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MTSU's new prez takes office

GREG ADKINS
News Editor

MTSU's new president said his number one priority will be to maintain the high quality of education offered at this university. He began his official duties at MTSU on Friday morning.

James Walker was appointed MTSU's seventh president on November 13, 1990. He is the first black president of MTSU, and the first black president of any TBR institution. Walker has finished his responsibilities at the University of Northern Colorado, and began his duties at MTSU Friday morning.

"My number one priority at MTSU is to make sure that we continue to maintain and promote both the quality of education we have provided in the past, and that we continue to attract and retain quality students, faculty, staff and administrators to carry out the role and mission of the university," said Walker.

Walker said that he will address important problems, such as parking and space issues, in the early days of his presidency.

Staffing problems will be one of the first issues Walker will look into. He said he wants to "make sure we have the appropriate number of people here, as well as the quality people, to provide the education, service and other related things we provide students."

"From my brief look at it [Master plan], I will be fully briefed on it very soon, a lot of the things that are being proposed are certainly things that are on track for the direction this university should be going in," said Walker.

The new president said he looks forward to working with the many people involved with the master plan.

Walker hinted of caution in implementing the plan when he said, "The main issue is a matter of how much, how fast, and the impact it will have on the overall function of the university. In general the plan, in and of its self, certainly appears to be on course and in the right direction."

"I am very pleased to be

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Sharon Eaves/Photographer

PREZ ON DUTY: MTSU's Dr. James Walker reclines behind his desk as he contemplates his first action as the university's new president. Walker began his presidency Friday morning after finishing his duties at the University of Northern Colorado.

News of war affects M'boro, state, nation

Staff Reports

War in the Middle East has entered its third week, and new developments are affecting Murfreesboro and America.

Lt. Col. Cecil Calloway, of MTSU's Military Science programs, estimates that more than 100 MTSU students have been called up to active duty because of the Middle East conflict.

"We have had college students taken out of their classes and sent to Saudi Arabia," said Calloway. "We have had 12 taken from the ROTC program."

When troops were first sent to Iraq, recruiting dropped off, but it has now started to pick up.

"Recruiting hasn't dropped off. It just takes people a little longer to make up their minds. We still have people volunteering," Sgt. Carlton, a local Army recruiter, said.

According to Carlton, he had eight people join

the Army in December and 10 in January.

"Initially in November, recruiting dropped off, but now it's picking up," said Calloway. "It's too early to tell about MTSU's ROTC program since we recruit semester to semester."

With recruiting picking up, the chance of a draft lessens. "No one he has talked to in the military wants a draft," said Calloway.

"All of us in Tennessee are greatly affected by the war," said Calloway. "Tennessee has a strong National Guard, so everybody knows somebody who has been called up."

As the Middle East conflict escalates, business prospers in many ways. The economy is on an upswing, a historic trend during times of war. Some businesses are making special products, such as Hussein gun targets, Hussein baseball bats, and Middle East combat games, according to The

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ASB votes to give students choice

STEFANIE BRYANT
Staff Reporter

MTSU's Associated Student Body Congress unanimously passed a bill which will allow students to approve or disapprove a new student recreation facility.

A new building, like the one proposed, would raise the student registration fee \$35.

Speaker of the Senate Shawn Burgess presided over the meeting which took place Wednesday night.

The new student recreation center was proposed by Glenn Hanley, director of Campus Recreation.

This new recreation center would cost about \$10 million and provides six basketball courts, an Olympic-sized swimming pool, eight volleyball courts and many other facilities that are not currently available to students.

"The proposed facility is a good one," said Todd Burnett, ASB president.

Hanley's proposal would entail a \$35 increase in registration fees to pay for the new facilities.

Approval of the resolution was made by a vote of

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Campus Capsule

Alpha Kappa Psi Professional Business Fraternity will hold its spring rush meetings Tuesday from 5-6 p.m. and Wednesday from 5-6 p.m. in KUC 316.

The **campus recreation** department is attempting to implement activities and programs for disabled students. All disabled students are encouraged to express their interest in horseback riding, aerobics, cycling, outdoor trips or other activities. Please contact Barton with your suggestions by Feb. 15 at 898-2104.

The **June Anderson Women's Center** is coordinating a support group for anyone within the MTSU community who has loved ones deployed to Operation Desert Storm. For additional information call the Women's Center, 898-2193.

On Thursday, Feb. 14, the **Omega Chapter of Gamma Iota Sigma**, a national professional insurance fraternity, will hold an election for the "Most Outstanding Professor in the School of Business." Ballot boxes will be located in the lobby of KOM from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. All Juniors and Seniors with a major in any Department in the School of Business are eligible to vote.

Join your friends for a fun

week of winter backpacking! **Campus Recreation** is hosting a weekend trip to Fall Creek Falls Feb. 16 and 17. The cost is \$10 per student and covers transportation and backpacking equipment. Sign up by Feb. 11 by calling 898-2104.

The **Junior Department of the Women's Club** is sponsoring a Prom Dress Sale on Saturday, Feb. 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Women's Club is located at 221 E. College Street. This is a fundraising effort by the Junior Department for needed repairs on the interior and exterior of the Women's Club.

Two male lead actors are needed in a Ray Bradbury short story adaptation. Auditions will be held Wed. Feb. 13 at 8:30 p.m. in Studio A, LRC. For more information contact David Hames at 898-2218.

An Organizational meeting of the **Students for Environmental Action** will be held every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in KUC 305. New members are welcome.

Phi Mu Alpha, the professional Music fraternity for men, will hold a last interest meeting Tuesday at 6:15 p.m. in Saunders Fine Arts 101. For more information, call Jeff Roberson at 896-5943.

