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Tobacco policy revisited

ALLI COLLIS—
EDITOR

In response to concerns voiced by residents living in the university's surrounding community, MSU has made some changes to its tobacco policy. Implemented at the beginning of the Spring 2013 semester, there are now two designated smoking areas on campus.

MSU Vice President for Student Life Madonna Weathers said the university was concerned with the negative image created by the area known as "smoker's corner," the corner of Elizabeth Avenue, the street running adjacent to University Boulevard. Last

fall, many neighboring residents expressed concerns over the litter, noise and other issues created by the number of MSU students and staff who used the area to smoke.

With this in mind, Weathers said a student forum was held to address the community's issues, and take into consideration what steps MSU could take to resolve the issue.

"It became an issue of where our students, faculty and staff weren't being good neighbors," Weathers said. "It was reflecting poorly on the university. So we set about to see if we might be able to rectify that situation."

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The MSU cheerleading squad continued its winning tradition at the 2013 Universal Cheerleaders Association College National Championships. The co-ed squad brought home its 23rd national title. Paired with Bridget Razem and Ronnie Patrick's winning partner stunt routine, the program now holds 34 national championships. The all-girl squad, pictured above, finished in a very close second place. MSU's all-girl stunt group also finished runner-up.

Proposal to fund Mignon project

MARY ALFORD—
STAFF WRITER

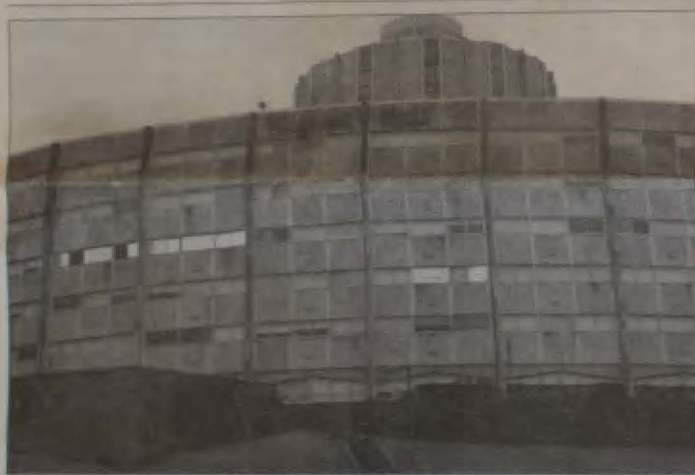
After years of planning, MSU may soon get to move ahead with the renovation of Mignon Hall, the nearly 50-year-old residence hall that has fallen into disrepair over the decades.

Earlier this month, Gov. Steve Beshear and legislative leaders unveiled a plan to authorize \$363 million worth of construction projects at six of the state's public universities, including a \$9.6 million makeover of the MSU residence hall.

The proposal, which has bipartisan support from House and Senate lawmakers, would mean Morehead students would have to pay an additional 7 percent in housing fees.

Republican Senate President Robert Stivers and Democratic House Speaker Greg Stumbo said they expect quick passage of the proposal, which would include \$110 million to renovate the University of Kentucky's Commonwealth Stadium. Northern Kentucky University, Western

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Alli Collis / The Trail Blazer

Earlier this month, the Kentucky legislature unveiled a plan to authorize construction projects at the state's public universities. With this proposal MSU would be able to move ahead with the renovation of Mignon Hall.

Challenge for change underway

KELSEY GRAHAM—
STAFF WRITER

Morehead State University students are shooting for 10,000 volunteer hours in order to win the annual Challenge for Change for the fourth year a row against rival Eastern Kentucky University and its newest competitor, Murray State University.

Challenge for Change is a service competition created in honor of Martin Luther King Day. The MSU Student Government Association and the Center for Regional Engagement originated the event.

The CRE and the SGA are in charge of organiz-

ing service events around campus. MSU earned the Challenge for Change title last year after totaling nearly 7,000 volunteer hours, and is looking to top that number by earning 10,000 volunteer hours in this year's competition.

"Our goal is to have all of the universities in Kentucky join in and compete in Challenge for Change," CRE Community Service Organizer Melisa Patrick said.

"There is an actual trophy that is handed off each year," CRE member and Challenge for Change participant Andrew Gillette said. "The university that wins gets to hold the trophy, but if we lose

then we hand it off to a different college and they get to hold it for a year until Challenge for Change happens again."

During the six-week period, beginning on Jan. 12, and ending on Feb. 20, there will be many events around campus in order for students to reach their goal for service hours.

The first event of Challenge for Change was 24 Hours of Service, which was held on January 25-26. The second event, held Jan. 29, was the Soup-or-Bowl, where students raised money by hosting a soup cook off in ADUC.

