Alumni
Network Meet and Greet
Multicultural Center

3 p.m. - 4 p.m. Trustees Hall Dedication
Lovett Auditorium

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. Wesley Foundation Open
House
Wesley Foundation

4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Homecoming 5k
Wellness Center

5 p.m. - 8 p.m. 50th Anniversary Golden
Reunion Reception and Dinner
Easley Alumni Center

6 p.m. - 10 p.m. Hutson School of Agriculture
picnic
Cherry Expo Center

Saturday, Oct. 29

8 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. COEHS annual
Homecoming breakfast
Murray Middle School Cafeteria

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Homecoming
Parade
Main Street

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. JCSET Alumni
Tours
Science Complex Clocktower

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Tent City
Roy Stewart Stadium

11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. NPHC Plaza
Ribbon Cutting
Campus Gates

2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Murray State football
vs. Tennessee State
Roy Stewart Stadium

6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. Centennial Gala
CFSB Center

7 p.m. - 10 p.m. NPHC Step Show
Curris Center Ballroom

Full schedule at www.murraystate.edu/homecoming/index.aspx

**4th Annual
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Thursday, November 3, 2022
Curris Center Ballroom

4:30 p.m: Racer Round Table Conversations
5:30 pm: First-Generation Scholarship Recipient and Donor Recognition
5:40 p.m: "Returning Home" Conversations with Alumnus Aaron Harris

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Aaron Harris is a Louisville, KY native who graduated from Murray State University in 2012 with a Bachelors of Science in Electronic Media and a minor in Organizational Communication and in 2014 with a Masters of Science in Human Development and Leadership (college student personnel concentration). Harris is currently the Executive Director of Keeping my Promise Inc, a non-profit designed to serve communities through educational access, career readiness, and mentoring.

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Jaclyn Paige Carter is a senior nursing major and the president of NPHC and ZHOPE chair of the Nu Rho Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

"I decided to run for Homecoming court to represent what Murray State is for all students, which is a home away from home. Murray State makes so many student comfortable living hours away from their families, and it also has given me many opportunities to grow as a person."

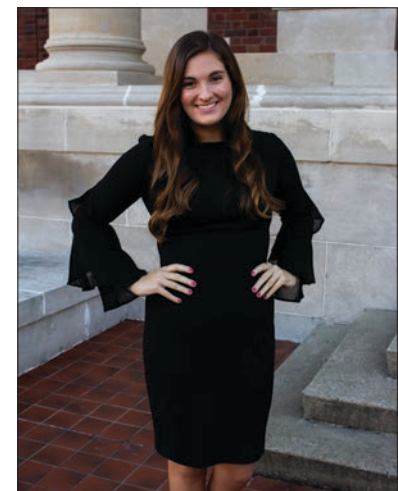


Kaitlyn Sutton is a senior human resources management and Spanish double major and a member of the Honors College Student Council, Alpha Delta Pi, Student Ambassadors, The Society for Human Resources Management and Order of Omega.

"Murray State has truly become my home away from home for the past four years, and I cannot think of a better way to represent it than by being on the court. Homecoming is one of my favorite traditions at this University, and I am so excited to be a part of it."

Ana Moyers is a senior organizational communication and leadership major, the president of Springer-Franklin College and Omicron Sigma Kappa and a member of Lambda Pi Eta.

"I decided to run for Homecoming Court because I wanted to represent the community that has always given back to me. Springer-Franklin is where I found my home, and the residential colleges are, for most, the first place they call home at Murray State University."



Allye Culp is a junior middle school education major with concentrations in math and social studies and a member of the Honors College, Alpha Omicron Pi, Order of Omega, Student Ambassadors, Honors Ambassadors, Kentucky Education Association - Aspiring Educators, Murray State Middle Level Association and Hardin Baptist College Ministry.

"Murray State University has been one of the greatest blessings in my life, and it has truly grown me into the person I am today."

Olivia Badalamenti is a senior political science major and a member of Alpha Gamma Delta, Judicial Board and the Honors College

"The Homecoming Court should be representative of Murray State students who truly love their campus and are positive role models in and outside of the classroom. I chose to run for Homecoming Court because I aspire to be a friend to all members of our Racer community and live each day embodying the values of our cherished Murray State."





