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Inderground 38 goes on air Colleagues praise

VICKI NEAL Assistant News Editor **BRIAN ROGERS** Staff Writer

Underground 38, MTSU's first student-run radio station, began cablecasting Monday night in its studio in the Learning Resources Center.

The broadcast began at 8 p.m. with a few words from MTSU President James Walker welcoming WNAR to its premiere cablecast on Housing Channel 38.

After Walker finished, WNAR disc jockey Doug Jones welcomed cable listeners to the broadcast and cited the First Amendment of the Constitution.

Then the music began.

The first song was "Fascination Street," by the Cure, an alternative band.

"I just like the song," WNAR President Reza Baktar said. "I love the Cure."

"It's been a long time coming," Jones said.

James Dibbon, a student disc jockey, operated the board along with Jones. "I'm in it for the fun," Dibbon said. "It seemed like a good place to be."

Underground 38 will



Shelly Mays/Photographer

READY TO ROCK: Doug Jones (left) and James Dibbon (right) prepare Underground 38 for broadcast.

broadcast daily from 8 p.m. until 12 a.m. It will feature alternative and heavy metal music.

The station's Music Director Clay Carnahan, a recording industry management major, said the station owns 34 compact discs. All other music is supplied by the disc jockeys.

"We've been working on this (WNAR project) since the beginning of October," Carnahan

The station is operating smoothly, and the student disc jockeys have been offered help from faculty and administration.

"We don't want any money from the school," Baktar said. "If we can raise the money ourselves, then we can consider it as our station."

Baktar said he is also relieved that his goal has turned into a reality.

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Walker for first year accomplishments

NICOLE M. SIKORA Assistant News Editor

Dr. James Walker became the MTSU president one year ago this month, and already he is receiving praise for his work.

Walker assumed duties Feb. 1, 1991, after serving as vice president for Academic Affairs at the University of Northern Colorado.

Walker is the first African-American to be president of MTSU and the first African-American to be president of a predominantly white Tennessee university.

Walker said he is enjoying his work, citing his pleasure with the faculty, staff and students. "MTSU is an outstanding university," he said.

He said his plans for the university have not changed much from his original goals.

"My original plans were to get an assessment of where we are and where we are going as a university. They still are," he

As for specific problems, Walker said he thinks the parking on campus is a large problem. "It was a concern from day one," he

Walker said he thinks the problem will be remedied soon with the building of high-rise parking garages at the site currently occupied by the heating plant. The garages were included in MTSU's Master Plan, which recently was approved by the Tennessee Board of Regents.

May others on campus have spoken of Dr. Walker's assets to the university community.

"I've been really pleased with the attention he has shown to the quality of life for students form residence halls, to cafeteria food quality, to campus lighting.

Director of Campus Planning Charles Pigg said Walker has been very involved in the expansion of the campus as outlined in the Master Plan.

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Sidelines wins nine awards

SAM GANNON **News Editor**

Sidelines won nine awards in the recent Southeast Journalism Conference in Hattisburg, Miss.

Twenty-one colleges and universities competed on various levels for awards in outstanding journalism, photography, advertising, and art work in the competition, which was held Feb. 21-22.

in terms of numbers of said Scott Hassler, Sidelines

Himebaugh, professor of journalism and faculty representative to the conference.

"I was very disappointed with the number of students who went to the competition. Austin Peay took seven; nine," Belmont took Himebaugh said.

One student represented MTSU in the conference.

"We really had a lot of "I was pleased in how did fun, and I learned a lot too," said Glenn sports writer and student

assistant representative to conference.

> "We won nine awards, and that's great," Hassler added. "It was a lot of fun."

> The conference had a record number attendance and a record number of entries, Himebaugh said. Of the 931 entries, MTSU had 48.

> The big winner was senior Shelley Mays, who won three awards for photography. Mays Sidelines' chief photographer and

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Task force to release results

RUSTY GERBMAN News Writer

Results from the questionnaire to determine whether students want to remain on campus during weekends are being analyzed by the task force assembled by university President James Walker.

Task force Chairman Harold Smith said the statistical analysis was not completed, but that the results should be in very soon.

"We will have those recommendations from the analysis in by mid-March or early April," Smith said.

The recommendations will be

submitted to Walker, who will then decide to either implement new programs, revitalize old programs or keep the situation as is.

The questionnaire that was passed out in late October was designed to profile an average MTSU student and gain information about students' schedules during the weekends.

It inquired what the university can do in order to make the students' time on campus more enjoyable and productive during the weekends.

"We are not sure students want to stay on campus," Smith said. "We are not trying to force them to stay on campus.

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"It was really hard because I had to prove things to the faculty," Baktar said. "We've tried three times to get this on the air."

Baktar said he is grateful to John High, general manager of

WMOT-FM, for his time and help with getting Underground 38 on the air.

"John High has given us advice and has supplied equipment," Baktar said. "He's helped us more than other faculty member."

A Moffett, professor of Radio-TV and station adviser, was there to join WNAR students in

the students.

Paul Holzer said.

and music," he said.

"This is your (the station's) the air.

Music is top priority for

"Later on we'll be adding

Baktar encourages other

Underground 38, the station's

chief engineer and RIM student

news (to the programming), but

right now it's just disc jockeys

students to become involved with

WNAR. "This is history," he said.

night, not mine," Moffett said to help Mass Comm to be active in the fight to get a frequency.

"They [the Radio-TV department] helped out Channel-12. They can help us too," Baktar said. "I'm not quitting until I get a frequency."

In an effort to raise money, Underground 38 held a fundraiser Monday night Mainstreet.

Four bands joined forces to

"This is what we've been waiting for for eight months."

The Student Government Association was asked Wednesday to support a letter to college of Mass Communication asking the college to support the station and help it get a frequency.

Baktar hopes the letter will

help the station with their cause. Muddbrothers, Seth Timbs, Political Funk and Idaho Beach House rocked the house for a crowd of more than 100.

