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Funding woes take TV-12 off the air

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MTSU's TV-12 was off the air last week due to the lack of funds but could be back on the air as soon as today, officials said.

Viewers were entertained with a flashing "off-the-air" sign

during the station's air time, rather than scheduled programming.

Channel 12 operates under the radio-television departmental club, Society of Broadcast Students and depends solely on funding from the Student Government Association and the university.

The station ended last semester more than \$1,800 in debt, which almost assured problems this semester.

A request was made for \$6,142.28 from the spring SGA activity fund allocations to cover the debt, pay employees and purchase equipment. But it received only \$2,000, barely

covering its \$1,823.48 debt.

The student manager of the station is not sure how it ran into debt.

"The root of the problem would be the school's accounting department [the business office]. To get \$1,200 in debt we must have started with next to nothing," Hames said. "They

should have red flagged it. They probably thought that money would come from the SGA sooner or later, sometimes the money from them is late."

Treasurer Joel Raney was unavailable for comment on the situation.

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'Patchwork' focus has topic variety

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"A Patchwork of Many Lives" will be the focus of Women's History Month activities and will officially begin next week, according to the MTSU Women's History Month committee.

"We want the community to come out and be a part of the celebration. We have a lot to celebrate," said Gloria Jordan, director of division services and Women's History Month co-chair.

A 5K Walk & Run will begin the series of events Sunday. The walk and run will begin at 2 p.m. at the MTSU swimming pool entrance.

Several guest speakers are slated for the month. Among them are NASA astronaut Rhea Seddon, film maker Rozanne Ridgeway, eating disorders expert Kristin Button, former Secretary of Labor Ann McLaughlin, Holocaust survivor Helen Waterford, and poets Nina Gove, Ava Haymon and Nikki Giovanni.

Other scheduled events include a theatrical performance

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Shelley Mays/Photographer

ALL HAIL THE QUEEN: Tiffany McClintock is crowned MTSU's 1992 Miss MTSU by Crystal Coleman, 1991's Miss MTSU, at the pageant held Thursday night. McClintock was sponsored by Alpha Omicron Pi sorority and will represent the university in the Miss Tennessee pageant in June.

Underground 38 to debut tonight

SAM GANNON
News Editor

MTSU's new student-operated radio station will debut tonight after month's of planning and preparation and is sponsoring a fund-raiser at a local club to coincide with the scheduled premier, said Scot Oakley, group spokesman.

Underground 38, MTSU's first student-run radio station, begins cablecast at 8 p.m. Monday on MTSU's Housing Channel 38.

Reza Baktar, president for the group, said he will be producing the first two hours of broadcast and is excited about both the station's premiere and the fund-raiser.

"We're hoping to get Dr. Walker to come and sign us on," Baktar said. "He said he would, and we hope he can make it."

During the premier, four bands will be performing at Mainstreet in what the station hopes will be a large audience of people ready to support the campus station, Baktar said.

"Mainstreet is donating the place, all we need is a crowd," Baktar said.

Performing will be Seth Timbs and the Madhatters,

Muddbrothers, Political Funk and Idaho Beach House. The show starts at 9 p.m. and the cover is \$3. The show will be 18 and over.

All the money taken at the show, after paying debts incurred by the show, will go towards meeting the station's budget. Baktar said the station would someday like to buy a frequency of its own.

The first night of programming will last four hours and will include alternative and heavy metal music, which will be the station's mainstay.

Doug James, station vice president, and James Dibble, a deejay, will host the first two hours of broadcast.

Since the station will be featured on the Housing channel, only students who live on campus will be able to listen.

"We'll have a pretty small audience for starts," Jones said.

"We're really excited about the first broadcast," Baktar said. "We have a lot of surprises planned."

"No body on our campus has ever done this before," Jones said.

The station's hours will be 8 a.m. until 12 a.m. daily.

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Blue Raiders play lackadaisical in 75-73 loss to Austin Peay in Clarksville this weekend.

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Campus Crimes

Theft: Joe Wasser reported on Feb. 13 a cassette deck and amplifier were missing from the Mass Comm building.

Eric R. Wood reported on Feb. 16 that an amp was stolen from his closet in his room in Smith Hall.

Theft of Auto: Steven McNeil's vehicle was found on Feb. 14 in Coffee County in a ditch with the motor running and lights on. McNeil was not aware that the vehicle was gone. The vehicle was recovered but was not driveable.

Vandalism: Jamie Burum reported on Feb. 16 that his vehicle was found with scratches on the driver's side front and rear doors while the vehicle had been parked in front of Felder.

Arrest: Irving D. Albert Jr. was arrested on Feb. 14 for alleged theft.

James A. Murray Jr. and Travis L. Edwards were arrested on Feb. 17 for public drunkenness at Murphy Center during the MTSU-TSU basketball game.

Altered Permit: A student ticket writer found on Feb. 14 a vehicle displaying an altered permit parked in the Jones Field faculty lot.

Lost Wallet: Joseph A. reported on Feb. 14 his wallet had been on campus.

Possible Check Forgery: Eric Wood reported on Feb. 17 that a check written to Domino's Pizza had been in his cancelled checks but that he had not written the check.

TV-12

continued from page 1 represents the next largest expenditure for the station. Channel-12 employs students to be MCOs (master control operators), who are responsible for the actual broadcast of the program. These students are paid minimum wage for their work. In its spring application for SGA allocations, the station requested \$1,468.80 to cover its payroll.