Cole Wyatt is a senior biology/pre-med major and a member of the Student Government Association as a STEM academic senator and is the president of Pre-Health Professionals.

“I can still remember my first day of college of my freshman year here at Murray State University. It is so hard to believe that I am already a senior and getting ready to embark on a new chapter in my life. At Murray State University, I have made so many memories, friends and connections.”

Luke Wyatt is a senior political science major and Presidential Ambassador, presidential Ambassador, and RCA Representative. He is a member of the Residential College Council and Student Government Association.

Here at Murray State I’m involved in every aspect of campus life. At the very beginning of when students came to Murray State, I was a student ambassador and have been a Racer Nation Orientation Leader.”



Jaylon Taggart is a junior music business major and a member of the Emerging Scholars Institute, the Residential College Association, Student Government Association and the Center for Student Involvement.

“I decided to run for Homecoming court in order to showcase the two pillars that refined my purpose for serving my community: my culture and my people.”

Hayden Smee is a senior engineering physics major and president of the Honors Student Council, a Lead student ambassador and an associate justice on the Judicial Board.

“Although every student here has a unique college story, I believe my passion for Murray State is a representation of the pride felt by the entire Racer community.”



Gabe Maynard is a senior agriculture business major with an emphasis in marketing and management. He is currently serving as the executive vice president of the Student Government Association, he is a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon and involved in the collegiate farm bureau.

“I always knew that I wanted to be as involved on campus as I could here at Murray State. From a young age, my mom would always share her stories as a student at Murray State.”



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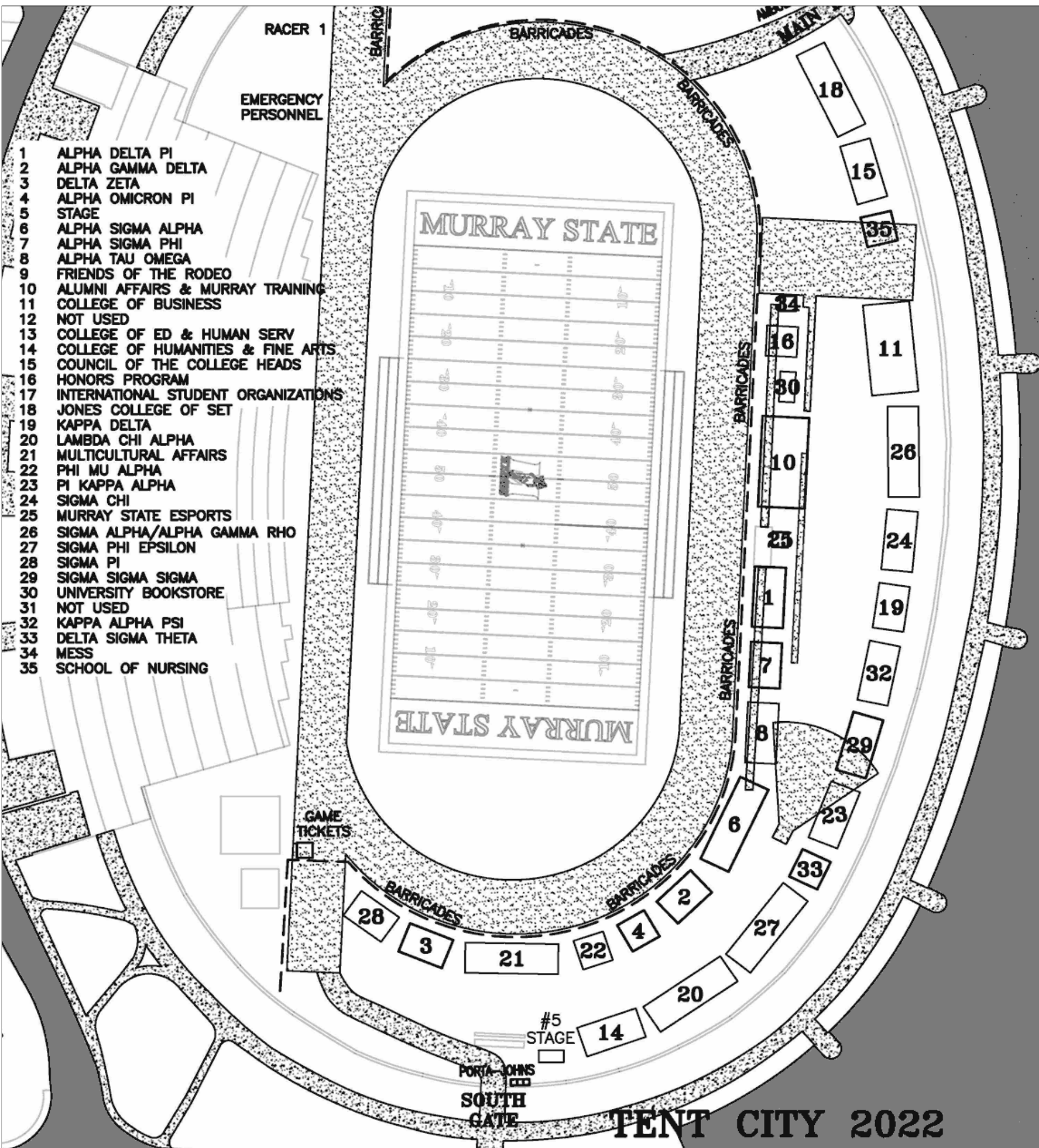
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PREVIEW: Football hosts Tennessee St.

