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Fans come out against priority seating proposal

Athletic officials wish to base seating at football, basketball games on contributions not longevity

By TONY STINNETT
Editor in Chief

Of 37 NCAA I-AA universities contacted, two do not have priority seating, a situation MTSU athletic officials wish to change — much to the dismay of many season ticket holders.

University President Sam Ingram approved a recommendation Jan. 15 from MTSU Athletic Director John Stanford to base seating at football and basketball games on contributions to the Blue Raider Athletic Association.

However, a plan to implement the proposal has not yet been developed, Stanford said.

"We have not formulated a policy as of right now," Stanford said.

"It alienates a large group of loyal fans"

J.O. Gist, administrator

ford said. "The president has agreed to have priority seating but we have not formulated how we are going to implement it."

Stanford did add that he felt priority seating would be formulated and a set policy would be forthcoming very shortly.

According to season ticket holders the idea of priority seating is unfair to those who have been supporting the athletic teams for years.

"My first knowledge of the idea was to move us out of our

seats unless we paid \$250 to the club, which may not have been true," Joe Nunley, former MTSU alumni director said. "My reaction to that was that I was hostile. The original plan as I knew it was in the opposite direction of what I considered to be fair.

"If a way of revolving around this could be worked out, without moving us, it would be workable. I believe it would be flagrant if they just moved us out. The plan to put them into priority seating without moving season ticket holders could be compromised and less offensive," Nunley added.

Most season ticket holders contribute to foundations for scholarships for the school, but not so much to the athletic center, Nunley said.

Other season ticket holders feel that money is an issue and Stanford agrees with that concept.

"The only reason we are bringing up the question is because of the money question," Stanford said. "If you are going to have a good athletic program you are going to have to fund a good part of it through contributors."

Season ticket holders disagree.

"I am opposed to the idea because it alienates a large group of loyal fans who have bought season tickets for years and supported MTSU through attendance," J.O. Gist, director of administrative and business services, said.

Gist said the season ticket holders cannot afford the large contribution that is being asked for.

Other ticket holders feel that both sides can be seen in an objective manner. However, it would be unfair to ask the people who have been loyal over the years to give up their seats.

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Frank Conley/Staff

Seating areas such as the one shown may be transferred from faculty and staff areas to a priority seating plan proposed by athletic officials. The proposal would give priority to the highest contributor.



Frank Conley/Staff

Enjoying the heat wave?

C.J. Jackson, a freshman, and Julie Rennell, also a freshman, take advantage of yesterday's weather by studying biology and psychology at a table on the lawn between the Cope Administration Building and Peck Hall. Many students found the near balmy weather (for January) perfect for rediscovering the outdoors and their spring clothing.

Dugger claims innocence in heist

By D. BRIAN CONLEY
News Editor

An MTSU student facing a Feb. 5 court date on charges he was involved in the recent Art Barn burglary says he "didn't do anything."

"It's a big crock. I didn't do anything," said Christopher Perguson, 21. "Gene (Provost, the other person charged in the case) ... can testify that I didn't do anything.

"It seems they are trying to pin me for something I didn't do," he added.

Dugger is charged with burglary, destruction of state property and vandalism in the Jan. 7 theft of five pieces from the Art Barn. Provost, 21, is charged with burglary.

Provost could not be reached for comment.

Three sculptures and three vases were taken from the Art Barn and

several clay pieces were destroyed, investigating officer Kerry Keisling said. Originally, seven items were reported stolen but two were later found upstairs in the Art Barn.

While he was charged with destroying some of the pieces, Dugger said no one in his group of five broke anything that night.

"Nothing got broken that night,"

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Controversial tax proposal may hurt Babbitt

By M.A. BROWN
Editorial Editor

and D. BRIAN CONLEY
News Editor

Former Arizona Gov. Bruce Babbitt is basing his presidential hopes on the belief that voters are willing to come to grips with reality and support some of his controversial policies.