There will be other

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Lana Bellamy / The Trail Blazer

The annual Challenge for Change is now underway. MSU students and campus organizations have until Feb. 20 to reach the university's goal of 10,000 volunteer hours. The Super-or-Bowl was the second event held in the Challenge, in which participants raised money by hosting a soup cook-off.

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From there, Weathers said the university began looking at what spots on campus would be suitable for designated smoking areas. The smoking areas would need to be out of the way, out of the line of traffic and out of what is known as the "recruiting path," the prime areas people see when visiting campus. The new smoking areas also had to be located in a space that would not interfere with the air handlings of buildings.

Thus, the two new designated smoking areas on campus. Because MSU's tobacco ban still stands, these are the only two places on campus in which tobacco use is permitted.

The first area is located on the

east end of campus, a concrete area in the backyard of the faculty house on the corner of Second Street and Battson-Oates Drive, across from Lappin Hall. Gravel has been added leading up to the space. The other designated area is located on the west side of the faculty parking lot behind Baird Hall. The area is restricted to the paved surface. Both designated tobacco areas have seating and trash receptacles for disposal of waste.

Weathers said from what she has seen at this point in the policy changes, students and staff are no longer smoking in the previously congested community areas, and are instead using the designated areas.

The MSU tobacco ban still stands in all but the designated spaces and punishments will still be enforced for those caught using tobacco products in the restricted areas, Weathers said.

"Fines have been and will continue to be levied," Weathers said. "It's \$25 for the first offense, \$50 for a second offense and \$100 thereafter."

Weathers said the university is still interested in maintaining a healthy campus environment, the reasoning for implementing the original tobacco ban.

"Reducing the use of tobacco on campus is a step in that direction," Weathers said.



Alli Collis / The Trail Blazer

Two designated smoking areas have been created on campus. The first, pictured above, is located in the parking lot behind Baird Music Hall. The other area is behind the faculty house located across from Lappin Hall.

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Kentucky University, Murray State University and the University of Louisville would also undergo upgrades under the measure.

MSU President Wayne Andrews and other public university presidents joined lawmakers at the Capitol earlier this month to push for the proposal, which allows the universities to sell bonds to cover the costs, then pay them back over 20 years.

"We had hoped to get the authorization in the last session of the general assembly, but they didn't approve any funded projects for universities," Andrews said. "So, what we did this year, all the presidents came together and said this is important for our students, we've got projects that need to be funded."

Andrews said the bonds are of no cost to the state or taxpayers. The bonds would be paid by a steady revenue stream through each university. For Morehead, the revenue would come from the hike in housing fees.

MSU would borrow around \$9.6 million in bonds, which Andrews said they would pay back over a span of

20 years.

"All of the participants there enthusiastically endorsed this project," Andrews said. "We believe it is highly likely that it will be approved in both houses and signed by the governor."

Mignon Hall, named in honor of Mignon Doran, the wife of former MSU President Adron Doran, will be the final residence hall in the Mignon complex to be renovated. It is part of Morehead State's 2006 comprehensive housing master plan.

"My goal is to every year have one major project like this, get all the housing renovated and then we can start working on some other projects," Andrews said.

The building would most likely gain a new roof, better electricity, improved heating and ventilating systems and the precast stone will be taken off and recast with brick. The windows will be replaced by more energy efficient ones, along with an upgrade in the bathrooms and new furniture.

Andrews said the main goal in renovating the residence halls and other

buildings on campus is to improve infrastructure, as well as external appearance.

"Kids come from all over and what we want to do is make sure what we have is attractive, comfortable and efficient, and I think that has been part of our success in growing our enrollment here," Andrews said.

The last residence halls to be constructed on Morehead's campus were Nunn Hall and Cartmell Hall, which were completed in 1969.

"We have a number of old buildings but that doesn't mean they have to be in disrepair," Andrews said.

While improving the universities, these renovations will have an estimated economic impact of nearly \$623 million and will support 5,110 jobs.

MSU expects to know the General Assembly's verdict no later than April. Andrews said the university's goal is to have the planning done and to start renovations in Fall 2013, and to bring the building back online for the fall of 2014.

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Building destroyed in fire

LANA BELLAMY—
MANAGING EDITOR

Downing Hall, an old MSU residence hall, was destroyed in a fire over the holiday break, WKYT reported.

Officials said the fire began around 7 a.m. at the old dorm that was then being used for office space. The Morehead Fire Department and MSU Police Department tended to the outbreak and told WKYT nobody was inside the building at the time of the fire.

Members of four different fire fighting crews helped to relinquish the flames. Even though there were no students, faculty or staff injured by the blaze, four firefighters were treated at St. Claire Regional Medical Center, university officials told WKYT.