Alpha Kappa Psi Professional Business Fraternity would like all interested students, faculty and staff who would like to send a word of encouragement to U.S. troops in the Persian Gulf area to address these letters to Dear "Brave Heart." Letters to be sent to the Army, Air Force and Marine Corps should be mailed to Operation Brave Heart, c/o Operation Desert Storm, APO New York 09848-0006. Letters to be sent to the Navy and Marine Corps on ships in the area should be mailed to Operation Brave Heart, c/o Operation Desert Storm, FFP New York 09886-0006.

The **Women's History Month Celebration** is sponsoring an essay contest. The topic will be on some aspect of Women's Studies. Three copies of the essay must be in by Feb. 15. Pick up entry forms and information sheets in Peck Hall 324.

Looking Forward, an on-campus support group for sexually abused women, will begin holding meetings 6-7 p.m. every Thursday in KUC 312. For further information, contact JoAnn at 355-1077.

Robert Rucker will present "War Response Policy: United States Health and Welfare Developments" as part of the Spring Honors Lecture Series. The lecture is at 3:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 4, in Peck Hall 107. The Honors

Lecture Series is free and open to the public.

The **Placement Office** will conduct career placement orientation for seniors and graduate students on Tuesday, Feb. 5 at 11 a.m. and on Wednesday, Feb. 6 at 11 a.m. in the KUC 324. Students interested in participating in the campus interview program should attend one of these meetings.

Nacel Youth Exchange Program is looking for families to host teenagers from Spain, France and Germany and other countries this summer for four weeks (mid-July to mid-August). If you are interested, contact the local NACEL representative: Rita-Marie Maisonneuve, BDA 331, 898-2284.

Are you interested in salsa, lambada, flamenco, koto? How about some easy listening? Rita-Marie Maisonneuve has established a Foreign Language Music Center including a selection of over 110 Spanish, French, German and Japanese tapes or records which may be borrowed for a short period of time. If interested, come to BDA 332.

The **MTSU AES chapter** presents: The Movers and Shakers. Spend an evening with Nashville's top producers, including Tony Brown, Fred Foster, Kyle Lehning, Bob Montgomery and James

Stroud. The event is at the Park Plaza Hotel, 9th and Broadway in Nashville, at the 6 p.m., Feb. 7. The event is free and open to all students.

The **ASB joint session of Congress** will conduct an open meeting on Jan. 30. Members are expected to attend to discuss student issues. The meeting will be held in KUC 322.

The **Seventh-Day Adventist Fellowship** would like to invite those who are interested in Christian fellowship to join them Friday night at 6 p.m. for supper and Bible study. Anyone interested is invited. For more information, call 895-6128.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes meets Wednesdays at 8:30 p.m. in the Blue Raider Room under the stadium bleachers. Come alone or bring a friend. Call 893-3133 or 898-3234 for more information.

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship meets Tuesdays from 7-8 p.m.

Lambda Association of MTSU is a support organization for gay and lesbian students, faculty, staff and their supporters. For more information write to: P.O. Box 624, MTSU.

25 scholarships are available for undergraduates majoring in engineering and science disciplines and interested in careers in environmental restoration or waste management. Applicants must be U.S. citizens currently pursuing A.S. or B.S. degrees full time. Program includes full payment of tuition and fees, \$600/month stipend and three-month practicum. Applications are being taken through Jan. 28 and awards will be announced in May. Contact Peggy Gibson, Environmental Restoration/Waste Management Scholarship Program, Oak Ridge Associated Universities, Science/Engineering Education Division, P.O. Box 117, Oak Ridge, TN 37831-

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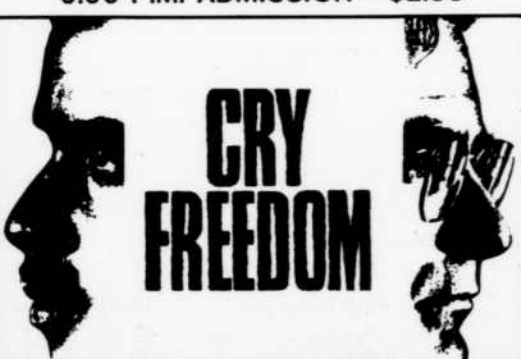
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acclamation.

"The vote was unanimous," said Burnett. "I think any bill that lets the students make decisions for themselves is great."

"The new recreation center will be a welcomed addition to the campus in improving student life," Burgess said.

In addition, the ASB passed resolutions congratulating the MTSU football team on two successive years as OVC champs and endorsing the university to research moving out of the OVC.

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here. I'm excited about being here. I'm honored to be a member of the MTSU family, and my family and I are excited about being here," Walker said.

"We look forward to meeting the people in this area, meeting the people on campus, and around the state. I'm looking forward to working with the people at this university to make sure we keep moving MTSU forward," he said.

War
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Tennessee.

Nashville's airport is one of the few businesses not reaping wartime benefits.

Travelers and visitors to Nashville International Airport are experiencing increased security measures due to the involvement in the war against Iraq. Access through checkpoints is limited to ticketed passengers only.

FAA policies have caused increased scrutiny of baggage, handbags and packages will continue indefinitely. Security in front of the terminals are increased. Drivers loading and unloading baggage must stay with their cars as any unattended vehicles will be towed.

Most recent information on the positions of the United Nations forces in the Persian Gulf put Arab and French forces closest to the Iraqi border, according to the Chicago Tribune. U.S. Marines are the closest American troops to the front. The U.S. Army, and other Allied forces, make up the remainder of the ground forces.

Sea strength, though represented by ships of many nations, is mostly comprised of U.S. ships. The U.S. Navy has 26 ships, including four aircraft carriers: the Saratoga, Kennedy, Roosevelt, and America, located in the Red Sea. There are 34 U.S. ships in the Persian Gulf off the coast of Kuwait, including the aircraft carrier Midway. Thirty-five U.S. ships are on patrol in the Arabian Sea, and another 13 are stationed in the

Mediterranean Sea near Israel.