After paying its debt from fall, the station was left with no money to pay the MCOs for this semester, Hames said.

"We were asked by the channel to either work for free or quit. We quit," said a student MCO who asked not to be identified.

Even though the station was off the air all last week, the station's adviser promises the station will be back today.

"We decided to go off the air until we knew money was coming to the station," said Michael Johnson, station adviser and R-TV professor.

The station will be back on the air "thanks to financial help" from the R-TV department, Hames said.

Elliot Pood, R-TV department chairman, said emergency allocations have been found to continue TV-12 programming.

"We're required by the city ordinances not to take advertisers, we operate like PBS from sponsors," Hames said.

There will be an "informative meeting" to discuss Channel-12's problems and possible solutions March 4, Hames said.

Campus Capsule

Today

Teacher Recruitment Week, Placement and Student Employment Center, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Keathley University Center 328, call Martha Turner, ext. 2500.

Middle Tennessee Symphony, 8 p.m., Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building Tucker Theater, cost: adults \$7 and \$8, children \$3.

Training Bicycle Rides for Cyclists and Triathletes, 2 p.m., meet in Greenland parking lot, call 890-6051 or ext. 2688.

"Professional Ethics and Societal Values," John Sanborn, Honors Lecture Series, Peck Hall.

Deadline to sign-up for Wrestling Tournament, call Campus Recreation ext. 2104.

Tuesday, Feb. 25

College Republicans, meeting, 6:30 p.m., KUC 316, call Jason Whatley ext. 3976.

Reproductive Freedom March Planning for April 1992, Women's Political Action Committee, 5 p.m., KUC Grill smoking section, call Lucy, ext. 3154.

Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM), guest speaker Linda Meador, 3:30-5 p.m., Peck Hall 204.

Game Night for HYPERS majors and minors, Phi Epsilon Kappa, 7 p.m., Murphy Center track.

Wednesday, Feb. 26

Musical tribute to African-American literature, 7 p.m., Wright Music Building Music Hall.

Presbyterian Student Fellowship, worship, 9 p.m., 615 North Tennessee Boulevard, call 893-1787.

Students for Environmental Action (SEA), 5 p.m., KUC 305, call Dave 849-8732.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), meeting, 8:30 p.m., Blue Raider Room, call John Ext. 3716.

Thursday, Feb. 27

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

General Musical Recital, 11 a.m., WMB Music Hall.

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

Other Campus Events

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

Any student interested in starting a chapter of National Press Photographers Association (NPPA), call Chris Harris, ext. 2841.

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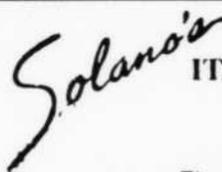
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Focus

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of "As the Wind Rocks the Wagon" by Amy Warner and a slide lecture presentation by Noris Binet.

Jordan stressed the importance of Women's History Month.

"It's important because we [women] have made a contribution in many ways that people don't realize," Jordan said.

Vice President of Student Affairs Robert LaLance agreed.

"I'm looking forward to attending the sessions," LaLance said.

"I think it will provide an opportunity not just for women, but for everyone on campus to learn about these issues which are germane," LaLance said.

Debut

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"We've got a lot of deejays wanting to get airtime, so we'll soon be extending our hours," Baktar said.

The station plans on purchasing its own frequency in the years to come by saving money now, Baktar said.

"Later this semester we're going to pay a search fee to try and find a frequency and get a license. That will be \$700," Baktar said. "Otherwise, just to buy a frequency would be about \$13,000."

Under area regulations the station cannot take money from advertisers. What Underground 38 is seeking are sponsors for their broadcasting, people, clubs, fraternities, local businesses and others who want to help out.

"We operate much like NPR [National Public Radio]," Baktar said.

WNAR (We Need a Radio) was formed early last semester when several radio students felt that MTSU, as a top area school for broadcast, should have a student-run radio station.

From trying to get SGA funding late in the fall semester to trying to deal with technical malfunctions, the station has had its hurdles to jump.

"We were worried that our CD's and equipment wouldn't come in in time, and Friday they came in and everything is great,"



Shelley Mays/Photographer

TENNESSEE TRASH: MTSU aerospace major Mike Pablo and others pick up trash along the Stones River Saturday. Students will meet next Saturday at Greenland Parking Lot at 9 a.m. to pick up more trash.

Baktar added.

"It's been a long haul," Baktar said. "But we're made it this far and we're not going to quit now."

Clarification:

Sidelines would like to apologize for a mistake in the Feb. 20 issue. In our repeating courses story, we did not print the correct repeating courses policy for MTSU. The first grade and second grade do remain on a

student's transcript, but the two grades are not averaged together to figure a student's grade point average. Dr. Ron Bombardi's quote was not in reference to what was printed.

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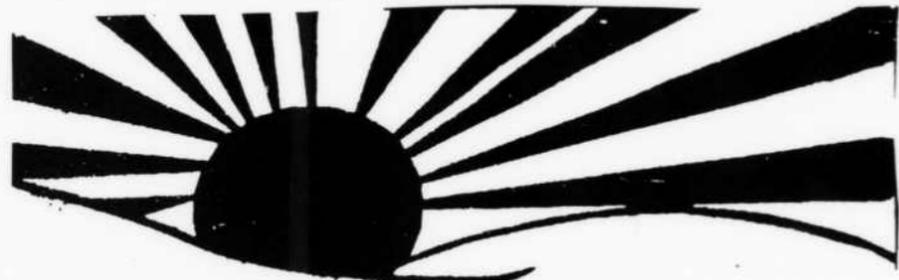


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Opinions

Consensus

Half-time incident was wrong...but not racist

Last Monday's MTSU-TSU basketball game was relatively uneventful, but the half-time show continues to attract much attention for the two students involved in the incident.