Downing Hall, built in

1967, was located beside the baseball and softball fields.

The university had plans of demolishing the building prior to the fire and it was rumored they would use the space for the new tailgating area being constructed.

Harry Gunn, the Director of Risk and Compliance at MSU, told WKYT the offices in Downing Hall were already preparing to move into a different facility, this incident has just forced them to move a few months earlier. Gunn's office in the Department of Risk Management was one of the hardest hit areas in the building.

The MSU Police Department is going to be vigilant about watching the damaged area to keep away thieves who may want the leftover copper in the rubble.



WKYT Photo

MSU's Downing Hall was destroyed in a fire over winter break. The building was an old residence hall that was being used as office space. Four firefighters were injured battling the blaze.

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opportunities to gain service hours throughout the six-week period, including the Bleed Blue and Gold Blood Drive Feb. 4-5 in ADUC. Each campus organization can compete to have the highest percentage of members give blood. Another opportunity to get volunteer hours is the Morecare Fair scheduled for Feb. 18-19, as well as many other events held by different organizations on campus.

"Our ultimate goal is

to show each student, by encouraging them through a challenge, to find out what a difference they can make on an individual basis and to create lifelong volunteers," Patrick said. She added that this is why Challenge for Change is important to MSU.

Those interested in volunteering can visit www.MSUCaREs.volunteer-hub.com. Contact Melisa Patrick with any questions regarding MSU's Challenge for Change.



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The Super-or-Bowl was held Jan. 29 as one of the events in the annual Challenge for Change.

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EDITORIAL

Policy change a good step

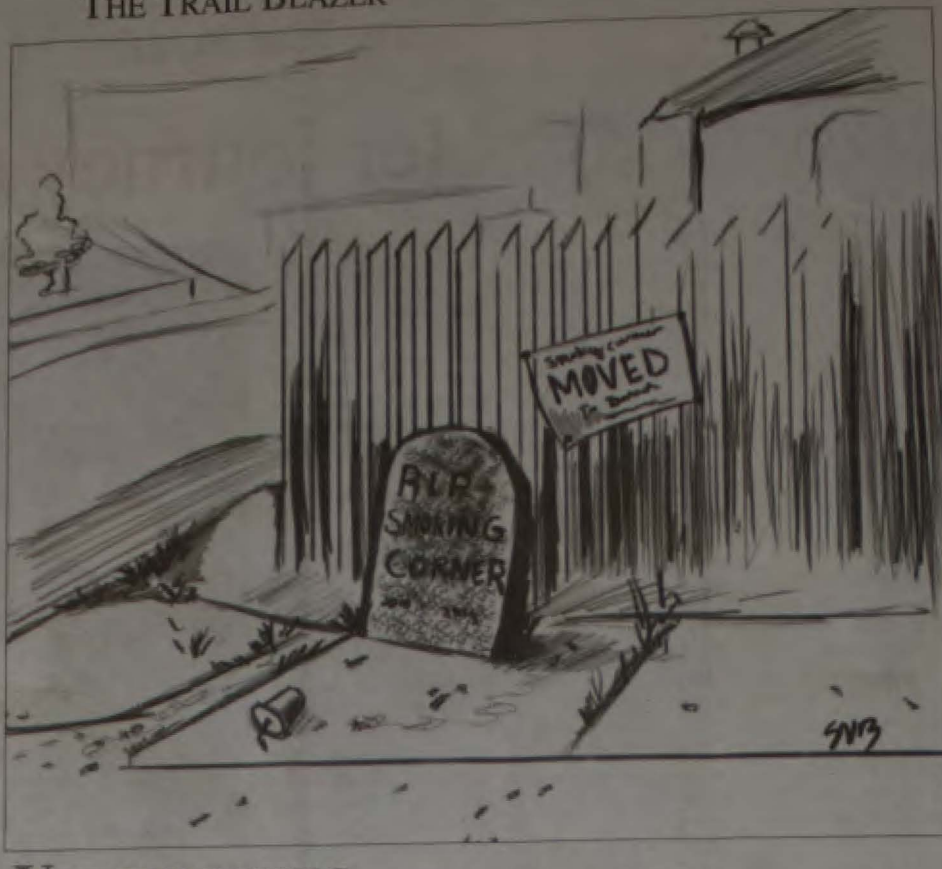
The start of a new semester brought with it some changes in MSU's tobacco policy. In summer 2011, the university implemented its campus-wide tobacco ban, prohibiting the use of tobacco products on MSU owned or controlled property. This rule was set to stand at all times, at and during all MSU events. However, when students returned to campus for the Fall 2012 semester, issues began arising in the surrounding community concerning MSU student and staff smokers.