United States troops in the Gulf area total 41,000. The Army out-numbers all other branches with 245,000 troops, compared with 75,000 Marines, 50,000 Navy and 45,000 Air Force troops. Total Allied forces in the

area number 680,000, according to a story by the Chicago Tribune.

President Bush has given the secretaries of the Department of Energy, Defense, Commerce, Transportation, and Agriculture the legal right to obtain goods to support the military. Bush passed

an Executive Order on Jan 8th that allows these agencies to make companies give government contracts top priority. The U.S. Department of Energy stresses that this will in no way affect the supply of civilian goods, fuels or energy.

CD covers save paper

(CPS) When music lovers buy Sting's new compact disc "The Soul Cages," they may notice something funny about the packaging.

Instead of ripping off the outer paperboard box and throwing it away, the paperboard box will double as the CD cover.

Indeed, much of the new music about to be released by Sting, Phil Collins, Peter Gabriel, U2, and other musicians in coming weeks will be packaged in different devices that are supposed to be environmentally saner than the paperboard "long boxes" that traditionally have encased compact discs.

"It's a wasteful package that only exists for the retailers' convenience," complains Robert Simonds, a Rykodisc, Inc. record company executive who founded a group called "Ban the Box" in 1989.

Ban the Box wants record companies to get rid of the "long boxes" that, he says, people

quickly throw away anyway.

Some musicians have responded.

Gabriel released his new album, "Shaking the Tree," in just its hard plastic cover, called the "jewel box" by music companies, and U2 has said it wants to do the same with its next album.

Yet not all environmentalists are overwhelmingly concerned about CD boxes.

"It's not something we've taken a stand on. There are so many other huge problems," reported Rusty Wood, and intern at the Student Environmental Action Committee in North Carolina.

Surprisingly, the packaging industry agrees with Ban the Box advocates.

"In the opinion of the industry, it is overpackaged," said Floyd S. Glinert, vice president of Shorewood Packaging Corp. and president of the Entertainment Packaging Council.



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Opinion

MTSU welcomes Dr. James Walker

We would like to extend a welcome to Dr. James Walker as our new president at MTSU.

Dr. Walker, who officially assumed the presidency Friday, Feb. 1, has committed himself to continuing the quality of education here, his number-one priority.

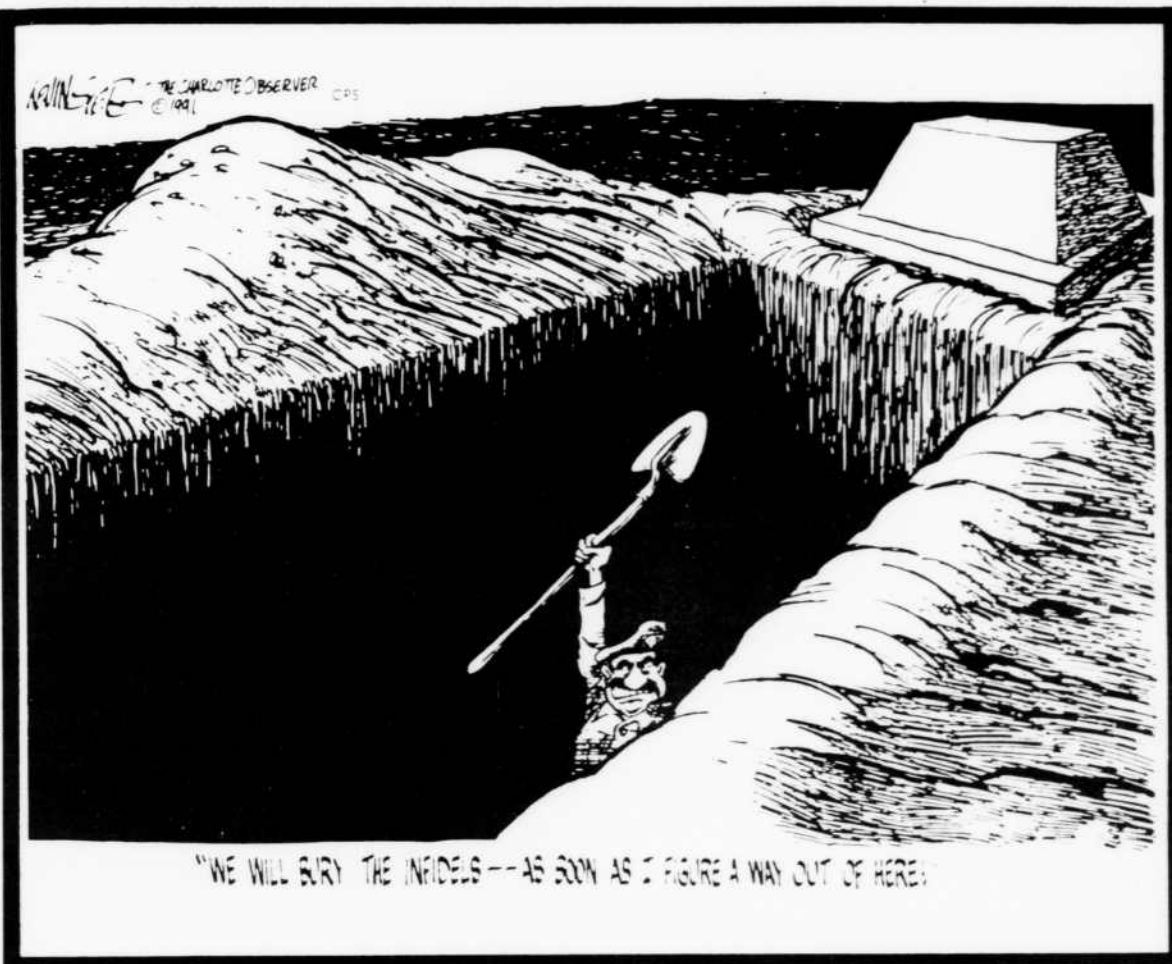
In accepting this position, Walker is making history. He is the first black president of a college or university, excluding TSU, in the state of Tennessee. This is including both the Tennessee Board of Regents and the University of Tennessee systems.