For those unfamiliar with the whole episode, it all started during a half-time rap by SGA President Shawn Burgess. Travis Edwards and James Murray, who were dressed in '70s garb and large afro wigs, decided to crash the show. The two performed a hip-thrusting, crotch-grabbing dance routine that angered the Murphy Center crowd. The two were arrested for public intoxication following the exhibition.

Stories about the incident have appeared in the local papers and have focused largely on the racial issue. The fact that it happened after a tribute to Black History Month and during a game against a predominantly black university struck a nerve. Those of us who have seen them at other events before know better than to consider it a racist act; others are not so sure. These two may have to pay a high price to satisfy the opinions of the latter.

It is not our intention to defend the actions of the two demonstrators. Their intoxication at the game and invasion of the scheduled half-time events was illegal. The decision to dance in the manner they did with children present showed poor judgement on their part. But similar incidents in the past have brought lesser penalties than expulsion. The infamous tearing down of the goalposts in 1990 and the popular craze of streaking during the '70s were dealt with relatively lightly. This incident was no more destructive or offensive.

While Mr. Edwards and Murray have to own up to their actions, they should not be made the scapegoats of the political correctness movement. To expel them from school for the purpose of saving the image of the school would be an injustice. They were intoxicated, they ruined the half-time show, but they were not racially motivated.



Letters to the Editor

RIM prof questions advising system

I would like to bring to the attention of your readers a decision in progress that will impact them all; students, faculty and staff. This concern student advising. The question at hand is should students be required to see their advisor before class selection? Both the Faculty Senate and the SGA have gone on record as supporting required advising. The administration will soon have to make up its mind about this question. I hope that before a decision is made everyone involved (which is just about everyone on campus) can have an opportunity to consider the ramifications and express their opinion on this matter.

An important aspect of this question is how a system of required advising might work. As a member of the Registration Task Force I have the following information to offer. First, it is very unlikely that there would be a return to the old system of a required signature on the trial schedule. The old system was abused by students and faculty alike. Students often signed their own schedules and faculty were known to leave piles of pre-signed schedules outside of their office doors.

If there is a return to required advising it would be with a system that is much harder to get around. For instance students might have to see their advisor in order to pickup the registration materials that are now mailed to them. Or students might have to get a code from their advisor that would need to be entered into the computer before class selection. Whatever the system it would be very specific. That is each student would have an assigned advisor that they would have to see in order to get registered.

A required advising system

such as outlined above would create work for everyone involved. Students would have to know who their advisor is, how to find them and plan to see them at a specific time. Faculty would have to know who their advisees are and be available throughout the class selection process. The departmental offices would have to keep careful track of who was advising who. This would be a big job for departments with lots of majors and/or faculty turnover. The registration office would have to setup, run and enforce the system. Thus, required advising will not be an easy task.

The question of required advising has some important philosophical aspects to it. Those who are opposed suggest that required advising is a "big brother" approach. They argue that college students should be mature enough to either seek out their advisor or study in detail the appropriate catalogue. On the other side those who favor required advising argue that it is one of the services that both the state and the students pay for. They also point out that many students do not seek out their advisors and as a result much time effort and money is expended in trying to fix problems that could have been avoided in the first place.

I would urge your readers to think about and discuss this issue with their colleagues. Faculty and staff should let their department chairs know how they feel. Students can express their concerns to their departments, the administration, the SGA or here in Sidelines. Without some feedback on this issue it will be difficult for the administration to make an informed decision on this very important issue.

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Who decides who gets a month?

Let me first state that I believe in equality. I believe that every human being should have the opportunity to perform to the best of their ability.

However, the Feb. 20th issue of the Sidelines has brought something to my attention. In the last twenty years or so, it seems that every special interest group has obtained their own month. Page one contained a story of demonstrators who were arrested at a celebration of Black History Month. The picture alone side the article showed this "demonstration" to be childish and ignorant, but this is not my point. Page eight contained an article to remind us that Women's History Month would have a 5K Walk and Run.

I don't want to demean any of the events in history that these two groups are celebrating. The suffrage movement, emancipation and the civil rights movements, to name a few, are indeed events to be celebrated, but aren't they and all other events that happened in the past a part of that huge subject called HISTORY? Why do these groups get "Their own month?" Where well it stop? Will we soon be celebrating "Black disabled women who have built a better mousetrap out of biodegradable products month?"

In these times of recession, I can think of many better ways to spend money. Isn't an investment in the future (education) a much wiser decision than a month of specific historic specialization.

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Comments concerning the half-time controversy

DR. JAMES WALKER
MTSU President

As president of MTSU, I want to personally apologize to MTSU and Tennessee State University basketball fans for the incident that occurred at halftime of the men's game Monday night, Feb. 17.

The behavior displayed by the two individuals who appeared at the end of a presentation in celebration of African-American History Month is not behavior that is condoned by me or by this university. All parties concerned have confirmed that Shawn Burgess, SGA president, had no knowledge of this spontaneous display by the two students. The two students involved are being dealt with in accordance with university procedures.