The no-holds-barred 49-year-old Arizonian has come out strongly in debates for a 5 percent national sales tax and a national day care program.

However, a similar stand by Walter Mondale in the 1984 race led

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to a landslide victory by Ronald Reagan. American voters have traditionally been appalled by candidates who say from the start they will raise taxes.

Babbitt also seems to be gunning

for controversy. He was among the rash of figures who said they smoked marijuana after Supreme Court nominee Douglas Ginsburg made the same revelation prior to Senate confirmation hearings.

Missing children's groups have also placed the candidate under fire after he jokingly referred to looking for Tennessee Sen. Al Gore on milk cartons during a recent democratic

debate because of Gore's absence from several previous debates. Babbitt has since apologized for the remarks.

It was at another debate in New Orleans on Nov. 2, 1987 where

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Housing draws fire due to dorm rat poison placement

TRACY BOYD
Assistant Sports Editor

Several residents of Felder and Wood Halls were upset with housing officials who placed rat poison in their rooms Wednesday morning.

The majority of complaints concerned the lack of notification by housing officials that they would be placing *D-Con* rodent poison in the dorms.

Maintenance workers began noisome doors around 10 a.m. and even placed the poison in

rooms where nobody was home. Ann Claiborne, a resident of Felder Hall said.

"It's kind of an inconvenience," she said. "I was sleeping and luckily my roommate was there and I didn't have to answer the door. My next door neighbor was caught totally unprepared."

Housing officials were acting on complaints of rodent infestation they had received from residents and housing staff of the two dorms, according to Daniel Sinclair, associate director of housing for

facilities and maintenance.

The first instance came Monday night when a Felder Hall resident found a mouse in her room, Claiborne said.

"Nobody has seen any around here, except for the girl down the hall," she said. "I had heard the cable people had found gobs of them in Wood Hall."

Maintenance workers attempted to give residents proper notice before laying the poison, Sinclair said. But he added that "we couldn't

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Students get appeal reprieve

By D. BRIAN CONLEY
News Editor

Some students who were ticketed for illegally parking between the James Building and Rutledge Hall have been given additional time in which to appeal their tickets, officials said yesterday.

When the new sidewalk was being built next to the new recording studio it was not painted green as it had been in the past. Student ticket writers gave citations to cars with green decals for parking along the 75-yard strip.

Though the color of the curb was normally green, it turned black when new asphalt was laid.

"I'd hate for someone to pay for something without being able to be heard," said David Hays, associate dean of students. "Students can still come in and appeal it" if they were cited for parking in a black park-

ing place.

One student was cited this semester for parking there and won the appeal, Hays said.

Once a student receives a ticket, they have seven days to come to Room 122 of the Keathley University Center and fill out the appeal form, Hays said. The student is then assigned a court time, either a Monday at 3 p.m. or a Tuesday at 4 p.m.

After the traffic court makes a

decision, the student can appeal to an administrator.

"But unless the student has a really good case, it wouldn't do them much good to take it to an administrator," Hays said. "There would have to be some pretty extenuating circumstances to be worth their while to pursue that."

The traffic court handles about 350 to 400 appeals per semester and voids about 35 percent of the tickets, Hays said.



Wayne Cartwright/Staff

Chris Harding, the paint crew lead man for maintenance, paints the alley next to the James Union Building green. Some students had been given tickets for parking along the strip.

Football turf replacement slated

Rutherford County must help defray some of \$500,000 cost

By **CHUCK MORRIS**
Sports Editor

MTSU Campus Planning Director Charles Pigg, Athletic Director John Stanford and football coach Boots Donnelly met with a major supplier of artificial turfs yesterday morning.

According to Pigg, a new synthetic turf for Jones Field would cost about \$500,000, including installation. The new turf would also

have at least a 10-year, and maybe a 12-year, warranty.

The current turf, supplied by Monsanto, was installed in 1978.