"There weren't as many people there as we hoped, but next time we'll put up a bunch of flyers to publicize it more," Baktar said.

> While more than \$300 accumulated at the door, the station cleared only \$100 after paying for sound and insurance. Sound took the biggest chunk of the profits with a \$200 price tag. 15 percent insurance fee was assessed Mainstreet.

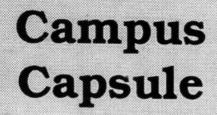
"I've been here for six years, and it's about time we had a student-run radio station," said Mark Roberts, lead vocalist and rhythm guitarist for Idaho Beach House. "We want to help them out as much as we can."

"We wanted to Shelley Mays/Photographer do anything we e DON'T LOOK AT ME: Dr. Al Moffett looks on while could to help out," excitement. Reza Baktar realizes that the time has come to go on said Ralph Weyant, lead vocalist and

bass player for Muddbrothers.

A second fund-raiser has been planned for March 23 at Mainstreet with the same groups performing again. Plans are being made for them to be joined by Lark and Sal Goes to Mecca.

"Saturday is dedicated to the local bands that played at the fund-raiser. We're going to play their music on the station," Baktar



Today

"Black Male and Female Relationships" forum, Kool Club, 6-8 p.m., Keathley University Center 316, call Charles Irby Ext.

"Post Traumatic Stress Disorder: A Comparison Between Vietnam and Desert Storm," Jacque Rhoads, 7:30 p.m., Davis Science Building Room 100.

General Musical Recital, 11 a.m., Wright Music Building Music Hall.

Delta Omicron Recital of the Year, 8 p.m., WMB Music Hall.

Saturday, Feb. 29

Trash Cleanup on the Stones River, 9 a.m., meet at Greenland Parking Lot, call 896-6074.

Solo and Ensemble Festival, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., WMB Music Hall

Sunday, March 1

Hare Krishna meditation and discussion, 5:30 p.m., Krishna farm in Lynchburg, write P.O. Box 146-A, Mulberry, Tenn.,

Stones River Chamber Players, 3 p.m., WMB Music Hall.

Catholic Student Center, mass at St. Rose church, 7 p.m., transportation will be provided by a van behind the KUC, 6:45

Monday, March 2

Hare Krishna Club meditation and discussion, 5:30 p.m., KUC 312, call Adi-Purusa das 896-3425.

"Ethical Issues in Scientific Research with Human Beings," Harold Whiteside, Honors Lecture Series, Peck Hall.

Bicycle Training Rides for Cyclists and Triathletes, 2 p.m., meet in Greenland Parking Lot, call Ext. 2688 or 890-6051.

Alcoholic Anonymous Unity Group, 6 p.m., KUC 315, call David R. Ext. 3192.

Other Campus Events

Videotaped Mock Interviews, Placement Center, every Monday and Tuesday by appointment, KUC 328. call Ext. 2500.

Co-op job opportunities available, deadline for Fall '92 placement is March 15, call Wayne Rollins, Ext. 2225.

Sitcom script writing, call Miles Hunter, Ext. 1799.

English Department, tutoring lab, noon-4 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 1:40-4:20 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, appointments can be made in Peck Hall Room 324.

Any student interested in starting a chapter of National Press Photographers Association (NPPA), call Chris Harris, Ext.

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should have been credited to Byrena Floyd. photograph on page three of the Stones River clean-up should have been credited to Dennis Mc Kelvy.



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"When he first came, we were up to our necks in the Master Plan," Pigg said. "He fit in well from the outset, participated in dialogue with the consultant and got involved."

"He had a lot of catching up to do. He did it very expediently and forthrightly," Pigg said.

Although the budget cuts hamper some of Walker's ambitions for MTSU, he considers it a growing and competitive school.

Accusations that Walker was extravagant in the renovation of his home and that he was wrong in borrowing a 50-inch television set from the Learning Resources Center abounded last semester. However, he has received praise from faculty and staff members because of his ability to adjust to the budget crunch.

Liberal Arts Dean John McDaniel said despite the financially hard times, Walker has been supportive and understanding.

"He was quick to approve 15 new faculty positions last year and 11 this year [for the College of Liberal Arts] in a response to dramatic enrollment increases," McDaniel said.

"He also has been quite helpful in making support funds available to academic departments, at least as much as possible in these distressful budgetary times," McDaniel said.

Dean of Mass Communications Ed Kimbrell said Walker is supportive not only of the College of Mass Communications but also of all the university departments.

Walker has been especially helpful in an attempt between the College of Mass Communications and the College of Education to develop a teaching and technology center, Kimbrell said.

"Other people would be candid and wait until better times to take action," Kimbrell said. "You've got to have a particular kind of courage. He's got great determination and will."

Barbara Haskew, College of Business dean, seemed to be impressed with Walker's openness and availability.

"We are pleased with the way he has built an external relationship with the community," Haskew said.

Walker's concern even extends to particular programs within school departments, however.

John P. Montgomery, director of the Honors Program, said in spite of the budget difficulties, Walker's plans include expanding and enhancing the program in any way possible.

"He's been very supportive of the Honors Program," Montgomery said. Walker said he wants open dialogue between himself and other members of the university community.

Through the 1991-92 school year, Walker has invited several campus groups to his home to share refreshments and informal discussion.

The Student Government Association, Leadership Scholarship recipients, the fraternity and sorority presidents, student orientation advisers and residence hall councils are among



Shelley Mays/Photographer

those groups that have visited his home.

Other groups scheduled to meet with Walker are department chairs and deans of the five colleges.

Director of Housing Ivan Shewmake said he is particularly impressed with meetings that Walker conducted in the fall. In these meetings he talked with students living in residence halls to get to know them and find out their concerns.

Shewmake, who has worked at MTSU under four presidents, said he had never observed such an action by a president before.

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- Walker's concern even | s your transmission fluid low?



"I thought that was a neat thing," Shewmake said. "He handled himself really well. He could relate to the students and

could relate to the stud he was humorous."