However, Walker is not in this position because of affirmative action or as part of a "token" deal. He is president because he was the best qualified out of all the applicants.

His commitment to education is something that this university needs. "Bottom-line economics" should not be the focus of a school of higher learning. The product this university puts out, graduates who are well-prepared for their careers and the work force, should maintain a level of quality. With Walker's promise to improve education, we need not fear the level of quality the university will put out.

We here at *Sidelines* were impressed by Walker's willingness to talk to us on his busiest day, the first day of a new presidency. Our news editor recalls Walker's parting words. "Come back anytime, my door is always open," he said. It's good to know that this statement reflects how he feels about the entire student body.

Once again, we welcome Dr. Walker, and we hope he enjoys his time here at Middle.



Should women be in combat?

Since war was officially declared in January, it seems that no matter where you go, someone, somewhere is talking about it.

News of the war is everywhere — the newspapers, the radio, and of course, with the networks waging their own war for top news ratings, it's on the boob tube. And of course, as if the constant news bulletins aren't enough, there's the in-depth, dragged-out rehashed consultations with the "experts" and anyone else who at one time or another has had anything to do with the military,

the line of duty. A woman can be tortured, both physically and mentally, the same as a man. But there are some forms of torture that cannot be employed on a man.

We have all seen the reports and interviews detailing the trauma of rape. It only takes one man to induce that type of trauma on a woman. A "gang bang" is even more horrible to think about. But how many women could deal with being raped by a whole platoon of men?

Pictures of the recently captured POW's have been viewed by practically the entire nation. What we have seen, however, has been the physical abuse. There is no telling what kind of mental abuse has been inflicted.

But imagine the abuses that one female MIA is having to endure right now. The thought isn't pretty, is it?

Of course, war is never pretty. In Media Law, we are taught that war is the ultimate obscenity. But once again, for many women, "ultimate obscenity" would take on a different meaning.

All of us, as humans, can only take so much. And it is true that there are women whose limits are higher than their male counterparts. But with women, unfortunately, if during the course of rape they are impregnated, then two individuals will be tortured, not just one. All one has to do is recall the "experiments" Hitler and his henchmen performed on women.

I bring this up not to sound like a super-conservative prude, but to cause us to think. We are engaged in war. And the enemy is taking prisoners. The first woman Missing In Action in the recorded history of war was taken last week. The leader of the forces we are fighting is not known for his compassion, or his mercy, or his logic and rationale. There is no such thing as a civilized war, and when dealing with a man like Hussein, rules for treatment of prisoners do not exist.

So when you talk about women joining the infantry, to fight on the front line, think about what could happen. It could be that a bullet through the heart would be the nicest thing the enemy could do.

KAY HILTON
Editor

from retired lieutenant colonels to janitors.

With all of this conversing going on, a variety of subjects pops up in the course of conversation. One of those subjects is the debate of whether women should be in combat or not.

A group of us in the office were discussing this the other day. I have always tried to be open-minded, and I've never thought that some of my opinions were sexist, since I am a female myself. But one thing that I strongly believe is that women should not be in combat unless they are prepared to accept the consequences of their decision.

Don't get me wrong. If anyone, male or female, wants to carry an M-16 through the desert, great. But when I talk about consequences, I don't mean having to clean the sand out of the barrel of an Army-issued .45.

Let's face it — at the risk of sounding like a sexist, there are things that can be done to a woman by the enemy that cannot be done to a male soldier, and there is evidence to support this. All one has to do is read the reports of what the Viet Cong did to women they believed were supplying both ends with information. Barring rape, what was done to these "jungle whores," as they were referred to by the V.C., is not something that can be printed in a self-respecting newspaper.

Of course, a woman, like a man, can be killed in

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Last Chance

The *Midlander* will be taking portraits for the 1991 book for the last time on these dates:

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For more information or appointment times (seniors only) call 898-2815.

Features

Rolling Raiders fun for everyone



Sharon Eaves/Photographer

SHOOT FOR TWO: MTSU's Rolling Raiders enjoy a fast-paced game of wheel chair basketball in the Alumni Gym. Anyone interested in participating with the Rolling Raiders should contact Barton Dodson in room 201 of the Alumni Gym or call Campus Recreation.

LISA VINSANT
Staff Writer

The rules are laid out. After two pushes you have to dribble or pass before you touch the wheels again, otherwise it's traveling. If you touch another person's chair, it's a foul. And if your wheel touches the boundary line, you're out.

The rules have been slightly altered, but the game is basically the same. It's wheelchair basketball, an exciting roll around the court. And it's not just for disabled students; it's for everyone.

"Around here what we do is instead of playing other disabled people, we play able-bodied people. We play fraternities or other organizations or anyone who wants to get a team together," said Barton Dodson, graduate assistant for campus recreation and captain of the Rolling Raiders.

"They get tired after one game, but once they start playing they always want to come back," Dodson said. "It's fun. They have a great time."

Senior Johnnie Frost and sophomore Brad Faulkner, two of the able-bodied students who played in a recent game of wheelchair basketball, can attest to the truth of Dodson's statement.

"It's great! But it makes your arms hurt!" said Frost.

"Yeah, and they're rough," Faulkner conceded. "They've got real good balance though."

"Yeah, I was all over that floor," Frost chimed in. "It's not as easy as it looks!"

The able-bodied students did seem to have a difficult time maintaining balance. In several instances they overextended

themselves, causing their chairs to flip over backwards. But they didn't seem to mind.

Would they play again?

"Definitely!" they said enthusiastically.