Although I was visiting with donors to our athletic programs during halftime and I did not personally observe the incident, I am appalled by what I have heard from those who witnessed it. It is unfortunate that what began as a dignified and altogether appropriate observance ended in such a manner.

I deeply regret the embarrassment to all those in attendance and to the university community. We will do everything in our power at MTSU to assure that in the future similar incidents do not occur.

SHAWN BURGESS
SGA President

On behalf of the Student Government Association, I would like to explain the role of the SGA in last Monday's halftime event.

We had concluded the tribute to African-American History Month. I had arranged with the pep-band to do a new cheer. When I was about a minute into the cheer, apparently the two gentlemen descended upon the floor and began their rather lewd activities. This information is second hand for me; I did not view their act because they were behind me. In addition, my thoughts were on doing the new cheer. When I finally did recognize their presence on the floor, I had two choices. Either I could stop the event and call for security to remove them (I had not seen their activities), or I could cease the performance and exit the floor with minimal additional disruption. I chose the latter.

Many of you may think that I was dancing with the young men but I assure you I was not. It's hard to be dancing with someone when they are behind you. The full magnitude of what occurred was not revealed to me until I returned to the stands. When I realized what had happened, I left to have the SGA and myself

disassociated with the two men.

Once again, I would like to apologize to you for what happened and for any embarrassment that it may have caused you. But it is not on the SGA's or on my own agenda to embarrass the school, the organization, or myself. We as an organization have worked hard to establish credibility and we strongly request that you do not allow the actions of two intoxicated young men destroy it.

BAYER MACK
Guest Columnist

Well, here I am again with another controversial issue to write about. By now every Tom, Dick and Harry knows about what happened at Monday night's TSU and MTSU basketball game. What I want to do is pose a question: "Who decides what is and what is not lewd?" President Walker? Alumni? The campus judiciary court? If you ask me (and nobody has) I'd say none of the above. True enough, the infamous Afros' halftime presentation was unscheduled, but was it criminal?

By reading any of me previous articles here as a guest columnist here at *Sidelines*, one would get the immediate impression that I was a person that stands for uplifting of the black race. This being the case, I feel as though I would be one of

the first people to speak out if I felt any part of Monday nights spectacle was racially derogatory.

It would be simple to a person such as myself to see some guy running around in an afro while SGA president Shawn Burgess gave his interpretation of what Black History Month meant to him as being a white individuals effort to make we, as a race, look "silly" in front of our esteemed alumni that "tragic" Monday night. However, I didn't feel that way. What I do feel is that sometimes maybe we as a race, or maybe I should say those who consider themselves a bit too seriously. It seems funny to me that two talented students such as Mr. Edwards and Mr. Murray letting their hair down (or maybe I should say "out") after the monotonous studying and

pressures of an average college week be publicly humiliated, when on the same night an MTSU student, who's name I won't mention (I think the university should have the same respect for all of their students) was accosted by three other students carrying automatic weaponry. Which of these seems to be the real criminal act? Or is it that our university believes in the concept of the double standard? Well, that's another question for another day.

So as I get inside my car, before starting the engine I took one last look at the polyester-clad bandits of MTSU. Pausing, I thought of myself "were these two anti-semitic, cross-burning bigots? Or were they two ordinary "Joe's" exercising their first amendment rights?"

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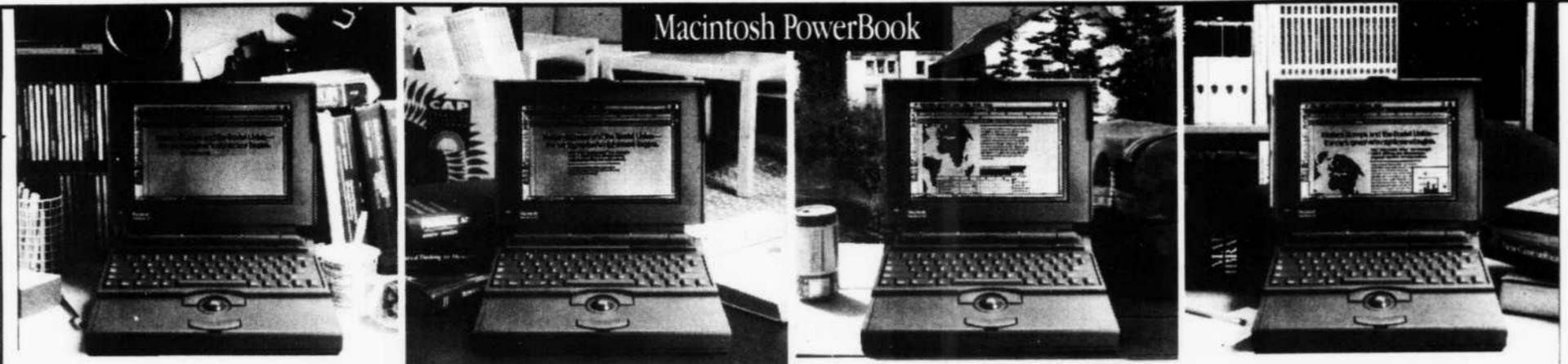
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WHY ASK WHY?

It takes all kinds to create the campus melting pot

BETHLYN ANDERSON
Feature Writer

You see them all over campus. They look as if they've just stepped out of a music video, sporting long hair, multi-pierced ears, concert T-shirts, and anything that happens to be black.

For some, a single glance at these people can bring several thoughts to mind: Death. Satan. Drugs. Heavy metal. But is there any truth to such ideas?

