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that The Muncie Times would survive this long. Some said in a few months the paper would have folded. We have disappointed and confounded them.

"Well, The Muncie Times is still here, stronger than ever, thanks to your support. It will continue to be around as long as it enjoys your support. Mrs. Foster has kept this paper going with the support of the community and of a small group of dedicated people.

"We expect to see you here back again next year, ready to celebrate another birthday and another milestone. Now I hope you will sit back and enjoy the music and the fashion show."

Foster said she was disappointed by the turnout. She said it would take until next week to determine how much money had been raised for the UNCF scholarship. She said it would be

at least \$500.

"The papers are delivered free to your porches, to Marsh supermarkets and other places around the community. We pay people to deliver the papers. Although the paper is free it costs us money to print it, for the writers and for those who deliver it," said Moten-Foster. "Since this celebration is held once a year, I would have wanted to see more people coming to show support.

"Some churches supported me. Their members came to the anniversary. But some other churches did not support me. When I went into business, I was told by some people that the paper would fold in six months. Now I understand what they meant—lack of support. I felt that half of Muncie should have been here.

"Those who didn't show up can still show their sup-

port by sending \$10 per person to The Muncie Times. We did not offer food or refreshments because we wanted the money raised to support the scholarships.

"Overall, I would like to thank those who came and the models who participated. I know some people were busy, but I was saddened by the many people who should have come but didn't."

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Foster said she wants the anniversary to be an annual event so people can be reminded of what the paper is doing for the community. She said plans are underway for the 1995 celebration.

"I would like to thank the churches that supported us

this year. I hope more of them will support us next year. Some churches have never supported us even though they get the paper delivered free to their churches every time the paper comes out," she said. "On the other hand, I would like to thank The Muncie Star and The Muncie Evening Press for their support in announcing events about the anniversary.

"When I showed up on the night of the anniversary, I wanted to cry because so many people I expected to see are not here. But I feel blessed that many of you, including my husband and strong supporter, Dr. Robert Foster, are here. Now I feel better.

"The Lord is good. I hope you'll all continue to pray for us. There are times when I have despaired. But there's some strong blood running in my veins. As long as it's there, I'll con-

tinue to try to keep the paper going," she said.

The fashion show, with Toni Edwards as announcer, featured a variety of male and female talent. Even Muncie Police Chief Carl Ent appeared as one of the models. Other models included Nancy Jones, Vicki Petty, Naomi Redding, Samantha Jones, Harriet Edwards, O'Dell Scott and Bruce Baxter.

The models and some of their clothes are featured on the following pages, as are some of the "Sweetheart of the year" contestants, who included David Carmichael, Bernard Branson and Eric Dukes.

Jason Johnson, whose mother, Joann Johnson owns Simply Red Hair Care, was crowned Sweetheart of the year.

Metamorphosis Band, featuring Garland Simmons, Steve Scott and Dana Spence provided the music.

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Wells, 6-5", whose basketball team's record was 22-1 this week, is seen by many as a potential college and even pro basketball star. Others also he provides pleasurable company.

"We play ball together, and because of the way he plays, I gave him the name 'big time,' because he always seem to make the big-time play and rises to the occasion at the right time," said George Tate, a friend of Wells since fourth grade.

"Personally, he has a great sense of humor and is fun to be around. He's also a good friend. As for his future, I think he has the potential to be a great player, if he continues to work hard and practice hard."

Wells, a guard and forward

for the Bearcat basketball team, became interested in playing basketball at an early age. When he was in the fourth grade, he said he would go play ball with the big boys. But, it wasn't until five years ago, that he decided he wanted to play high school basketball.

"I remember the first time in 1988, when I went to my first high school basketball game. I was inspired by the way they played, the team spirit, and right then and there, I decided when I start high school that I would become a Bearcat, too."

Wells' love for basketball can also be attributed to his family. He comes from a family background of basketball players, who have helped mold him.

His uncles, Robert and

Donald Scaife, were high school basketball players at Northside.

Opportunities to travel and meet a host of well-knowns are some of the perks Wells enjoys as a ball player. He recalls meeting the former head coach of University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and the pro San Antonio Spurs.

"I remember meeting Jerry Tarkanian. He gave me some good advice," Wells said. "He told me when I step on the court, always play hard, no matter what, always play hard."

Playing hard is nothing new to Wells, according to his coach, Mike Drews.

"Bonzi has played extremely hard the last three years and that's good considering he didn't make

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Bea Foster Giving crown to the 1994-1995 Sweetheart of the Year, Jason Johnson