Each member has his own method of shooting. Some bounce the ball, others bounce and slap the ball toward the goal. Some just shoot straight. And one interesting method used by Dodson was to balance the ball on one hand and make an overhead hook shot which proved to be effective.

The first wheelchair basketball game was set up in 1979 by a group of handicapped students, according to director of handicapped student services John Harris.

"(Attendance) has been up and down through the years, depending on who at the university wants to play," said Dodson.

Right now, there are about five members on the team. Senior member Jim Bailes has been a part of the team for two years, but he also has a history of playing. "I played competitively back home in Maryville for three years," Bailes said.

Many of the Rolling Raiders are also involved with one of MTSU's newest sports - quad rugby, which has about nine members. Senior Donnie Sweeton has been playing wheelchair basketball for three years and is now captain of the rugby team. Senior Greg Pierce has just started playing basketball, but he prefers rugby.

"Right now we have a lot of quadriplegics, so we're playing quad rugby, which is a spin-off of basketball and ice hockey. The quads don't play basketball very often."

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Performance entertains listeners

LISA VINSANT
Staff Writer

"You seem to be a pretty amiable audience tonight. You'd probably even help me sing a song, wouldn't you?"

Audience agrees, so singer/songwriter Gene Cotton leads them in a pick-me-up song: "Everybody rolls a bad stone..." The song is simple and light, using only four chords. But Cotton makes the most of it, contrasting the child-like musical strains with the subtle seriousness of the message.

Engaging in witty conversation and encouraging audience participation aren't unique methods for a performer, but Cotton adds his personal views, touching taboo areas of politics

and religion.

He expressed his political views with buttons pinned to his jacket - one for his nominee for president, the other for vice president - both buttons are blank. "They say a lot," he says.

An interesting satirical piece using the music to Cat Stevens' hit, "Morning has Broken," expressed his view of the Ayatollah Khomeini's death threat to Salmon Rushdie, among other views of religion.

His "band" for the evening consisted of a computerized, synthesized keyboard - a long haul from former days of acoustic guitar and piano. Time and technology have changed Cotton's use of instruments, but have only served to heighten his desire to reach out and help other

people.

A leader in the move to stop world hunger, Cotton recently visited Nicaragua, which he wrote a song about. He seems to be a spokesperson for a variety of honorable causes, also dedicating songs to Nelson Mandela and the students killed in Tiananmen Square.

Other songs were less serious, such as "When You're Pushing Six," lamenting the "woes" of early childhood, such as being made to eat broccoli in order to watch TV.

The audience was also treated to a duet, "You're a Part of Me," which Cotton originally sang with Kim Carnes. Carnes couldn't make it, so up-and-coming

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Amy Adkins/Photographer

COTTON IN CONCERT: Singer/Songwriter, Gene Cotton performed last Tuesday night at Wright Music Hall.

Collage explores film as new art medium for spring publication

ANGELA BONDS
Features Editor

Lights! Camera! Action! Yes, you could be the next Steven Spielberg or David Lynch! And your opportunity for glory may be right under your nose, or should I say camera!

Collage, the MTSU's creative arts magazine, is sponsoring a new film category. Any film submission under thirty minutes will qualify and the subject of the film is completely up to the producer.

"We decided to sponsor the film category because this is an art form that hasn't been

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well, because they have difficulty shooting. So instead of basketball we play that [quad rugby]," Dodson explained.

Depending on the acquisition of sufficient funds, they plan to attend tournaments in Valdosta, Ga.; regionals in Atlanta, Ga.; and if they play well enough - nationals in Tampa, Fla.

"Right now we're looking for some sponsors, because we just decided to go about a week ago," said Dodson.

"They've filed an application to receive funding to help defray costs of these tournaments," said Harris.

As for the Rolling Raiders, no plans have been set to go intercollegiate as of yet.

explored on this campus," explains Patricia Tenpenny, art director of Collage.

All film submissions will be judged by faculty members versed in video production. The producer of the best submission will receive a \$50 gift certificate from Batey's. Several of the best films will also be shown at the Collage Banquet which will held later in the spring.

Collage accepts anything that can be classified as an art form. Judges pick the best of all entries and a selection of the "best" are chosen to go into the magazine.

Collage is an MTSU student publication that is published

"That is something we would like to pursue at some point," said Harris.

"We don't compete intercollegiately because our basketball team is really small. Nobody ever gets that interested in it. If it ever grows enough to go intercollegiately, we'll do it," said Dodson.

Intercollegiate or not, their enthusiasm for both basketball and rugby is real. Which just goes to show that having a physical disability doesn't mean you can't take part in the competition and excitement that come with the love of sports.

Anyone interested in joining the Rolling Raiders or any group or fraternity wanting to get a team together to play wheelchair basketball in the intermural games should contact Barton Dodson or Campus Rec.

every fall and spring semester. Collage originally began as an insert in Sidelines years ago and eventually evolved into a separate publication.