Because smoking was prohibited on campus, student and staff smokers naturally began gravitating toward the nearest off-campus area to smoke, particularly to the corner of Elizabeth Avenue, the street adjacent to University Boulevard. The area became known to many as "smoker's corner." Residents of the Elizabeth Avenue area took matters into their own hands, creating a petition asking the university to consider instating designated smoking areas to meet the needs of student and staff smokers, and in turn relieving the foot traffic in their neighborhood.

Community residents pointed out the lack of designated areas brought about problems in their neighborhoods. Roadways were littered with cigarette buds and other trash. Many times, smokers were out in the late hours, creating noise issues for those trying to sleep. Also, smokers using the Elizabeth Avenue corner often drifted into the roadway, a danger to both themselves and oncoming traffic.

Though MSU has stated it remains committed to maintaining a healthy campus environment, the reason for the smoking ban's original implementation, the university took what the neighboring community had to say into consideration. Beginning this semester, there are two designated smoking areas on campus. The first area is located behind the faculty house on the corner of Second Street and Battson-Oates Drive. The other area is located on the west side of the faculty parking lot behind Baird Hall. The areas are marked and have receptacles for disposal of trash.

The university should be commended for this change. Though the campus-wide tobacco ban was created with good intentions, all possible problems were not considered. The creation of the designated smoking areas not only benefits MSU students and staff whom smoke, but also the concerned community members. Both deserved to be respected. This new policy is a step in the right direction for MSU.



VIEWPOINTS

A nightclub nightmare



LANA BELLAMY
—
Managing Editor

January 27, 2013 was just another Sunday night at popular Brazilian night club 'Kiss.' Brazilian students were celebrating their last day before the end of summer break and a band was scheduled to rock the packed dance club. At approximately 2 a.m., the club was full and the band was nearing a specially planned grand finish

to their show. What better way to go out than to light an extremely dangerous firework that's only intended for outdoor use?

Wrong. The band originally had the option of buying a more expensive indoor flare, but instead kept their money and used a firework that is now responsible for burning down the whole nightclub, killing over 230 people and injuring hundreds.

When the blaze was ignited, witnesses told BBC World News the fire surged across the ceiling, spreading so quickly club-goers and employees barely had

time to react. The flames lit up soundproof foam in the ceiling that smothered victims, causing confusion and asphyxiation. Police said dozens of bodies were found in the bathrooms, believing the people mistook them for the unclearly marked exit.

The country of Brazil, as well as the community of Santa Maria, Rio Grande do Sul, where the club was located, are mourning this loss, as nearly 70 people are still in critical condition.

A recent BBC article said the band member responsible for lighting the flare,

along with the co-owner of the club and two other people associated with the fire, have been detained and are awaiting trial.

The fact that the band put having a shocking grand finale above the safety of themselves and the people in the club is awful, but when you think about the club owners knowing they didn't buy the proper flares, it's shocking. The band member and the owners of the club deserve to be detained and their assets frozen. Hopefully they can learn from this grave lesson before the World Cup rolls around.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Mountaintop Removal (MTR) is an extremely destructive form of surface coal mining that destroys mountains by deforesting the summits, blasting away the rock underneath, and dumping the excess topsoil, subsoil, and rock into nearby valleys, all so that coal companies can extract increasingly narrow seams of coal from deep within the earth. The preparatory dumping ruins the natural landscape by flattening surfaces, burying streams and leaching heavy metals into the ground and surface water. After the mining is complete, the unnaturally leveled area is often left with open, lake-sized impoundments of the sludge water that was used to wash the coal and vegetated with

non-native plants that often contain compounds toxic to grazing animals. It is not uncommon for it to take two generations for native vegetation to begin to take hold again.

The effects of MTR are devastating to people as well. Blasting cracks home foundations and water wells and sends boulders flying into populated areas. The practice of valley fill and the presence of poorly regulated sludge impoundments also compromise water supplies. The EPA described the sludge impoundment break in Martin County in 2000, a break that spilled over 300 million gallons of toxic sludge into tributaries of the Big Sandy River, as the "biggest environmental

disaster ever east of the Mississippi." It is perhaps not surprising that people living near MTR sites have increased flooding and birth defect rates and face significantly higher rates of cancer and other diseases.

If you support clean water, sensible ways to stop controllable flooding and the general health and safety of the people in Appalachian communities, there are some things you can do: pressure your electric provider to stop using MTR coal, use alternative energy sources and conserve whenever you can. You can also empower yourself through education on the issue, by visiting sites such as ILoveMountains.org, and demand that your legislators uphold existing environ-

mental laws and support The Clean Water Protection Act. Last, but not least, you can join with a community that shares your values and object to this destructive practice. This Valentine's Day, many concerned citizens, including many members of Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, will be rallying at the steps of the Capitol in Frankfort during the annual "I Love Mountains Day." Please come and help us show Governor Beshear that the only way to protect our people, heritage and land is to move toward a clean energy future.