Tammy's sentiment is echoed by Ruby Hernandez, a freshmen majoring in early childhood education. She believes the color black is severely misunderstood.

"I like to wear black," Hernandez admits as she watches the latest Metallica video. "That doesn't make me an evil person."

Evil?

"Black has been related to

collections in town. While the stereotype often doesn't bother him, Gulley admits it can be unnerving.

"When I walk into a classroom, sometimes I get looks like 'hey, buddy, you're in the wrong classroom. Developmental Studies is down the hall,'" Gulley admits. "It tends to surprise people that I can hold an intelligent conversation about Jungian theory. It bothers me that people don't expect me to have any intelligence just because I have long hair."

Hernandez agrees with Gulley that stereotypes can be misleading.

"People think that I don't think about today's important issues because I don't follow fashion trends. I wasn't made from a cookie cutter. I don't strive to be a carbon copy of everyone else. I'm an individual and I express my individuality through my clothes and musical

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'I like to wear black. That doesn't make me an evil person.'

Ruby Hernandez
Freshman education major

heavy metal and heavy metal is seen as being associated with drugs," Hernandez explains. "Unfortunately, it's a picture that many heavy metal bands have painted. It's a misconception that metal music lovers will just have to endure."

This ongoing misconception can prove frustrating for some. Psychology major Mike Gulley is the proud owner of one the most extensive heavy metal

Tammy Luker, a junior recording industry management (RIM) major, mulls over this thought while nibbling on a cold Pizza Hut breadstick.

"Black is considered a depressing color," she remarks, wiping a crumb from her black sweater. "I've been asked why I wear it all the time, as if I'm out to make some kind of statement against society because I like to wear a certain color."



Shelley Mays/Photographer

"OH, YOU MUST BE A RIM MAJOR": In this case, yes, the hair, shades and tennies look belongs to RIM major, Tony Teasley



Patricia Tenpenny/Photographer

THE FACE OF THE PAST: Alumnus Sammie Nicely says masks allow him to "present a realm of emotions and experiences."

Artist comes home

Nicely un.masks history with art

It's always nice when alumni return to the old "Alma Mater" to share their work with the school community. It's even better when the work is of first-rate quality. And best of all is when the work is of a nature that anyone can appreciate and enjoy.

Sammie Nicely is currently presenting his work at the Art Barn Gallery. Nicely is a 1976 graduate of MTSU, a former student of art concentrating on sculpture, weaving and photography.

Nicely now serves as an artist in residence for Tennessee schools teaching children about mask-making.

"My work with children in the classroom is a creative inspiration which constantly pushes me toward new ideas..." Nicely explains.

The exhibit consists mostly

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of masks. Lots of masks. I should say lots of wonderful, fascinating masks. Sammie Nicely says he identifies himself as a "contemporary folk artist" and feels his work "strongly reflects an identification with [his] African heritage... Masks have been an integral part of most societies..."

The masks are mainly of traditional African shapes and expressions. It is in the adornment of the masks that Nicely has "modernized" the mask-making process.

Traditional masks are decorated with whatever objects can be found, objects which have a meaning to the artisan.

To that end, Nicely uses various objects which are rep-

resentative of our modern society to adorn his masks, creating a marriage of the traditional and the modern. And quite a successful marriage it is.

It would be nice to know what each mask represents, what the various expressions mean, what the decoration signifies. But the masks can be appreciated for their beauty and expression alone.

As Nicely says, "It is very important that we as artists, in educating the public, feel an obligation to look at our past as part of our future to insure that communication continues."

The exhibit continues through Friday, Feb. 28. This is another art event that you need to see. MTSU's Art School produces some fine artists, and Sammie Nicely is certainly a representative example. I give this exhibit two brushes up.

THE TRIBUTE CONTINUES

NEDRA RICHARDSON
Feature Writer

The MTSU chapter of the NAACP is sponsoring a quiz bowl beginning at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 24 in Keathley University Center room 324 as part of the chapter's commemoration of black history month.

Monique Reeves, president of the campus NAACP chapter, says the purpose of the quiz bowl is to "emphasize the important contributions made by African-Americans to our present day society and culture."

The quiz bowl will be conducted in a basic question-and-answer form surrounding black history themes. A moderator will ask each team several questions and contestants will have a certain amount of time to answer. A \$50 prize will be awarded to the winning team. Plaques will be given to the first and second place winners.

Seven teams are scheduled to compete and the entry fee is

\$1 per team. There will be four members per team. Several different organizations will be participating in the quiz bowl including Delta Sigma Theta, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Kappa Alpha Psi and Alpha Phi Alpha.

"We (NAACP) are offering the quiz bowl as a tribute during black history month. The purpose is to culminate the memory of the civil rights movement," Reeves says.

A large turnout is expected and everyone is invited to come and join this interesting event. If you have any questions about the NAACP quiz bowl, contact Monique Reeves, at 898-4632.

In addition to the quiz bowl, NAACP is sponsoring a fund-raiser party in the James Union Building tonight from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. The entrance fee is only \$1. Suggested attire is drop-waist jeans--a current style of blue jeans that drop to the waist and are baggy at the legs. Drop those jeans and be there!

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tastes, which covers everything from to metal to country."

Dealing with the "long hair syndrome" usually isn't much of a problem for Craig Wilkosz, a sophomore aerospace major with shoulder-length brown hair. He admits his clothes and his long hair have tied him to the heavy metal image, but treats this association with indifference. However, he described one incident when his appearance caused him some problems.