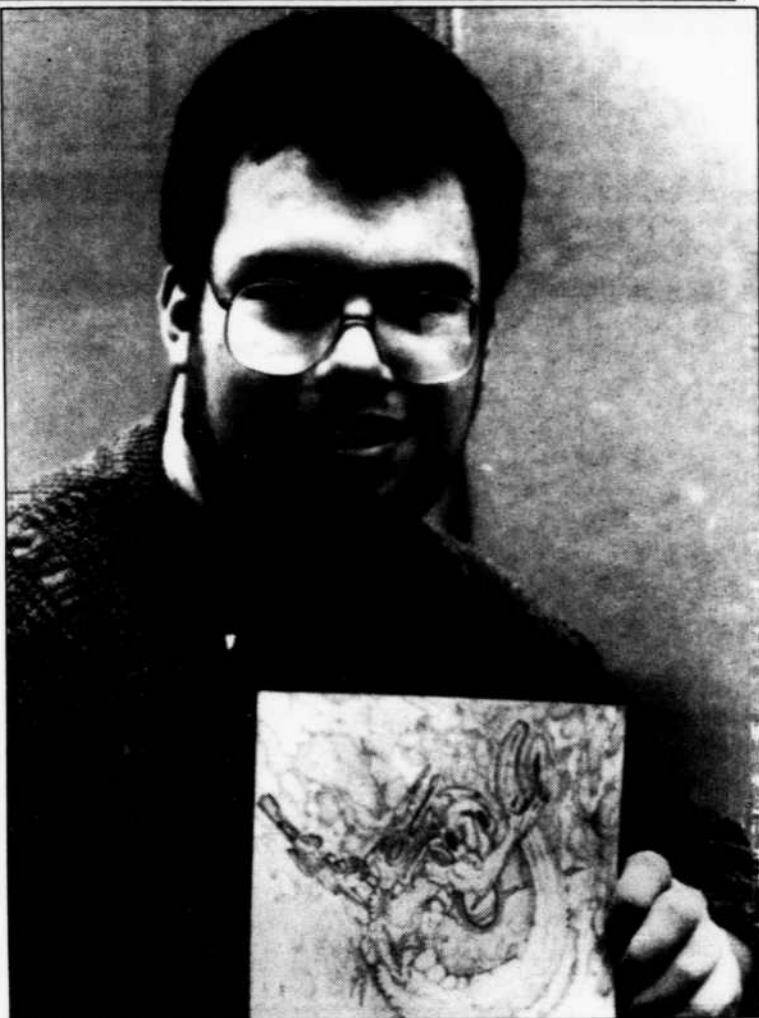
"We try to provide an outlet for artistic impressions made here on campus," Greg Adkins, Collage editor, comments.

All Collage submissions must be received by 4:30 p.m., March 8.

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CONCERT
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singer/songwriter Barbara Bailey Hutchinson joined Cotton. Cotton ended his concert with a song more than appropriate for the present time of war. He sang "The Circle Goes On," a song expressing themes of peace and love.



Sharon Eaves/Photographer

DEADLINE MARCH 8: Collage Editor, Greg Adkins poses with first submission of art work by Jerry Buchanan for the Spring publication.

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The Nashville Symphony presents world renowned pianist Paul Badura-Skoda performing Mozart's "Concerto for Piano No. 22 in E flat major" on Feb. 8-9. Tickets for the concert are \$5, \$10, \$16, \$23, and \$26 and are available through Ticketmaster by calling 741-7777 or 800-333-4849. Ticketmaster is open from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

The Japan Center of Tennessee presents a mini-exhibit of Japanese masks in the lobby of Cope Administration building. Demon and fox masks are among the items on display through

March. The Cope building is open from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. until noon on Saturdays.

Cheekwood's Find Arts Center presents a photography exhibition featuring the work of Suzanne Mitchell of Louisville, Ky. The

exhibition is titled "Attic Fictions," referring to the nature of her work. Mitchell creates, rather than "takes" images. The exhibition remains until Feb. 17. Mitchell will give a slide lecture about her work on Feb. 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the Stallworth Gallery.

For more information, call 353-2140. The center is open Monday-Saturday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Sunday 1-5 p.m. Gate fee is \$4 adults; \$3 senior citizens and college students with ID; \$1 high school and elementary school students; free

Tuesday after noon. Stephen R. Treadway, a member of the staff of the Cheekwood Botanical Gardens, will exhibit his collection of insects in Cheekwood's Botanic Hall through Feb. 17. There is no additional charge to attend beyond the regular gate fee.

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Sports

Miami a playpen for MTSU's Kidd

TONY J. ARNOLD
Sports Editor

Miami is a nice place to be in February, but when it came down to basketball Saturday night, MTSU got down to business.

Behind the relentless play of sophomore Warren Kidd inside, and an equally balanced attack from the outside, the Raiders showed signs of coming together in a 94-77 win over Florida International.

"I thought we played really hard tonight and made things happen," Blue Raider coach Bruce Stewart said. "This was a pretty good performance by our guys."

But one performance stood out. That being the play of Kidd who seemed unstoppable.

The 6-9, 220 pounder was perfect from the field by nailing all 10 of his shots. In all, he tallied a season-tying high of 22 points and grabbed 14 rebounds.

"Our strength, size and power inside was definitely a mismatch," Stewart said. "We were able to go inside to Warren and he had a tremendous game."

MTSU's young center started things off with a lay-up just seconds into the game. But FIU scrapped with the Raiders and found themselves trailing 17-13 while heading into the final 10 minutes of the half.

It was at that point that the Raiders turned on the afterburners and exploded.

Over the next six minutes, MTSU's trio of Kidd, Jeff Clifton and Kelvin Hammonds combined for 22 points in a 23-3 run to put the Raiders in charge 40-16.

FIU's Panthers still refused to lay down despite MTSU's torrent shooting display. They rallied near the end of the half and cut the lead to 16 before Raider guard Greg Christian added a backbreaking blow at the end of the half.

Christian pulled up for a long 3-pointer as time expired. While the horn was sounding the ball glided through the net and pumped the lead back up to 51-32.

"That was a big play," Stewart admitted. "They had made a small run at us at the end of the half."

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Amy Adkins/Photographer

BRING IT ON: MTSU point guard Greg Christian awaits a TSU player to make a move in recent action. Christian is quickly becoming an outstanding performer for the Raiders after spending most of the season on the bench.

Christian stabilizing along with Raiders

TONY J. ARNOLD
Sports Editor

MTSU guard Greg Christian spent most of the early season sitting on the bench.

The 6-1, 170-pounder was being considered a disappointment by several Raider fans after being tabbed a highly successful recruit.

However, in recent weeks the junior is emerging from the pack and drawing raves from the Big Blue fans as well as his coaches and teammates.