Rebecca Rice, director of the June Anderson Women's Center, said Walker's appointments of a female vice president and executive assistant, his attendance at events and support of studies conducted by the Women's Center indicate his high level of commitment to the

"This means that women's voices are in the pipeline," Rice said. "I am very pleased that he is here. He has vision and tries to make intellectual decisions that are ethical."

In addition, Director of International Student Services Tech Wubneh said Walker has attended several programs and has adopted a student from India in the Friendship Partnership Program.

The program links an international student to a family or individual who spends several hours with the person each month.

Ralph Metcalf, director of Minority Affairs, reported renewed interest in minority programs and cultural pluralism since Walker's arrival.

"He's been very supportive, and I look for big things to come in the future," Metcalf said.

Awards -

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A 1991 recipient of the Poynter Institute Fellowship, she won first place for feature photo essay, third place for feature photo layout and honorable mention for feature photo layout.

"It's important for students to participate and compete in collegiate contests because it prepares them for real competition," Mays said.

Tony J. Arnold won two awards. The *Sidelines*' managing editor and sports editor, he won second place for a story about Stephanie Capley and her daughter.

"I was pleased that sports won, but the story that I wrote on Stephanie is the best I think I've ever written," Arnold said.

Arnold, a junior recreations major, also received

an honorable mention for best sports headline.

Fern Greenbank, Sidelines' features editor, took second place in the open competition for feature story.

"It means a lot to have your work recognized," said Greenbank, a junior journalism major. "You never really know if you're good at something until it compares to the work of others. Winning over students from big budget journalism programs makes you feel like you're headed in the right direction."

Also winning awards were Angela Bonds, former Sidelines' feature editor, who received an honorable mention for feature page layout, and Don Pedigo, former Sidelines' opinions editor and staff cartoonist, who won third place for editorial cartoons. Lisa Vinsant, former Sidelines' sports writer, received an honorable mention for a sports feature.



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Opinions

Consensus

Sidelines wins big at journalism conference, loses to travel freeze

It's a rare day that we at *Sidelines* get a chance to toot our own horn, but today is one of them.

Over the weekend, the Southeast Journalism Conference was held in Hattisburg, Miss. and MTSU brought home some hardware. Sidelines had seven individual winners in a total of nine categories against tough competition such as Vanderbilt and Emory. Congratulations are in order for the winners and anyone else involved with the paper during the last year.

Unfortunately, the purpose of this column isn't all song and dance. Despite winning these awards, we weren't able to send the winners to the conference or, for that matter, any other staff members. The university freeze on out-of-state travel kept us from receiving school funds. Anyone who wanted to attend had to do so out of their own pocket. Only one student and one journalism professor from MTSU were able to go, while schools like Belmont and Austin Peay sent as many as nine.

It's been said that sometimes you don't fear a tornado until one visits your house. Sidelines has been guilty of this kind of thinking, and we are sure we are not the first student organization to come out on the short end of the budget crunch. We understand that the university has to cut corners on non-essentials, but often the pain off these cuts goes unnoticed.

Just a notice to the administration and any state lawmakers that might be reading — the funding cuts to education not only manifest themselves in the things that we do see, but also in the things that we don't get to see at all.

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Letters to the Editor

Blacks, women deserve special month of recognition

OUTRAGE would be putting mildly the emotion that I felt after reading the editorial "Who decides who gets a month?" in the Feb.24 issue of Sidelines. Since when have women and African-Americans been special interest groups? This country was literally built on the backs of African-Americans and it is obvious where the country would be without women.

As a black woman, I resent the fact that white males such as Mr. Whitney continue to trivialize the immense contributions women and African-Americans have made to this country. Moreover, in reference to your question "(a)ren't they and all other events that happened in the past a part of that huge subject called history?" The answer is a resounding "NO!"

"HIS STORY" books consistently overlook the very important contributions made by many Americans that just happen to be women or black. The only history most of us are ever taught is white male history. Therefore, Black History Month, Women's History Month or any other history month presents the only opportunity many of us get to learn more about those groups that are often excluded from our

textbooks. I ask those of you who feel the way that Mr. Whitney does to take some time to attend some of the events that these special months offer. If you do, I guarantee that you will gain a greater appreciation of women, of blacks, or of whomever else has a month. Then instead of bellyaching about special interest groups, you might realize that these celebrations are one of our best investments in future education.

Dawn S. Wright Box A950

Black History Month should remember its fallen heroes

While attending a recent basketball against game Tennessee State University, I listened to SGA president Shawn Burgess' speech at halftime. During this speech he noted that February is Black History Month, and he recognized the names of a few honorable black men that have contributed to our society. I hear the same names over and over again. True, the names Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, Frederick Douglass and Abe Lincoln all hold a sacred place in our history. However, I feel that there is one group of individuals who should be mentioned and remembered as well. I make this suggestion in honor of the 54th

Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, the first black regiment in the northern states west of the Mississippi River during the Civil War.

The 54th Infantry was created by Frederick Douglass and Massachusetts Governor John A. Andrew. The regiment was led by a white man, Colonial Robert Gould Shaw. Shaw fought to show his soldiers' equality and he died for it as the regiment charged a confederate earthwork, Fort Wagner, in South Carolina on July 18, 1863.

This is a substantial piece of history and should be remembered; these men spilled their blood and fired the first shots for racial equality, a battle which is still being fought today. The brave black regiment rushed into battle knowing that if they were captured they would be put to death by the confederacy. Still, they gave no ground and fought as gallantly as any regiment in the Civil War. They proved to many that black soldiers were just as capable as white soldiers, if not more so.THIS PIECE OF HISTORY DESERVES TO BE REMEMBERED THIS MONTH!

And let us not forget that Black History Month is for all races to behold.

John Jeter Box 3762

'Japan Bashing:' Who has the right?