"I was at a McDonald's and I overheard one of the women behind the counter saying that I looked like I just got out of prison," he explains, shaking his head. "That made me so mad, I just threw my change at her and left."

Oh, the woes of the fashion nonconformists. Some take the stares and criticisms in stride, some get angry, some like it and some don't even notice.

MTSU's "individualized" crowd seems to be saying, "it's not important what you wear but how and why you wear it."

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The Gamma Iota Sigma Insurance Fraternity and the Omicron Delta Epsilon Economics Fraternity are proud to announce that Dr. Phyllis Thomas, Associate Professor of Accounting, was elected "Outstanding Professor in the College of Business" by the college's junior and senior students. Held on February 13-14, 1992, all instructors and professors were eligible to compete in the election. Gamma Iota Sigma and Omicron Delta Epsilon wish to thank the student body for their excellent participation and heartily congratulate Dr. Thomas in her achievement.

Two new reasons to stay in town



Alan Jasenovich/Photographer

MUSIC FOR A LOST GENERATION: Idaho Beach House lead singer Mark Rogers woos the crowd Friday night at The Boro.



Alan Jasenovich/PHOTOGRAPHER

TIMBER!: Rodney Wright kept the rhythm for Seth Timbs and the Madhatters.

There I was: a Friday night after the weekly campus evacuation, walking the razor-fine edge of pre-menstrual syndrome. It had not been a good day. The chances of me being cheered up or having fun where slim to none.

A couple of pleasant surprises awaited me at the Boro Bar and Grill, however. The names of those surprises were Idaho Beach House and Seth Timbs and the Madhatters.

Trying to explain the phenomenal nature of these two

NICOLE M. SIKORA Music Review

bands is like trying to explain the taste of chocolate to someone who has never tasted it. Those who have tasted it know how good it is, but there are no words to describe it to those who have not.

Idaho Beach House made sure there was never a dull moment. Lyrics, music, and stage presence all came together to create a masterful performance.

As for Seth Timbs and the Madhatters, I think the words to best describe them are "liberating" and "innocently sexy". Picture skinny-dipping in an untouched pond amidst a forest on a chilly summer morning. Picture walking down a private beach at sunset.

Timbs has an extraordinary voice which is accompanied to the height of perfection by the rest of the band members.

The only thing that disappointed me was the audience reaction. Save for a few fans who tempted spinal cord damage with their thrashing head moves, the audience seemed very docile.

Maybe they were too busy practicing for the dart competition, but I think the originality of the two groups caught them off guard. These are definitely not the people to see if you are looking for a sing-along--though Timbs did oblige once with an Elton John tune.

It seems sad that people don't realize what they have until it's gone. These bands are certainly going places. Why wait to sample them until you have to shell out \$15 for the compact disc?

For all those of you who feel the need to go home every weekend and play Scrabble with your parents, have fun. As for me, I think I will stay in town and become a groupie for these two amazing groups.

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Sports

Raiders can't get job 'Dunn'

Austin Peay defense seals MTSU coffin in final minutes

TONY J. ARNOLD
Sports Editor

When it was time to perform the most, Middle Tennessee State couldn't get the job done Saturday night.

By virtue of winning the previous six meetings at Dunn Center against Austin Peay, the Raiders expected a solid chance of grabbing another win. But that desire turned to disaster in the final eight minutes and the Governors grabbed a come from behind win, 75-73.

"There were a number of things Austin Peay was doing that made us do what we didn't want to do," MTSU coach David Farrar said. "We all realize we had several opportunities to win this game by several points but Austin Peay made its fortune."

The Raiders led 63-53 with eight minutes to go in the contest when Austin Peay geared up for a final run. They turned on the pressure defense which wouldn't allow the Raiders to run their offensive like they would have liked.

Instead, they threw poor passes which were often intercepted and when they did get a shot opportunity, it was a difficult one that rarely went in.

Meanwhile, Peay, behind the sharp shooting of guards Greg Franklin and Geoff Herman, quickly bit into the Raider lead and cut it to two, 68-66, with 2:52 remaining.

At that point, it looked like that was as close as the Governors would get. Middle responded with a 3-pointer by Kelvin Hammonds which seemed to hold off another Peay rally.

"Kelvin made a big 3-point shot and Warren (Kidd) knocked down two big free throws late in the

game, and I thought that that was going to do it," Farrar said.

That shot by Hammonds was the last field goal MTSU would score and only the second field goal the team would make during the final eight minutes. The other Raider points came off free throws.

In the last minute, Peay tied the score when Franklin hit two free throws but the Raiders still had the last shot. Yet, once again, Peay's defense forced a turnover, and it was the Governors who would control the outcome.

With seconds remaining, Franklin drove the lane, missed the shot but was fouled by MTSU's Jeff Hunter. He made both shots and APSU escaped with the win. It was the first lead Peay had since the score was 10-8 early in the game.

"They disrupted our offense with their defense," Hammonds said. "I tried to get the ball inside there with about a minute left, but I didn't see the guy who stole it."