Christian got his chance with point guard Tim Corder, ailing from a respiratory illness. The ailment is expected to keep Corder sidelined for most of the remaining season.

When this news was learned, followers moaned because it seemed that Corder was the spark plug behind MTSU's offensive attack. With him out, the Raiders struggled offensively and the season began to take a bleak outlook.

But Christian emerged and with the playing time he has received in recent games, he's

become a solid floor general in guiding the Raiders back on the winning track.

"We got tired of people coming into our house and kicking us around," Christian said referring to MTSU's OVC losses to Murray State, Austin Peay and Tennessee Tech at home. "I just went out and did my job."

His job has included numerous assists, solid defensive performances as well as tossing in a few buckets.

"Greg Christian is fitting in at the point and stabilizing more and more every game," Raider coach Bruce Stewart said. "He's been playing really solid and his teammates can depend on him to get them the ball every night."

"They know when it's coming and where it's coming from and that makes it a lot easier."

But still, one might wonder why Christian is getting his opportunity when almost three quarters of the season is over and done.

Well, facts are facts and

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Track team has another good showing

DIANNE DEOLIVEIRA
Staff Writer

MTSU's men's and women's track teams gave double performances while competing in the Indiana Invitational in Bloomington, Ind. and the Mason Dixon Games in Louisville, Ky. this weekend.

The men's team proved it can deliver consistent quality performances although it lacks depth.

Vince Parks, Walter Dunson, and Roland McGhee excelled in each of their events.

In the 55-meter hurdles, Parks placed fifth with a time of 7:49 seconds in Indiana, and third

in Kentucky with 7.7 seconds. Dunson placed fifth in the 55-meter dash in Indiana, and won that same event in Kentucky in 6:40 seconds. McGhee placed second in the long jump in Indiana with his best jump of 24-11.5 feet.

Coach Dean Hayes was pleased with the team's consistency. "Roland's jumps were consistent between 24-10 and 24-11.5 feet. Walter qualified for the 200-meter dash [in Indiana] without having any experience, but I didn't want him to run because he is just developing. The best performance, I would have to say,

was by Vince because he can do so many events. In the 55-meter high hurdles, he was beat by four NCAA quality hurdlers."

Although the men lack the depth they need for a solid team, they continue to produce quality performances.

The women's team also turned in solid performances.

Veronica Tipton had two personal best performances in the high jump. In Indiana, she places fourth with a 5-6.5 feet jump, then in Kentucky she won with a 5-8 feet jump and broke the school record of 5-7 feet. Latonia Jackson also ran three lifetime-

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Tennis squad gets set back on road

TONY J. ARNOLD
Sports Editor

MTSU's tennis team suffered a severe setback this weekend.

The squad dropped three straight road matches which hurt their chances of busting into the national rankings.

"It certainly didn't help matters any," head coach Dale Short said. "But we played some top quality teams and we've got to expect these things with the schedule we play."

"Those things happen and our guys understand that your not always going to win and I think they'll get their heads back up."

The first loss came Friday when South Florida handed them a close 5-4 setback. Georgia Tech, a team which the Raiders had edged 5-4 earlier in the

season, then earned it's revenge in a shortened match 5-2.

Alabama downed the Raiders 6-3 Sunday in toughly battled match to cap off the trip.

"We didn't do too well," head coach Dale Short admitted. "But we were playing at their place and we're a little banged up right now."

Short was referring to an injury to star Craig Haslam and an illness to Rick Stoller.

"We're not quite sure what's wrong with Craig's arm," Short said. "It's aching him quite a bit and he hasn't seen the doctor yet. It's real weak after a set or two."

Although the Raiders weren't victorious, Short still feels excited about the remainder of the season.

"It's not that we played bad this weekend," he

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If it ain't broke, don't fix it

1. In order to chart the future, we must study the past
2. Be careful, if you wish for something you might just get it.
3. If it ain't broke don't fix it.

Middle Tennessee State University has organized a committee to evaluate its membership with the Ohio Valley Conference. There have been rumors that MTSU is

investigating the possibility of joining the Southern Conference.

After listening to quite a few uneducated debates on the subject, I took it upon myself to

**In my infinite wisdom
Daniel Sturm**

investigate this matter. I spoke with a number of coaches, talked with some boosters, and called

one or two reliable sources. This is what I found.

Many fans believe that the impulse to bolt from the conference stems from the announcement that our football team is being taken advantage of by the OVC scheduling committee. Now here's a good reason, lets pull our entire athletic program out of the conference because we've got to go up to Eastern two years in a row.

Let us not concern ourselves with the economics involved in such a decision. Why worry about a silly little thing like athletic budgets? In order to cover the increased expenses caused by changing conferences, we can increase ticket prices.

Imagine the rivalries with such powerhouses as the Citadel and VMI. I can hardly wait; we can hop on a plane on Thursday, watch the game that night and fly back to the Boro in time for class on Friday. We 'll just slap it on the VISA and pay for it later.

Who is the genius that decided that a move to the Southern Conference is a step up? Nine or ten years ago, when the Blue Raiders had to pay people to come to the games, did

the OVC try and kick us out? Was anyone really concerned whether or not we were playing at home?

Didn't we get upset when Georgia Southern got preferential treatment from the division 1-AA committee because of their football reputation? Now we're the best in the OVC and, regardless of who did or did not vote on the scheduling committee, we're trying to blackmail the OVC into re-dealing the cards.

I feel that we should be optimists and instead of looking at this as a setback, we should use it as a recruiting tool. We can sell a prospect on the opportunity to travel to more games, in more cities, than any other football team in the OVC.

I believe that our football team can suit up with any team in the conference on any field on the earth and come out victorious. We have the best players, coaches and support staff of any team in the conference. I am also sure that the Ohio Valley Conference insures us as good a shot at national competition, if not better, than the Southern Conference.