It seems like we, the American people, have a lot of growing up to do. 1992 finds us once again blaming other people for our problems. It seems that every time this country finds itself in economically strapped times, the finger of blame goes out to some third party. In this instance, the finger is pointing at the Japanese.

We blame unfair trade policies between the United States and Japan as the crux of the problem. We say they simply aren't playing fair. After all, we Americans have always been noted as playing fair; just ask any Native American Indian if you want to know about a country being bought or taken out from under the people.

Is it the fault of the Japanese that they

make globally wellrespected products? Is it their fault that they make education of their masses paramount for better competition in the world of industry? The answer to these questions is no. The Japanese simply took advantage of America's struggling industry woes and, in some instances, second or third rate product quality. In the past few decades, while America was squabbling over salaries and fringe benefits, the Japanese labor force was cranking out the products which were winning the world's confidence. Between some of America's industry workers fighting for bloated salaries and others actually receiving them, and with American product quality decreasing, the backbone of American Industry was broken. Japan had little to do with that, they were just making a better product in some areas and capitalizing on it. And yes, America, we would have done exactly the same.

TERRY L. BOHANNAN Guest Columnist

This is certainly not to say the American worker does not deserve a good financial return on his work investment. It is safe to assume that if a worker's salary is sufficient for the job he may be doing, and he insists upon and receives numerous increases, then the business in question must increase its sales. If sales are not increased, which has been happening often with American industry, then the company folds, or goes bankrupt, which also has been happening often. Then all those that wanted more, more, and more are left in the ever-growing unemployment lines.

Somewhere along the line, American industry has to make some concessions from both workers and owners. Industry has to be responsive to the worker and begin the entire process by paying their employees a decent salary or wage. The scenario of the CEO's and corporate "big wigs" making astronomical salaries at the hands of the American workers' broken backs has to be changed. This would not mean that the CEO's should give up all their several million dollar salaries; spreading some of that wealth back to the toiling worker would be a fine start. In return, the worker should be satisfied with a new, adequate salary.

It all boils down to motivation. The American worker has lost it, and we're chastising the Japanese because they found it. Motivation instills pride and pride instills motivation. Unfortunately, there certainly isn't much pride in the American workplace these days. The pride and

motivation comes from satisfaction from a well-done job. The industries have to strive harder to change this because, if not changed, all workers will be human zombies going through the motions. Pride and motivation are the keys to quality and productivity.

America is complaining about the success of the Japanese and fear that Japan is buying America piece by piece. Perhaps it is pay-back time here in the United States for the way we did the rightful owners of this country. The horrors we inflicted upon them were gravely more severe than what we feel we are experiencing now. The point is the same though: America is having a reality check. The big boys on the block aren't quite so big anymore. Someone is doing it better and cheaper and we can't stand it.

Perhaps if we worried a little less about being the absolute best at everything and spent more time just trying to be the best that we as Americans can be, things would be better. Where is it written that we have to try and beat everybody at everything? Let's just try to compete. Example: In Japan they drive on the left side of the road and therefore need right side driver vehicle capabilities. The American auto industry didn't want to build cars with that dimension. Well, let's think about it, would you buy a car that had the steering wheel on the wrong side to drive here in the United States? That is an oversight on our part, so lets fix it and maybe they will want to buy American

But bash we must. The "Buy American" campaign should not be a campaign at all. People should not have to be morally coerced into buying American products; there should be enough quality American products out there that people would buy them anyway. We are a people of brand-name recognition. For instance, if someone wants soap, they have their favorite brand that they always buy. People don't look at what country it's made in, they are satisfied with its performance so they buy it. Isn't that what it's all about? So instead of blasting Japan and their products let's introduce to the market the best that we can produce and, if it's the best, people will buy it. If someone else's product is better, then that product will sell.

We should all want America to be strong economically, but at the same time so should Japan - or any other peaceloving country, for that matter. This is a big world and there's room for all of us. To be strong doesn't mean we have to try and weaken everyone else. As I stated before, let's just be the best we can be and quit worrying about everybody else. Japan is not going to fold economically just to make us happy, and rightfully shouldn't. Japan isn't responsible for the American

The Cold War is over, therefore the funding allocated for that era should be freed up for other things. Instead of bashing our Japanese friends, let's follow their method of success. Let's spend some of that Cold War money on quality education for our citizens. Let's generate some new, solid industry that has reason to be proud, and that will, in turn, generate some new jobs. Let's urge our elected representatives to be as concerned about the common American's financial struggles as they are their own.

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Tributes end, struggle continues

NEDRA RICHARDSON Feature Writer

There have been positive outcomes from the civil rights movement of the 50's, 60's, and 70's. In place of "Whites Only" and "No Coloreds Welcome" signs so prevalent years ago, there are now affirmative action creeds and doctrines used by the same organizations that once discriminated.

Blacks and white are using the same public facilities, restaurants and water fountainsactivities practically unheard of 30 years ago. Blacks are presidents and hold high offices even in predominantly white corporations. They're elected to government positions at a steady rate. Blacks are living in suburban areas which used to be considered off-limits.

The direct outcome of heroes like Martin Luther King, Marcus Garvey, Rosa Parks, Malcolm X, Adam Clayton Powell, Stokely Carmichael and more are numerous

Unlike our grand-parents or even our parents, blacks are able to act without fear of losing their jobs, getting arrested, or getting killed.

It's great knowing that America is finally becoming the democratic and multi-cultural society it has boasted about for years in documents and foreign peace conferences.

Students of all races are now educated in the same schools. Sure, our country still has a LONG way to travel before actually living up to the principle of liberty and justice for all, but, as a popular advertisement says,

"You've come a long way, baby."

MTSU is currently celebrating Black History Month and offered educational, entertaining, and cultural activities throughout the month. These activities have paid special tribute to the contributions blacks have made to the world at large.

For a school that was predominantly white almost 40 years ago, it's good news that MTSU is recognizing African-American achievements. It is said that subtle and overt racism still exists here-that's to be

There's a bad banana in every bunch who refuses to see change. Hopefully, in time we won't have to single out such things as a Black History Month-the contributions of blacks will already be in the classroom history books.