Lisa Bryant, Rowan County Chapter, Kentuckians for the Commonwealth

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CAMPUS COMMENT

Is the addition of new smoking areas is a good idea?



Haley Bellamy
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Mt. Sterling, Ky.



Samantha Garland
Sophomore
Art
Barbourville, Ky.



Alex Stigers
Theatre and Music



Alexis Bailey
Sophomore
Strategic
Communication
Morehead, Ky.

"No, because of the dangers secondhand smoke still poses for students."

"Yes. We have people who are going to smoke one way or the other."

"Yes, the smoking areas are a positive change. However, a relocation may be necessary since the smoke has damaged instruments in Baird Music Hall."

"I believe the designated smoking areas are a great idea if everyone would follow the rules. If MSU is kind enough to mark them, students should respect it."

Lizastrong: Her journey to recovery

LANA BELLAMY—
MANAGING EDITOR

On Dec. 21, MSU student Liza Angelicchio thought she would be having a normal doctor's visit in her home state of Indiana. At 8:30 p.m. that evening, Angelicchio received a phone call confirming her test results, containing a diagnosis that has changed her life forever.

Angelicchio had been silent for three weeks about her breathing problems that accompanied back and chest pain. After being examined, doctors told her they thought she may have pulmonary embolisms on her lungs that would explain her breathing problems, but wanted to do some tests to be sure. Upon further review of the blood tests, doctors found she had instead developed Acute Lymphoma Leukemia (ALL).

According to cancer.org, the word "lymphoma" can also be substituted with

"Lymphocytic" or "Lymphoblastic." The website stated this type of cancer starts from white blood cells called lymphocytes in bone marrow (the soft part inside the bone where new blood cells are made). The word "Acute" means the leukemia can progress quickly and when untreated, can be fatal within months.

Luckily, Angelicchio spoke up about her symptoms in time for the doctors at Community East Hospital in Indianapolis to take medical action.

"I'm so glad I said something," Angelicchio said. "Those symptoms are just so easily overlooked that I never would have thought it would be something this serious."

When she received the phone call delivering the unfortunate news, Angelicchio said she was in shock.

"There was a part of me that was like, 'No, this isn't right. They'll do more testing and find out what's really wrong with me,'" An-

gelicchio said. "And there was another part of me that was just scared and overwhelmed and confused."

The reality of it all didn't resonate with Angelicchio until she returned to the hospital to find out what to do next.

"It kind of hit me once I got there that I was sick and this was serious," she said.

After Angelicchio and her family took the time to let the reality of her condition sink in, she had to make the tough decision of who to tell first. She said her mother did not want to say anything to others until they knew exactly what was going on. When it came time to let the news out, Angelicchio looked first to her friends.

Angelicchio, a Chi Omega alumna, initially confided in her sorority sisters and close friends.

At first, her friends were in as much shock as she was and could hardly believe she was telling the truth, but she said they finally accepted it.

"I think they were just scared," Angelicchio said.

Now that the unfortunate reality has finally hit her and the community, Angelicchio is working to overcome the disease.

She said treatments started as soon as the diagnosis was confirmed, WITH chemotherapy starting the second day. Angelicchio was hospitalized for three weeks during her first rounds of treatment. Usually due to the intensity of chemotherapy treatments, it makes the patient tired and nauseous as it kills the healthy and cancerous cells. After the first round of chemo she received, she only got sick once or twice. It wasn't until the next time she went to the hospital that she felt the downside of the treatments, which was the sickness coupled with hair loss.

"I was just playing with my hair one day and that's



Photo submitted

'Lizastrong' is a term inspired by the personal strength Angelicchio has gained through this experience. Her supporters have posted the term all over social networking sites since her diagnosis in late December 2012.



Photo submitted

Before losing her hair during chemotherapy treatments, MSU student Liza Angelicchio donated 10 inches of her long blonde hair to Locks of Love.

when I just pulled my hand down and there was this wad of hair," Angelicchio said. "I was upset. My aunt was there and she just brushed my hair for an hour to get it all out."

Her mom called the hairdresser when she got off work that day to shave Angelicchio's remaining hair.

Through such a difficult time, Angelicchio remains positive and is always looking for ways to stay strong. Though she knew her hair would fall out eventually, she refused to let the cancer have its way with her blonde tresses.

"I called my hairdresser and she came in and we cut off 10 inches for Locks of Love," Angelicchio said. "We did that before the cancer could take it away from me."