The Southern Conference

would guarantee the Raiders' baseball team a shot at an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament. The Ohio Valley Conference has such a low computer rating that its automatic bid has been subject to renewal on a yearly basis for the last five years.

However, I have discovered that the Raider baseball program does not have the funds to provide the same number of scholarships as newest OVC member UT-Martin. The baseball team relies on monies raised through its annual fundraising programs to maintain its OVC dominance.

In Basketball the situation is reversed. The OVC is rated well above the Southern Conference in a recent survey published by USA Today. The OVC was ranked 12th nationally while the Southern Conference was not ranked in the top 15. Middle Tennessee has a much better chance at post-season play as a member of the Ohio Valley Conference.

All MTSU athletic programs would be affected by such a decision. Which programs would be cut in order to achieve
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Miami

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When Greg canned that 3-pointer, that put us up by 19 and that was a downer for FIU to go in down 19 instead of 16. It also had our guys pumped up."

But, despite the big lead, the Panthers once again refused to die and mounted up on the comeback trail.

Behind the performance of team-leader Dwight Stewart, Florida International chipped away at MTSU's lead until they had cut it to 10 with nearly eight minutes left in the game.

MTSU called a timeout and Kidd, Clifton and Hammonds went to work again. After accounting for 14 points over the next two minutes, the victory had been sealed.

"Our defense was outstanding at times and we did a good job running the floor," Stewart said. "I also feel like we whipped them on the boards and those were decisive factors in the game."

Middle Tennessee placed five players in double figures. Kidd paced the squad while Clifton added 20. Hammonds scored 16 including two timely 3-pointers. Robert Taylor tallied 16 also while Christian poured in 10.

The Blue Raiders are now 14-6 heading into a non-conference showdown with Grambling Wednesday night. MTSU handed Grambling a 96-87 setback earlier in the season. Tip-off is slated for 7:30.

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Jackson also ran three lifetime-best performances in which she ran 8.03 seconds to finish third in the 55-meter hurdles.

Also in Indiana, Jennene Cody placed third in the 55-meter dash; Michelle Welch placed third in both the long jump and triple jump; and the 4x800 relay team and distance medley team of Sharon Smith, Karen Barnes, Leigh Weathers, and Dianne DeOliveira finished second in both events.

At the Mason Dixon Games, the 4x200 team of Cody, Shana Wells, Trevy Matthews, and Welch finished first in 1:42.2. This event was an excellent performance because they won with having very little practice for it since it is rarely run indoors.

"Many of the team members also qualified for the finals in several events, but did not run. This was due to Hayes wanting the teams to stay healthy for the OVC meet on Feb. 22 and 23.

"The women's program is solid. I want [them] to stay healthy for the OVC, without overloading events to win, and keep everyone fresh," said Hayes. "Overall, the women's team should have the confidence from this meet that it needs for the OVC."

The track team will compete against several strong teams including Alabama A&M, Vanderbilt, Western Kentucky, and Murray State at 12 p.m. Saturday afternoon in Murphy Center.

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Christian simply wasn't getting the job done. Christian had to call upon himself and motivate his body to perform to the maximum that is now drawing raves.

"After the first couple of games I was in the 'Dog House' and there were all kinds of excuses," Christian explained. "I went and talked to coach (Stewart) and he told me that I needed work harder and get in good shape." That was all he needed to hear. He began running every day after practice and giving it that extra effort on the floor. Now his efforts have been rewarded and he's making the most of his opportunity.

"Greg's maturity on the floor is an example of our team improving," Stewart admitted after the 94-77 win over Florida International Saturday night, a game which Christian tallied 10 points. "We are definitely starting to improve and a lot of it has to do with the point guard's position becoming stable."

Improvement and stabilization are two key words as the Raiders prepare to embark upon the second half of the OVC season. They find themselves backed up against a wall with a 2-4 record and know they must virtually make a clean sweep in the second half to stand a chance at the title.

"Our dedication for the rest of the season is that we owe everybody," Christian said. "We're coming at everybody as

hard as we can."

And although the remaining road looks rocky with several road games one has to fear this 1990-91 Raider squad more that ever because this team is coming together.

WISDOM

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excellence in a new conference?

Most of the coaches that I spoke with felt that it is too early to make judgments concerning the prospect of leaving the conference. Most did feel that there is no time like the present to initiate a study of the athletic goal of the university.

During this period of economic crisis, there is a strong push to cut athletic funding. The appointment of James Walker as university president will allow Middle Tennessee's administrators and coaches the opportunity to examine their goals for the future and to decide what steps are needed to guide the athletic program in the right direction.

So often we see that green, green grass and we want to run right over and get some. I agree with the coaches who said that the results of the committee should be studied and presented to the Ohio Valley Conference at its next meeting. Any conflicts in future goals should be addressed by both parties. If no compromise can be reached, the university should begin a study into the economic feasibility of such a move.

We would need to create an athletic program that would

adequately support both men's and women's athletics at MTSU. We would have to provide the coaching staffs with athletic budgets that would allow them to compete on the same level as the other members of the conference. Then, and only then, should we seek a new conference alignment.

In order to chart the future, we must study the past. Let's not forget the major mistake that Western Kentucky made when it decided to bolt from the OVC.

Be careful: If you wish for something you might just get it. Let's make sure that a move to the Southern Conference would actually be a step up before we join them.

If it ain't broke, don't fix it. Now that Middle Tennessee has become a dominating force in the Ohio Valley Conference and we've made a little noise on the National scene. Let's make sure we don't banish ourselves into obscurity by becoming a fledgling member of a new conference. I'm sure there are many Vanderbilt fans that would much rather boast about their recent NIT championship, than would have like to have made the NCAA and lost in the first round. I would much rather win the OVC championship than finish second in the Southern Conference.

TENNIS

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"It's not that we played bad this weekend," he explained. "We just played some good competition."

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