Currently, MTSU has about 1,440 black students. That's approximately 12 percent of the student population. This may be a result of increased tuition as well as the attractiveness of black colleges, two year institutions, and the military.

Another concern is the amount of blacks dropping out of school. This is not just an MTSU situation, it's happening all across the United States. At MTSU, 5 to 7 percent of black students complete their degree each year.

However, more blacks are heading toward easier subjects instead of sticking it out in more difficult areas like the sciences, which could benefit by having more black students involved.

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Dane Herndon/Photographer

A PICTURE OF SUCCESS: Ebony award winners gather together after an evening filled with tributes and memories.

Awards banquet salutes achievers, brings black and white together

NEDRA RICHARDSON Feature Writer

It was a night to remember.

The atmosphere around the room had a calm yet pleasant feel. The mood was that of high antic-ipation. The setting was neatly done-plants, paper decorations, and a table loaded with delicious appetizers added beauty to the Alumni Gym setting.

In the center of the room, black and white faces intermingled while laughing and talking to one another. If Martin Luther King were alive today, he

would have been pleased with the atmosphere of positive unity and outstanding achievement among the people.

Last Thursday night, the African-American Student Association and the Student Government Association presented the Ebony Achievement Awards banquet. The program focused on the theme for Black History Month-"A Tribute to Our Fallen Warriors." It also paid homage to present African-American achievement.

The mistress of ceremonies was Sonia Johnson and master of ceremonies was SGA President Shawn Burgess. In addition to presiding over the program, Burgess and Johnson recognized the special guests and program contributors which included Dr. Robert LaLance, dean of students, and Marie Kirk, director of alumni affairs.

Dr. Raymond Winbush, Assistant Provost at Vanderbilt University, delivered a powerful and uplifting speech about the countless contributions blacks

have made thr.oughout history.

The awards were given to students, faculty, and organizations that have continued to exhibit excellence, perseverance and direction on the MTSU campus and within the community. Students had an opportunity to vote for those they felt were most deserving of recognition.

Presenting the awards was Ralph Metcalf, director of minority affairs, and Cassandra Wilson. The award for the Most Outstanding Black Sorority went to Alpha Kappa Alpha for its numerous contributions including blood drives, comm-unity service work with Patterson Day Care, and the development of a \$500 Martin Luther King scholarship.

Alpha Phi Alpha received a plaque for the Most Outstanding Black Fraternity on campus. Not only has the fraternity sponsored blood drives with Alpha Kappa Alpha, it has participated in the

Black History Month Forum: "Black male and female relationships"

The Kool Club will sponsor a forum tonight on relationships among the black community. Where? In the KUC Room 316 from 6-8 p.m.

There will be two moderators taking questions from the audience. The questions should center around the relationships between black men and women. The forum is expected to be informative and entertaining.

There is no admission free.

All those interested are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served. For more information, please contact the Kool Club President at extention 3238.

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MTSU's black faculty population stands at about 5 percent. This is unfortunate because students could benefit by having more of their professors involved in African-American campus activities and programs.

Junior Angela Wells says that overall she likes being here at MTSU. "It's a good college for the money," Wells notes. But she wishes that the school would still try to have more minorityrelated activities on campus like black plays or concerts. It seems that many of minority students here share her concerns. There is a common complaint that MTSU still focuses too much on the majority population.

The office of Minority Affairs was established several years ago to promote a welcoming, sensitive and supportive setting for minority students. The office is a resource base for the university community and the responsibilities of the office are diverse. Responsibilities include aiding minorities with financial problems, issues of retention, residence hall questions, and numerous other areas of concern.

The office facilitates the sharing of information and ideas to assist the university in defining and developing a clear and honest idea of true diversity.

"Institutes of higher education must recognize diversity as a strength and an asset," remarks Ralph Metcalf, director of the office of Minority Affairs. Metcalf says that as far as his current position is concerned, people at MTSU don't treat him any differently just because of his color. He says we must all learn to live together regardless of sex, race, major, level of intellect or anything else.

Shawn Burgess, SGA president, expands on Metcalf's thoughts, "We need black history month to be brought to the forefront so that we'll be more sensitive to each others' needs."

Burgess also says that minorities do need more role models on campus so students can actually look up to them as an example. He would like to see more campus involvement by the black community of students.

President Walker echoes Burgess' thoughts, "We can do anything if we put our minds to it. Blacks and whites should learn to come together more."

However, freshman Benita Sampson says one of the major problems among African-American students revolves around the emphasis placed on partying and being Greek. She relates that blacks think "it's cool to be fashionable, dressed in the

right clothes, going to parties until 1 or 2 a.m. and wearing three Greek letters on their

This results in a loss of effective studying time and that means a downward shift in grades. "But it's hard not to be caught up in that game. You want to be accepted by your people," Sampson adds.

So here we are with Black History Month coming to a close. It is hoped that the educational benefits of this month's activities will not soon be forgotten. MTSU blacks should look at the black achievers of yesterday and use them as the role models for today. These heroes struggled, fought, and died for today's blacks to have an opportunity at

As Dr. Erick Doss, professor of psychology, likes to say," I am



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Adopt-A-Highway program as well as hosting the Ms. Black and Gold pageant each year.

The MTSU NAACP was recognized as the most outstanding chapter and the award for Student Leader of the Year went to Shawn Burgess. Student Athlete of the Year was awarded to Quincy Vance and Advisor of the Year award went to Dr. Jacqueline Jackson. The honor of Faculty Member of the

Year went to Dr. Erick Doss. At the conclusion of the

awards banquet, Kerry Boykin gave a rousing speech entitled "A Tribute to Our Fallen Warriors" and Paul Nix, Jr. read a selection named "The African Pledge."

A phrase from Boykin's speech sums up the evening nicely: "...as we recognize our brothers and sisters, let us not feel sadness; Let us look upon each of those men and women with a tremendous amount of pride and inspiration to act."