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Homecoming has finally come around for Murray State, and with it comes the big event for the day: the football game. This season, the Murray State football team hosts fellow OVC opponent, the Tennessee State Tigers.

The Tigers currently have a 3-4 record overall this season with a 2-0 record in the OVC. The Racers are 0-8 this season and 0-3 against OVC opponents.

In the overall matchup history, Murray State has come out on top of Tennessee State 18 times and lost 14 times. The Racers average 29.3 points against the Tigers.

Last season, the Racers traveled to Nashville, Tennessee to take on the Tigers. Despite being down late, the Racers attempted a comeback but ultimately fell short, losing 27-21.

This season, Tennessee State's junior quarterback Draylin Ellis mans the offense. In the six games he's started, Ellis has completed 90 passes for 1186 yards and eight touchdowns, while throwing just three interceptions.

In his most recent performance against Eastern Illinois, he completed 75% of his passes for 309 yards and three touchdowns.

In week 4 of the season, Murray State had sophomore quarterback Jayden Stinson take over the starting spot, where he has stayed for five games. He's thrown for 1082 yards so far this season with seven touchdowns but 12 interceptions.

His performance against Lindenwood last week was a low point so far, as he threw for just 98 yards and had two interceptions with no passing touchdowns in the game.



Photo courtesy of Dave Winder/Racer Athletics

Head Coach Dean Hood gets pumped up on the sideline after a big play against Lindenwood on Saturday, Oct. 22.

The Racers' offense had a good run game against Lindenwood, though, as sophomore running back Demonta Witherspoon rushed for a season high 157 yards rushing against the Lions.

Witherspoon's stats have been down this season. He's rushed for a total of 313 yards this year, compared to his 912 yards from last season. But after his season high performance last week, he may be looking to make another impact this week against the Tigers.

Other players who have helped the Racers' offense this year include senior wide receivers DeQuan Dallas and LaMartez Brooks, who have 282 and 243 yards receiving, respectively. Dallas has just one receiving touchdown this season, while Brooks has two.

The Homecoming action between the Racers and the Tigers goes down at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 29 at Roy Stewart Stadium.

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The centennial marks 46 years of Racer One

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The Murray State Racer One program celebrates 46 years during the University's centennial by continuing to "clear the track" at home football games.

For over four decades, Racer One has galloped a celebratory lap on the running track for every Racer football touchdown. All the fans must "clear the track" as Racer One makes his trip around Roy Stewart Stadium.

Violet Cactus was the first thoroughbred to fill the spot as Racer One. She passed away in 1984 and is buried at the north end zone of Roy Stewart Stadium. The plaque on the stadium wall tells the story of Violet Cactus. Every horse that has performed at Racer football games since 1985 has been dubbed Racer One.

The Racer One program started in the Huston School of Agriculture. Shea Porr, head of the Animal and Equine Science Department, has been with Murray State since 2012 and took charge over the Racer One program when Professor Gary Akerson retired in 2017.

"The Racer One tradition was neat because there are not a lot of live mascots on college campuses," Porr said.

The Racer One program was started by Jim Rudolph, former dean of the Huston School of Agriculture, and former football player Richard "Dick" Stout. Stout was a Murray, Kentucky native and was inducted into the Murray State Hall of Fame in 2000.