The most recent round of treatment was the worst thus far, Angelicchio said. She said she was sick even after she returned home from the hospital. However, she said with assurance that she is good now.

One of the main concerns about her treatment was her need to find a bone

marrow donor. By way of a spinal tap, doctors found Angelicchio to have the Philadelphia chromosome, which is a mutation causing a different type of protocol for her treatments. Her treatments now require a bone marrow transplant.

She said her sister Natalie, also an MSU student and active Chi Omega, was only a 50 percent match, forcing them to turn to the national registry for an answer. Thankfully, they currently have three 10-for-10 matches available for Angelicchio.

Staying hopeful about the situation is integral to Angelicchio's recovery.

"It's better to just accept the fact that I have cancer than to sit around and mope about it," she said. There's nothing I can do and it's not going to get any better if I'm upset about it all the time. I definitely have bad days and I definitely have days where I'm just upset and sad, but I'm just trying to stay positive."

Angelicchio said the support of her family, friends and people she has never even met has helped

her family tremendously.

"If it weren't for everyone else, it would be a lot harder, but they're all making it a lot easier on me," she said.

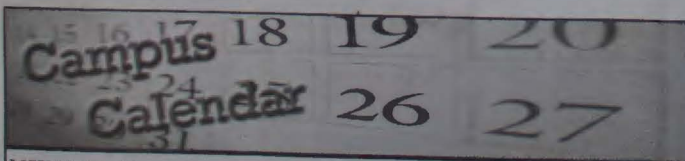
In the face of all of these obstacles, Angelicchio said she has learned a lot about herself.

"It's definitely made me a stronger person, knowing that I can deal with something like this," she said.

Cancer has only touched her life once, when her aunt developed Breast Cancer last year, but other than that Angelicchio admits she didn't know much about the disease until she was faced it herself.

Angelicchio's story has spread quickly across MSU's campus, around her hometown in Indiana, and across the state of Kentucky. She said the best thing is to hear is that what she's going through may give strength to others in similar situations.

She said, "Just hearing I'm inspiring other people has been wonderful and it just makes me want to get through this even more."



MSU History Department presents Ben Fitzpatrick: The Underground Railroad
Location: Jesus Our Savior Catholic Church, 315 Battson Oates Avenue
Date: Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2013
Time: 6 - 7 p.m.

Ben Fitzpatrick will be talking about The Underground Railroad with a time for discussion and a reception following the presentation. All are welcome. Call 784-4392 for more information.

Backpack Snack Program Food Drive
Location: MSU Dining Service locations
Date: Now through Feb. 20

Students have the opportunity to donate \$5 in BeakerBucks to the Rowan County Backpack Snack program when they purchase Aramark foods. The money goes toward the free lunch students in the Rowan County school district.

Bleed Blue and Gold: Competitive Blood Drive
Date: Monday, Feb. 4, 2013 - Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2013

The Center for Regional Engagement invite all MSU organization to participate in a competitive blood drive. The organization with the highest percentage of participating donors will be presented with the Bleed Blue and Gold Award.

MSU Poetry Club: Open House- The Great Gatsby
Location: Eagle Meeting Room, ADUC
Date: Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2013
Time: 7 - 9 p.m.

Art: MSU Art & Design Faculty Exhibition
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Eagles roll past Tennessee State

Angelo Warner notches career-high 24 points

Zac Vestring —
Sports Editor

Led by sophomore Angelo Warner's career-high 24 points, the Morehead State men's basketball team defeated Ohio Valley Conference opponent Tennessee State 78-69 on Saturday at Johnson Arena.

Warner converted 16-of-18 free throw attempts en route to the Eagles' 11th win of the season. MSU is now 11-11 overall with a 5-3 OVC record, while the Tigers fell to 12-10 on the year and 6-3 within the conference.

"He was a warrior tonight," Head Coach Sean Woods said. "He has a banged up knee from last week and he came out and gave me everything he had. For him to play twenty-seven minutes is just a credit to him."

MSU's Bakari Turner added 16 points for the Eagles, including a team-high two three-pointers, while Drew Kelly posted 10 points with five rebounds.

"I'm so proud of our guys," Woods said. "We had an emotional loss the other night and for them to come right back and give the same effort was great

on their character. I'm just so proud and so happy for them."

Patrick Miller led the Tigers with 19 points, while Kellen Thornton added 18 points, along with Jordan Cyphers' 15 respectively.

At the start of the game, the Tigers took a quick 6-0 lead on the Eagles following a layup by Cyphers, but a jump shot by Turner cut their lead at 7-4.

With 13:29 left in the first half, the Eagles put together a 10-3 run that gave MSU their first lead of the game at 23-21. The Eagles' Jarrett Stokes added four of the 10 points.