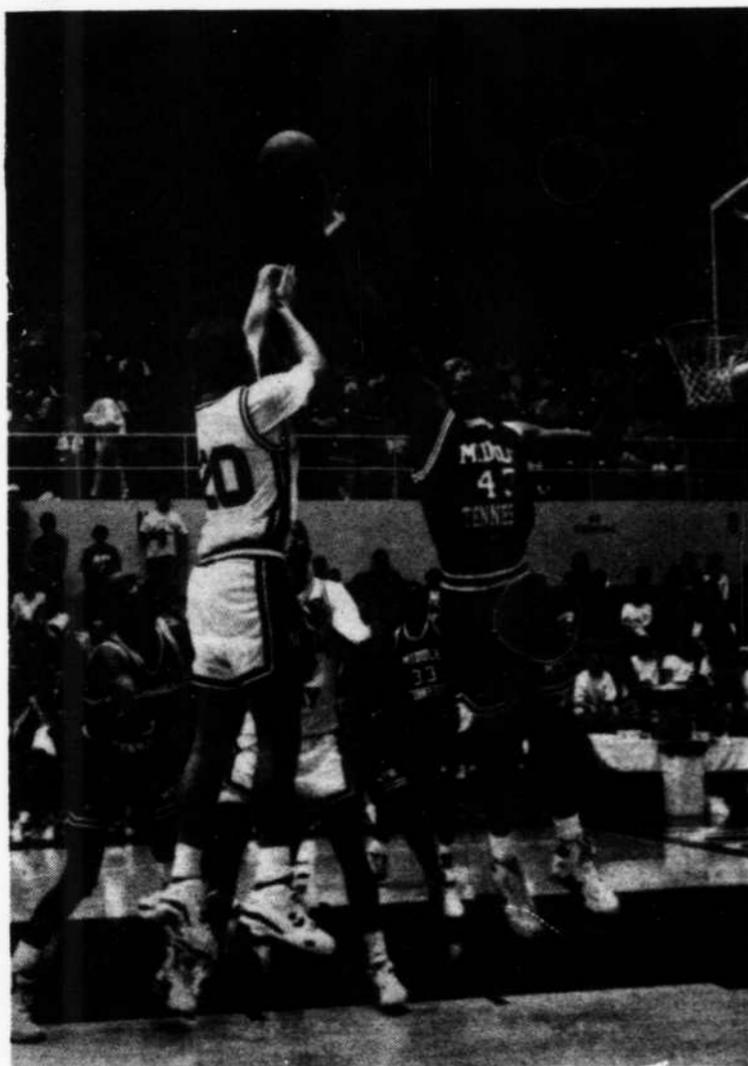
"It's a tough loss because we really had it won, but you can't put the game in the hands of the refs at the end because you know what can happen," Hammonds said.

Peay shot only 40 percent from the floor while MTSU sizzled at 62 percent. APSU is now 11-14, 6-6 in the OVC, while Middle dropped to 14-9, 8-5 in the conference. MTSU had 26 turnovers while APSU only had 10.

Herman led Peay with 22 points while Franklin added 21.

Middle was led by Kidd who dominated the

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Tony Arnold/Photographer

GET IT OUTA HERE: MTSU center Warren Kidd rejects one of Greg Franklin's shots Saturday night. Kidd has seven blocks on the night.

Lady Raider offense is offensive in win

Bivens warns women better get on track

TONY J. ARNOLD
Sports Editor

A win is a win. But that's about the only good coming out of the Lady Raiders 68-57 win over Austin Peay Saturday.

Middle never looked to be on top of its game during the contest leaving the door open for the Lady Governors to possibly slip in a grab the win.

"It was nice that we got the win, but that's about the only thing positive in this game," MTSU coach Lewis Bivens said. "We were just sloppy the entire game."

"We didn't play well, and the people that should be playing well aren't," the coach said.

The first half was sloppy for both teams, having 26 combined turnovers. Both teams had scoring streaks and droughts with Middle going scoreless for three minutes twice while Peay went without a point for almost six minutes.

Middle did have the lead at

the end of the half, 34-27, with the help of a 13-2 run in the final four minutes.

"I thought we'd come out after the half and play better, but it didn't happen," Bivens said. "You'd think with the tournament coming up we'd come out ready to play every night."

Middle did come out better and pumped the lead up to 13 points, 49-36, when Kristi Brown nailed a jumper. However, to Bivens dismay, his first half team would return.

Behind the inside play of Betsy Jeffries, Peay whittled away at the Lady Raider lead. At one point, Jeffries scored six unanswered points to narrow the lead to five.

However, Niki Bonner and Priscilla Robinson quickly answered the rally call with six points of their own to put the lead back in double digits and

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UAB downs Blue Raiders in season opener

MTSU's baseball season opened up in a disappointing way Saturday afternoon when they dropped a 3-2 loss to the University of Alabama-Birmingham.

Middle had a 2-1 lead going into the eighth inning when Kristin Metheny hit an infield single. He advanced to second when Jason Maxwell made a throwing error on the play.

Mike Alford then delivered a double to left, yet the run did not score leaving runners on second and third.

Roger Gregg was intentionally walked by Blue Raider pitcher Mike Philpot, loading the bases, and Jay Lindsey entered the game for the Raiders to take over the pitching duties.

Lindsey walked the first batter he faced and then threw a wild pitch allowing the winning run to score.



Tony Arnold/Photographer

GIVE IT TO ME: MTSU guard Laurie Hopwood looks for a way to pass the ball inside to Priscilla Robinson.

HOTEL RATES

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continued from page 9 inside, especially in the first half. He had 22 points, 18 rebounds and seven blocked shots. Quincy Vance and Robert Taylor each added 14.

The Raiders need a win tonight when they travel to Southeast Missouri State to stay in contention for a second place seed in the OVC tournament.