"I attended Dr. Stout's funeral in 2018 and brought Racer One with me," Porr said. "It was a bittersweet moment for his wife, as he started the program when he was in school."

Don Robertson, vice president of Student Affairs and Enrollment, has worked at Murray State since 1991. Robertson attends most student events and is heavily involved in student life. He said he continues to make connections with students and wants them to feel welcome while at Murray State.

"[Racer One] makes Murray State unique, and students will remember the live mascot while touring Murray," Robertson said. The current Racer One, Vegas, was the first horse to be born and bred at Murray State. Madison Kirby, a junior agriculture education major from Fisherville, Kentucky, is the 39th student to serve as jockey. She has been riding horses since she was 3 years old.

"It is such an honor being the jockey and being able to represent the Huston School of Agriculture as an agriculture student," Kirby said.

When Kirby first toured Murray State, she noticed a picture of Racer One in the Curris Center and made it her goal to be the Racer One jockey herself. Once jockey applications for this year opened, she applied, underwent the interview process and was selected as the 2022-23 jockey. The interview process consisted of an application, an interview and riding Vegas.

"Watching Vegas do what he loves is great," Kirby said. "He is great with kids and is very well behaved."

Junior animal science major Morgan Huelsmann is a member of the Racer One team.

"I enjoy being a part of something bigger," Huelsmann said. "I get to talk to the community about Racer One and horses in general."

Watch a Murray State football game this season to view this ongoing tradition and see Racer One in his element.



Madison Kirby started as Racer One's jockey in January.

Photo courtesy of msu.racer1 on Instagram

Attention: MSU Amateur Radio Club is hosting an open house!

The open house is on October 29th, 2022 from 11:00am - 1:30pm in the Jesse D Jones, Collins Center for Industry & Technology, Room 235, NE end 2nd Floor.



Students make memories on Lovett steps All Campus Sing, a tradition spanning over 50 years

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The University community gathers outside Lovett Auditorium each spring to take part in a long-lasting tradition.

All Campus Sing allows students to showcase their talents on the center steps outside of Lovett Auditorium. All Campus Sing started in 1958. The annual tradition takes place in the spring semester during April.

For some, this tradition may provide them the opportunity to perform in front of an audience. This event entails singing and dancing from clubs, residential colleges, student groups and Greek organizations.

Sigma Alpha Iota (SAI), an International Music Fraternity dating back to 1903, hosts the event every year. The organization also hosts Campus Lights, a musical production that takes place in the beginning of the spring semester.

Campus Lights started in 1938 and is the longest-running musical in the south, according to murraystate.edu. It is produced and performed by students. These two events also incorporate one of the oldest buildings on campus. Lovett is one of the four original structures since campus opened in 1926, according to murraystate.edu.

All Campus Sing is not only an evening of entertainment but a representation of friendly competition. Each group of performers is responsible for choreographing and performing



Hester College performed as the Muppets at the 2022 All Campus Sing.

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a brief musical number. Teams are judged and scored based on several different standards, such as creativity, choreography and costume. There are awards given to the top performances, best director and best choreography.

Another important aspect that goes into All Campus Sing is that SAI generates proceeds from the gathering and put them toward the philanthropy project associated with its Greek chapter. The philanthropy program is called People to People.

SAI's website states "The People to People projects provide material assistance and encouragement to schools, music organizations and

musicians in many parts of the world where small things can make a big difference."

Prior to All Campus Sing, flyers are hung up around campus for donations for used instruments. These will go to support local children who may not be able to afford their own musical instruments.

Many students had never seen this tradition in person because of COVID-19. Sophomore agricultural science major Kenzie Southerland was able to experience All Campus Sing for the first time.

"Being able to listen to all of the creative and talented people on campus was an awesome

experience, and I look forward to watching ACS again this upcoming year," Southerland said.

Even students who may not have an involvement with the musical department still enjoy partaking in All Campus Sing. Sophomore nursing major Liz Roy shares her thoughts on the special tradition as a first-time viewer.

"Hanging out with friends and enjoying campus life is one of the most important things for Murray State's community," Roy said.

Visit Lovett Auditorium in April to take part in the long-lasting tradition of the University for the 65th annual All Campus Sing.

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