The lead didn't last long as Cyphers nailed a three-pointer after Kellen found him open in the corner during the Tigers' next possession.

The last two minutes featured a back-and-forth battle between both teams until Miller made a jump shot with four seconds to go to end the half with the Tigers leading 41-39.

At the half, the Eagles led 20-12 in points in the paint. MSU's bench also outscored the Tigers' 14 to 6.

MSU started out the second half with another 10-2 run thanks in part to Chad

Posthumus' four points while both Turner and Warner added two apiece.

Even with a six point lead, it only took two minutes for the Tigers to gain the edge back at 51-49 thanks to Miller's four points with 12:28 left in the game.

Trading blow for blow for the next eight minutes, each team held a small lead only to lose it until Turner nailed his second three-pointer to give the Eagles their final lead of the game at 62-60.

"He is starting to get it," Woods said. "He made a great play defensively that won't show up the box score. He prevented Cyphers from getting a shot off and I thought that was the play of the game."

In the last minute of the game, the Eagles converted eight of their last 10 free throws to ice the game at 78-69. Turner and Warner made a combined seven of the eight free throws in the last minute.

"We closed out the game," Woods said. "We took care of the basketball at the end and didn't turn the ball over which turned into free throws down the stretch."

Even though the Eagles pulled out the win, the Tigers' shot 50 percent from the field compared to the Eagles' 48 percent.

MSU held the edge in rebounding with 29 compared to TSU's 25. In the last nine games, the Eagles hold a +100 edge in rebounds.



Sophomore Angelo Warner attempts a layup against Tennessee State Saturday evening. Warner led the Eagles with a career-high 24 points in the game.

"That was one of the keys to the game," Woods said. "That is what we envisioned with our size and depth that we have."

One of the biggest difference makers in the game was the fact that the Eagles were able to convert 21

points off of the 17 turnovers from the Tigers.

The game featured 14 ties and 11 lead changes as neither team led by double figures.

Morehead has now won six of their last nine games. "We were going to make

sure that we did everything in our power tonight to not let one get away from us," Woods said.

The Eagles are on the road as they take on Belmont tonight at 8 p.m.

Belmont Bruins bruise Eagles' egos

Ryans notches 17 points in 43-point loss to Belmont

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Despite a career-high effort from sophomore Casey Ryans, who scored 17 points, along with a team-high seven rebounds, the Morehead State women's basketball team was dominated from the beginning in the 88-45 loss to the visiting Belmont University on Tuesday at Johnson Arena.

The Eagles lost their second game in a row and fell to 7-15 on the year with a 3-5 Ohio Valley Conference record. The Bruins improved to 13-9 overall and an OVC-best 8-2 conference record.

Belmont's Molly Ernst led all scorers with 18 points, including six three-pointers, while Alyssa Visbeen dominated underneath the basket with 16 points and seven rebounds. Katie Brooks added 15 points respectively.

Only two other players scored over five points for the Eagles as Mackenzie Arledge notched seven points, while Almesha Jones added six.

The game quickly got out of hand for the

Eagles as the Bruins held a 14-0 advantage after the first four minutes of the contest. Belmont's Alyssa Visbeen knocked down back-to-back three pointers to start off the game while Jodran Coleman added four more points during the 14-0 run.

A three-pointer by Ryans finally got the Eagles on board with 13:50 left on the clock, but the Eagles would never recover from such a large deficit so early in the game.

With 6:23 left in the first half, MSU's Kelsey Funderburgh knocked down a three-pointer to once again cut the Bruin's lead to just 14.

A bright spot of the first half came in the last four minutes, as the Eagles were able to hold the Bruins scoreless for the last four minutes of the half. MSU ended the half on a 7-0 run as Ryans and Mackenzie Martinez knocked down back-to-back three-pointers, cutting deficit to 12 at 33-21.

Belmont dominated points in the paint in the first half with 14 compare to the Eagles two.

Jones opened the second

half for the Eagles by making one of her two foul shots, cutting the Bruins lead to 11. That was as close as MSU ever got in the second half.

A three-pointer with 15:57 by Ernst put the Bruins ahead by 21 at 48-27, as Belmont never led by less than twenty for the rest of the game.

Belmont's Jordyn Luffman converted a layup with 6:43 left in the game that put the Bruins up by 30, their highest lead of the game at 68-38.

With 2:20 left in the game, a three-pointer by Belmont's Natalie Cohlmeier furthered the Bruins dominance over the Eagles as the visiting team now held a 41-point advantage over MSU.

The Eagles last points of the game came with :41 left on the clock as Whitney Kyle converted two free throw attempts and the Bruins presented the Eagles with their biggest lopsided loss of the season yet with the final score of 88-45.