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- (2) candidates for SGA Speaker of the Senate;
- (3) candidates for SGA Speaker of the House;
- (4) candidates for Sophomore Class Senators (five);
- (5) candidates for Junior Class Senators (five);
- (6) candidates for Senior Class Senators (five);
- (7) candidates for Graduate Senators (two).

All students with a valid MTSU identification card are eligible to vote in this election. Petitions for SGA President, Speaker of the Senate, Speaker of the House, and Class Senators may be picked up in Room 304, Keathley University Center, beginning Tuesday, February 25, 1992. Deadlines for filing petitions will be Thursday, March 5, 1992 at 12:00 noon. A MANDATORY candidates' meeting will be held on Thursday, March 5, 1992 at 12:00 noon in Room 304, Keathley University Center. Each candidate or a representative must attend

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FERN GREENBANK Features Editor

We have a top-notch aerospace program. Our sports program ranks among the best every season. We can boast of a lot of things here at MTSU. Now there's one more notch to add to our post.

From March 2-6, MTSU will play host to the 39th Annual Television News Photography Competition. Entries have arrived from all over the country. Bob Sprouls, chairman of this year's event, has logged in almost 900 entries so far.

The competition was held in Fargo, North Dakota for the past nine years. When the station there declined the honor of hosting this year, Sprouls went looking for a replacement site.

"I was leaning toward Vol State in Muncie, Indiana," admits Sprouls, "but Dr. Kimbrell from the Mass Communication Department here at MTSU showed an interest. He convinced me there was a vision here and so I came down to tour the facilities."

One look was all it took. The newly constructed \$15 million dollar Mass Comm building, in addition to the geographic location of MTSU convinced Sprouls this was the perfect site for the competition.

The chairman says he wanted to conduct the event in a student environment so that it would be a learning experience. Two students will be assigned to each judge and in the process will gain valuable insight into the real world of television news photography.

You will be able to view the entries but quiet is essential. Judges this year include John Goheen (winner for the past three years) and award-winning photojournalists from regions across the United States.

Categories for the competition will include in-depth series, documentaries, editing, sports, features, news features and more.

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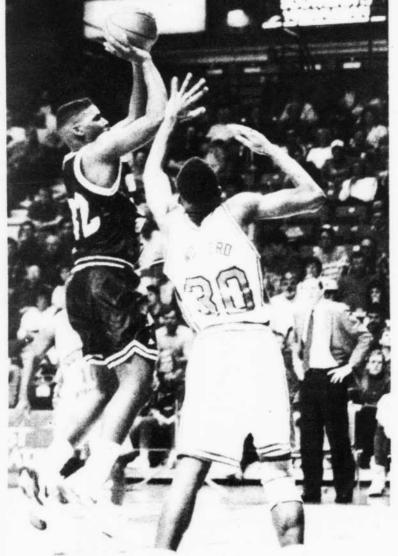


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Sports

Hammonds a 'Show at Center'



Tony Arnold/Photographer

MAN OF THE HOUR: MTSU's Kelvin Hammonds puts up a shot Monday at SEMO. Hammonds scored a career high 30 points and hit four 3-pointers in the win.

Raiders scalp Indians in key OVC win, 87-76

SCOTT HASSLER Sports Writer

After a disappointing loss to Austin Peay, the Blue Raiders were looking to show Southeast Missouri on Monday night that they are still an Ohio Valley Conference force.

The Raiders did just that, showing SEMO championship ball and walking away with a 87-76 win in a very tough place to play.

At the Show Me Center, the Indians had chalked up wins over Murray State and Eastern Kentucky while compiling a 5-1 home OVC mark. The lone loss had come from Tennessee Tech.

"We knew that SEMO hadn't lost in this gym all year," Raider guard Kelvin Hammonds said. "We wanted to beat them after Peay. We really sucked it up and played hard."

And, as expected, SEMO gave the Raiders quite a test on their home court.

The first half was led most of the way by the Indians, who pounded the Raiders on the offensive boards. SEMO grabbed 12 rebounds against Warren Kidd and Quincy Vance, even though the SEMO players were smaller.

"Coach got on us at half time and told us to play a pass and catch game," Kidd said. "Coach especially got on me and Quincy (Vance) for giving up 12 rebounds. In the second half we played harder, and it kicked in on both sides of the court."

And the duo responded in the second half in front of a SportSouth television audience. Between the two, the grabbed nine boards in the half and poured in 17 points.

"We were fortunate to have the lead at the half," head coach David Farrar said. "We didn't play team ball. I challenged Warren (Kidd) and Quincy (Vance) at the half, and they responded well.

"They responded like championship and

prideful kids would respond."

Although Middle eventually got the ball rolling, it opened up the second half and sputtering down the floor. A frustrated Farrar picked up a technical foul, and after both free throws were converted, the Indians had a five-point lead. The lead was all the success the Raiders would let the Indians have.

At 18:23 of the second half the Raiders went on a 15-0 run to put the game away. The run included Kidd's first points of the night with 17:17 left in the game.

Being the tough squad that it is, everyone expected SEMO to make a run at the Raiders, but with each run, key Raiders knocked down big buckets to deny SEMO the comeback bid.

The Raiders were paced all night by the hotshooting Kelvin Hammonds, who finished with 30 points and four assists.

Robert Taylor netted 20 points, three assists and three rebounds. Vance was the only other Raider in double figures with 14 points.

"I've been shooting the ball well the last couple of games," Hammonds said. "We know what it takes to win. The OVC teams are good, but we have an advantage because we've played close games a lot."

The Raiders hope they can use their advantage to win the OVC tournament championship March 6-8 in Lexington, Ky. Murray State has won its fifth consecutive regular season title.

With Monday's win, combined with a Eastern Kentucky loss to Tennessee Tech, Middle assured itself of a second place tie with Eastern. If Eastern falls at Austin Peay this weekend, Middle gets the second seed in the tournamnet. If Eastern wins, they get the seed which will play Tennessee State.