Middle beat SEMO 61-58 at Murphy Center earlier this year. However, SEMO rarely losses at home — beating OVC leader Murray State there Saturday night.

"It's going to be extremely tough," Farrar said. "We can go in there and play good and still not win."

The game starts at 9:05 p.m. and will be televised on SportSouth television network.

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although Peay mounted one final run, the Lady Raiders outscored them 8-2 in the final two minutes to preserve the win.

"Our passing, guarding and rebounding was awful," Bivens said. "The last time we played a good basketball game was at home against Eastern Kentucky, and we're going nowhere if we don't improve."

The Lady Raiders (18-8, 9-4 in the OVC) finished the contest with a 38 percent shooting percentage. They also had 26 turnovers.

Austin Peay had 27 turnovers and shot 36 percent.

Robinson led the way with a 21-point, 12-rebound performance. Both were game highs. Niki Bonner added 11 points while Maggie Cox had 10, eight of which came in the first half.

The win was the 33 consecutive for MTSU over APSU. The Lady Governors have never won a game against Middle.

The Lady Raiders end their regular season tonight with a contest at Southeast Missouri at 5:30. If SEMO wins, they will advance to the conference tournament. MTSU has already wrapped up a spot in the four-team field.



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The member schools of the Ohio Valley Conference are as follows: Austin Peay, Eastern Kentucky, Middle Tennessee, Morehead State, Murray State, Southeast Missouri State, Tennessee State and Tennessee Tech. The University of Tennessee at Martin will officially enter the league in the fall of 1992.

The composition of the OVC is not exactly common knowledge in all basketball circles. Actually, the most avid basketball fan would be very hard pressed if asked to name each conference member, assuming of course that the fan in question does not attend OVC events. Other leagues do not have such a problem.

The OVC is an NCAA Division I-A conference (except in football), yet it is comprised of what insiders call "mid-major" universities. This simply means that due to total enrollment, number of athletic scholarships, and other factors, the member schools are not considered "big time" in terms of collegiate athletics.

There are several reasons why the OVC is a second-rate athletic conference. One of the more glaring weaknesses is the lack of consistently competitive schools on the national level. OVC basketball teams, for instance, are almost never found among the top 25 rankings.

This is usually explained when one looks at the record versus top teams and/or the non-conference schedules of OVC members. Another contributing factor to such lowly status is maintaining the Division I-AA level of play in football competition. Can anyone name the last three or four national champions at the I-AA level? The answer is "probably not."

However, more important than the reasons behind the OVC's shortcomings are the effects of them. Sports fans need no further evidence of OVC mediocrity than observing that only the conference tournament champion is ever selected to play in the 64-team NCAA Basketball Tournament, and only then as a result of an "automatic bid" which requires they be included.

In all fairness, there have been instances where another team made the NCAA's, but these are few and very far between. In addition, the OVC recently lost its automatic bid to the NCAA Baseball Championship, commonly referred to as the College World Series.

Many in the league feel that these are injustices on the part of the NCAA and should not be "imposed" upon the OVC.

DAN FIELD Student Speaks Out

Impartial observers can clearly see that no injustice has been committed here. An injustice would be to allow the conference a continued status that it does not deserve.

One significant action the OVC has recently taken that could not possibly have helped their precarious position within the NCAA was accepting new members Southeast Missouri State and the University of Tennessee at Martin. SEMO and UT-Martin are fine schools, but they do not have the athletic programs that will improve anyone's opinion of the conference as a whole.

On the other hand, Western Kentucky, who was once an OVC member, and Memphis State, presently in a crumbling Metro Conference, would have made excellent additions which would greatly advance the conference in

the NCAA as well as the national media interest received.

The member schools who are hurt most by the sub-par status of the OVC are the pair with the most dominant athletic programs in the conference, Middle Tennessee and Eastern Kentucky. The options available to these two universities are pretty simple, either stay in the league or get out.

The advantage of leaving is obvious, no longer being identified with the lowly OVC, but the disadvantage is that any member would find no status improvement in another league that could feasibly accept them. Also becoming an independent would make getting into NCAA tournaments next to impossible due to the level of competition required.

A reasonable remedy for this situation would be to make a very bold and forceful effort to improve the OVC's standings among NCAA conferences. A

move such as an annual pre-season tournament pitting strong OVC schools against Atlantic Ten or Western Athletic Conference schools would go a long way in the NCAA, as well as everyone else, is likely to respect.

A poor athlete in any sport does not improve if he is always playing against weak or equal competition. Athletes improve by taking on somewhat better competition. The same principle holds true for athletic conferences.

Student Speaks Out is a column for students who have opinions concerning the sports area. Any student with such opinions may send them to Box 42. Please call attention to sports department.

Raider Rugby

MTSU's rugby team dropped its first game of the year, a 22-13 loss at Vanderbilt Thursday night, putting their record at 3-1 for the season.

Vandy got on top early with two tries (touchdowns) in the opening ten minutes and went into halftime ahead 15-3.

The Moosemen fought back bravely in the second half, closing the margin to 19-13 when fullback Daniel Carter had a 20-yard run before a late Vandy penalty kick (field goal) sealed the game for the 'Dores.

"We came out a bit flat at the beginning of the game and we just weren't able to make up for those first 20-minutes," MTSU captain Clete Ledford said.

MTSU will travel to Knoxville this weekend in hopes of getting back in the win column when they face Tennessee.

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