The Bruins shot 35-of-54 from the field for a 64 percent shooting percentage while the Bruins' defense held the Eagles' offense to a 33.3 field percentage. Belmont shot lights out from beyond the arc, knocking down 9-of-18 downtown while MSU converted a healthy 6-of-20.

Even though the Eagles held a 20-to-18 advan-



Morehead State's Terrice Robinson attempts a layup in the game against Belmont University.

tage in rebounds, Belmont dominated in the paint, scoring 32 points beneath the basket compared to the Eagles 14.

The Bruins were able

to capitalize on the Eagles eight turnovers, converting them into 26 points.

The Morehead State women's basketball team

is on the road this weekend when the Eagles take on Jacksonville State on Saturday. The game is slated to start at 3 p.m.

SIDELINES

The Harbowl: Ravens vs. 49ers A Family Affair

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For those of you who actually read the sports section of The Trail Blazer you might have remembered that last semester I wrote a Sidelines article after the first week of the regular NFL season giving my opinion on how I thought the season would eventually progress. If you were to go back and re-read what I wrote, I think you would find that I did a pretty darn good job. I successfully predicted that the Ravens would compete against the 49ers in the Super Bowl and for the first time in history, two brothers will be pitted against each other as head coaches.

Let that sink in for a bit. Ok, enough gloating.

Bragging rights aside, I am pretty sure I was one of the few people who actually pitted Jim and John Harbaugh against each

other in the Super Bowl and that was way before it became a trendy idea for the national media (hi ESPN).

With that said, I will once again give you my (un) educated opinion on who I believe will walk away the winner of Super Bowl XLVII.

Short Answer: The San Francisco 49ers.

I really believe that the combination of Colin Kaepernick's ability to scramble and his decision-making will really be the difference in this game. For a young quarterback, Kaepernick does not often make bad decisions. In short, he doesn't just rely on his blazing speed as he can make the hard throws when needed. His ability to run will just keep the Ravens' defense honest, which will eventually make things easier for Michael Crabtree and company. Plus, this allows the running game to become that much dan-

gerous, as the Baltimore D won't know who will be taking the handoff between Frank Gore and LaMichael James.

On the defensive side of the ball, Aldon Smith will be too much for the Ravens' offensive line to handle. Smith tallied a NFL best 19.5 sacks this season, which in my books makes him the prime candidate for NFC Defensive Player of the Year. When rushing Flacco, the Raven's O-line will have to double-team Smith, which will open up other favorable matchups for the defense. If they don't double-team him, Smith will almost assuredly be in Flacco's face and if you are a Raven's fan you don't want to see that happen.

Offensively, I don't see the Raven's being able to keep up with the 49ers. While Flacco has been more than impressive in this postseason, he has not faced a defense of this caliber. The 49ers will look to

shut down the two main weapons of the Raven's offense: Ray Rice and Torrey Smith. If they can successfully take away the ground game from Baltimore, the coaching staff will have to put the ball into Flacco's hands. In the biggest game of Flacco's career I am just not sure that he will be able to bring home the bacon without the help of his trusted running back. On a side note, if the Raven's don't win this game Flacco will definitely not get 'Peyton Manning' money in the offseason like he wants. But, if he makes a fool out of me and wins it all I say pay the man his money.

Defensively, the Ravens are playing for Ray Lewis and his quest for a second Super Bowl ring. They have been playing on sheer will and determination for their captain, but that will not be enough come Sunday. The linebackers, including Lewis,

just aren't quick enough to stop Kaepernick if he chooses to run the ball. The combination of Crabtree, Vernon Davis and Randy Moss will be too much for the secondary to handle, as they will already have to worry about Kaepernick scrambling for a touchdown.

Here is a list of three players for each team that you should keep in eye on because their play will affect whether or not their team takes home the trophy.

San Francisco

-Colin Kaepernick's ability to run will be the deciding factor in the game. If he fails so will the team.

-Aldon Smith is wrecking ball that could fluster Joe Flacco all game.

-Vernon Davis is an athletic freak that could/should take advantage of the fact that the Raven's linebackers won't be able

to cover him.

Baltimore:

-Joe Flacco needs to play a clean game. If he can prevent himself from making bad decisions and throwing picks then the Ravens might have a decent shot at winning this game.

-The Raven's offensive line will need to step up and give Flacco enough time to make throw downfield. If Flacco finds himself face to face will the 49ers d-line he will be in for a long night.

-Ray Lewis will be playing in the final game of his career. It will be exciting to see if he steps up and ends his career with bang.

Overall, my prediction is San Francisco 23 Baltimore 17. Little brother Jim will beat his big brother John on his way to solidifying himself as the best head coach in the NFL today.

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