The Raiders hit the road this weekend and face the College of Charleston in South Carolina. Game time is at 7:30 Saturday night.

Racket Raiders facing stiff competition

Short's troops get warmed up for nationally ranked opponents

TONY J. ARNOLD

Sports Editor

Getting the season started off on the right foot is always important. Such was the case for Middle Tennessee State tennis teams this weekend as both entered their first action of the year.

MTSU's men participated at the Vanderbilt Quadrangular where they knew the competition would be tough. One concern that head coach Dale Short had going in was the experience difference.

Although few teams have the array of talent MTSU does, it was the first action this season for Middle while other squads had already had several matches. Therefore, if Middle had any butterflies, it needed to rid them quick — but it didn't quick enough.

Middle opened with a 4-1 loss to University of Alabama at Birmingham. However, that was the best team there, Short said.

"We had to juggle the lineup a little because Dominique Hannan had the flu, so we had to move everybody up," Short said. "We played pretty well, although we played a little nervous. But the good thing is we get a chance to play them again in a week down at their place, so we'll see if we can't make amends."

David Thornton was the only victorious Raider.

Over the next three matches, the Blue Raider pulled it together, beating Miami of Ohio 4-1, NAIA powerhouse Mobile College 3-2 and Southern Illinois 3-2.

"This was a good tuneup for us getting into the thick of it," Short said. "We play three nationally ranked teams in the next week. We play

Ole Miss, Mississippi State, Memphis State and UAB, which will all be a big test for us.

"I was happy that we were able to play all nine guys, and it was a team effort. We could have played better in a couple of matches, but it's nice to have that depth. That should help as the season goes along."

Meanwhile, the Lady Raiders dominated their competition at the Eastern Kentucky Quadrangular.

Middle beat Eastern Kentucky 6-3, Bowling Green 6-3 and Louisville 6-3.

"What was most impressive is that we won all our doubles matches," Short said. "It was a good feeling."

Yael Soresman led the way by winning all three of her singles matches against solid competition. Even more impressive is that she won each one 6-0, 6-0.

Also, Shelly Reed went undefeated in singles and doubles. Reed is only a freshman.

"This gives us a shot of confidence heading into the bulk of the season," Short said. "They leave (today) for the gulf Coast Championships at West Florida, where they will face some tough competition."

Then on the way home, the women will join the men Sunday for a showdown at UAB.

"It's going to be a big weekend," Short said. "We're going to get another chance to see what we can do against some nationally ranked competition."

Raider Baseball

Raiders rebound with win over UAB

Middle Tennessee State's baseball team rebounded Sunday afternoon to take a 6-4 win over the University of Birmingham Blazers on the diamond.

Saturday, the Blue Raiders dropped their season opener to UAB 3-2. Middle carried a 2-1 lead into the eighth inning but could not hold on.

Sunday, they had a 6-1 lead which they did manage to hold on to.

Next for head coach Steve Peterson's troops is Samford today in Birmingham.

Middle opens its home slate March, 12 against Indiana State.

Anyone interested in season tickets should call the baseball office for more information

'A Rim Rocking Raider'

Big Blue senior will leave many memories behind

SCOTT HASSLER Sports Writer

Raider senior Quincy Vance tends to be overlooked on the basketball court despite his 6-7, 200-pound frame.

his job and rolls with the punches. However, Vance has always stepped up to be the leader of the team for which he has played.

Vance attended Lincoln County High School Fayetteville,

Tenn. He played three years of varsity basketball and was recruited by University of Tennessee Chattanooga,

Evansville (Ind.), Austin Peay, Eastern Michigan and Middle Tennessee State universities.

freshman."

"I chose to come here because it was close to home and a lot of my friends went here," Vance said. "I also got along with the players here a lot better."

And Vance jumped right into the spotlight. His freshman year was a dream come true because the Raiders won the Ohio Valley Conference championship. They style this year, Vance has had to

went on to win the conference assume a familiar role, he's had tournament and advance to the NCAA tournament where they handed nationally ranked Florida State a defeat.

"My freshmen year was a The quiet forward just does great year, "he said. "I learned a lot since there was a lot of leadership and points that were left behind by previous players."

Things changed during his

sophomore year, however. Vance and his teammates struggled to a

loosing season, and the year

seemed to be marred by a mid-

season fight with Tennessee

never really lived up to its

struggled, and my junior year we

did OK, but we could have done a

Then, as a junior, Middle just

"My sophomore year we

With a new coach and a new

"Somebody had to step up and take order.

Change that.' We just needed some

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Coach didn't come in and say, 'Change this.

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to take a leadership role.

"Somebody had to step up and take order," he said. "Coach (David) Farrar didn't come in and say, 'Change this. Change that.' needed iust communication between the seniors and the freshmen."

And Vance has seemingly done that job for Farrar who has been more than pleased with the performance of his senior

forward.

"Quincy team with

leadership is a big part of practice

-Quincy Vance

When Vance arrived on the MTSU campus, he came as a dominant high school player. He jumped right into Bruce Stewart's starting line-up, mainly because of his defensive skills.

Since then, he's come a long way. Today, Vance is considered to be the top OVC defender and is responsible for the opposition's leading scorer almost every night. The majority of the time, he holds those players in check but he's since developed a skill of his

Vance can be counted on for his fair share of points and rebounds every night. As a freshman, he averaged 5.5 points. Currently, he averages 9.1 and pulls down almost six rebounds a game.

extremely quick footed, and he has a great heart," Farrar said. "He helps the personality, and he is a natural smiler. His

and games."

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Quincy Vance

"I still feel like I'm playing the same way, " he said. "When Coach (Bruce) Stewart was here I wasn't free to shoot the outside shot. Now with our motion offense, I feel more confident."

Confidence is tough to find sometimes when you play next to All-OVC performer, Warren

"Warren is NBA no doubt, " Vance said about his teammate. "The teams that play us can't think about just one person, though. Someone will pick up the slack. A winning team will have five players in double figures."

As for Vance's future, the possibility of a professional career is there.

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it, though. Who wouldn't want to make over \$100,000 a year?"

If a professional career doesn't happen, Vance has a major in child psychology and a minor in physical education to fall back on.

But one things for sure. Vance will always be able to look back at the experience of a successful college career. A fouryear starter is rather rare, and he'll certainly stick in the minds of Raider fans with some of the best slam dunks ever at this university.

He's always found a way to rise to the cream of the crop both in high school and college. If that's any indication, there's no telling how far he'll go when he hits the outside world.



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Lady Raiders rebound to win at SEMO, earn second place tie

TONY J. ARNOLD Sports Editor

MTSU's Lady Raiders needed a win Monday, so they also found a will.

Coming off a rather lackluster performance in a win over Austin Peay Saturday night, MTSU head coach Lewis Bivens knew his troops needed to be better prepared Monday night if they planned to escape Southeast Missouri with a win.

And indeed the logic was true because Middle played a solid game and came out victorious 82-67.

"It was a good win, and we especially played well the first 17 minutes, but it seems we don't enjoy living the good life for long," Bivens said. "After Austin Peay we talked about going into the tournament and how we hadn't played well since we beat Eastern Kentucky at home.

"Tonight we came out and tried to prove that we could play."

As usual, Priscilla Robinson took control of the pain early and dominated. Within five minutes, Robinson had amassed 12 points. Four of those points keyed a 20-0 run and four finished it as Middle

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built a 30-10 lead with 10 minutes left in the opening half.

"I think that they just left the inside open in the first few minutes of the game," Robinson said. "I just took advantage of it."

SEMO finally broke the run and played the Lady Raiders rather even the remainder of the half, yet Middle led at the break

But despite the big lead, the crowd at the Show Me Center had a feeling the Lady Otahkians would make a run. At home SEMO possessed a 67-8 record with a reputation for playing every team tough.

Sure enough, the rally slowly began. In five minutes the lead was trimmed to 15. It seemed that Middle was beginning to get a little bit frustrated, and the Lady Raiders seemed top be slipping apart, allowing SEMO back into

"I felt like we let the referees affect us," Robinson said. "We lost control a little bit, and that's how they got back in the game."

With 5:44 remaining Dawn Westman hit a lay-up for SEMO, allowing it to narrow the gap to 68-61. The shot came in the midst of a 11-0 run that gave the appearance of overtaking Middle.

Although Westman closed the gap, it was Tonia Harris who was leading the charge. Harris was driving, shooting, playing defense and about everything else while amassing 14 points for her

"She got on a run," Bivens said. "She looked like a NBA player out there."

The question of whether the rally would continue seemed to be answered rather quickly, though, as Kristi Brown nailed a 3-pointer for MTSU, seemingly breaking SEMO's back and putting the cap on a comeback

"They made a nice run, but our guard play in the last four or five minutes was good, and we were able to hold them off,"

Middle finished out its regular season with the win, giving it a 19-8 record, 10-4 in the Ohio Valley Conference, which is good for a second-place tie with Eastern Kentucky.

Middle will play Eastern March 9 in the first round of the OVC tournament, a team that they split with earlier this season

Tennessee Tech, which won



Tony Arnold/Photographer

I SEE HER: MTSU guard Julie Morrison prepares to make a pass to a spotted open teammate. Morrison and the Lady Raiders closed out the regular season with a win at SEMO Monday night.

host Southeast Missouri.

All the tournament games will be at Tech's Eblin Center.

"We owe them one," Robinson said. "Personally I think we should have beat them (at Eastern), but we lost control at the end of the game. If we play

the regular season crown, will like we can play, we should beat them again."

> Robinson led the way with 25 points and seven rebounds for her team, which shot 56 percent. Shana Wright added 14, Niki Bonner had 11 and Maggie Cox chipped in 10 for the victoriuos Lady Raider team.

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GROENING LOVE SECRET # 11 IF AN INTIMATE CHAPTER VIII: PRETICES BEGIN THINEING ALIKE IS THE KGUIDE TO I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M GOING TO SPEND THE BEST OF MY WATER-GLASS OF LOVE HALF-EMPTY OR HALF FULL? MOULD YOU EATHER YOUR
LOVER MAKE YOU UP
MISERABLE OR WOULD
YOU RATHER MAKE
JOUR LOVER
MISERABLE 7 IS THE WORLD
FULL OF LOVELECINGS
AND MISTRUST DR
IS THE WORLD FULL WOULD YOU RATHER
BE AN ABUSIVE VICTIM
OR A VICTIMIZED
A BUSER? WOULD YOU RATHER STUPIO HAPPY? IS LOVE WORTH ALL THE MISERY OR IS ALL I'M POSITIVE I'M NEGATIVE THE GLASS
IS HALF-FAL.
TOO BAD THERES
A LITTLE WORM THE MISERY THE MISERY? MOULD 300 RATHER MAKE LOVE WITH THE BEAST OF WITH THE BLAND-LOOKING PRINCE THAT THE BEAST TURNS INTO? THE FIRST DAY OF THE REST OF YOUR LIFE OR IS TODAY 0 ONE DAY CLOSER TO YOUR NEET ROOT CANAL SURGERY? LOOULD SOU RATHER BE
ACCUSED OF BEING PRESIVE AGGRESSIVE BY SOUR LIVER
OR WOULD SOU BATHER
PRISIVE - AGGRESSIVE I
AGGRESSIVE 7
AGGRESSIVE 7 DO YOU HATE WHAT YOU'RE ATTRACTED TO OR ARE YOU ATTRACTED TO PARENTS' FAULT OR IS IT ALL DO YOU REALLY THINE THINK YOU'EE REALLY FEELING? YOUR PARENTS' THE STATE OF L PARENTS. ÉÖ