According to a contract signed with Rutherford County in 1971, the county is responsible for paying half the cost of replacing the artificial turf.

Pigg hopes that the new turf can be installed without being rushed.

"We need to proceed with it this

summer if possible," Pigg stated.

The present turf has seams coming apart. It also becomes very slick when wet.

The new surface would definitely be a synthetic surface, according to Pigg.

"A natural surface is out of the question," Pigg emphasized. Jones Field is used by Riverdale and Oakland high schools, Central Middle School and MTSU football teams.

A representative from a company selling an All-Pro Athletic Surface, which is similar to the new turf installed recently at the University of Tennessee and other schools, showed a film about the uses of their turf yesterday, Stanford said.

A compromise between MTSU and Rutherford County is the only stumbling block in acquiring a new turf, according to Stanford.

The county is concerned with three areas of the current contract, which expires in 1991: 1) finances concerning the payment of parking attendants, security forces and cleanup following the games; 2) obtaining full use of the facilities for more activities such as track and band; and 3) helping pay for the turf this year, which should last at least 10 years.

The contract also allows county teams a minimum of 10 hours practice time in the stadium per week in addition to full use of the track and other facilities, including, but not limited to football, track, soccer, and band activities.

When the county and the university reach an agreement on payment for a new turf, MTSU can issue bids for a new turf.

"We'll write a proposal about what we expect the carpet to do," Pigg said.

Joint session alters Electoral Act

By **JOHN MATHEWS**
Staff Writer

Vote counting at future Associated Student Body presidential elections will no longer be supervised by the administration — at the request of student affairs personnel, the ASB decided.

The revision states that "all votes shall be counted as soon as possible after the final closing of the polls in the presence of the Election Commissioner, at least three other

members of the Election Commission, and one representative of each candidate if he or she so chooses."

It was passed by both the House of Representatives and the Senate.

Originally, the act required only supervision from a representative of the Office of Student Affairs, but was changed at the request of student affairs personnel, to allow broader student representation.

In other action, the ASB updated existing legislation requiring at least

one ASB sponsored speakout to be held during initial elections and another in any subsequent runoff.

The change was made to allow the election commission to let other groups wishing to sponsor debates do so, said ASB President Holly Lentz.

"The Sigma Club sponsored a debate for presidential candidates last year which worked really well," Lentz said.

Both measures must be approved by Lentz and sent to Dean of Students Paul Cantrell and Vice President for Student Affairs Robert LaLance before they can become law.

Lentz said students wishing to make suggestions to the ASB are welcome to do so.

"I really like for them to use the suggestion boxes, and for them to include their comments and names so they can be included in the decision making process," Lentz said.

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Student Organizations desiring to make applications for activity fee funds for Spring Semester of 1988 must secure applications in Room 126 of the Keathley University Center. Deadline for completing and returning applications is today.

The Placement Office will conduct career placement interviews for seniors and graduate students on Wednesday, Feb. 3, and Thursday, Feb. 4, at 3 p.m. in the Keathley University Center, Room 324. Students interested in participating in the campus interview program should attend this orientation.

A Creative Expressions panel program will be presented by students in the Public Relations Student Society of MTSU on Tuesday, Feb. 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the Learning Resources Center.

The Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Association invite all student organization presidents to attend the Greek Leadership Conference on Saturday, Jan. 30 from 8:30 a.m. — 3:30 p.m. in the Keathley University Center.

The Mathematics Organization of MTSU will meet Feb. 2 at 7 p.m. in KOM 360. MTSU's own Lora Clark will present "What to Do With a Math Major Besides Teach."

Male cheerleaders are being sought by the MTSU Cheerleaders. Deadline for filing an application is Feb. 5, 1988. For more information call 898-2822.

President's Club meets Tuesday, Feb 2 at 5 p.m. in Room 322 of the Keathley University Center. Every campus organization is invited to attend. Send the highest ranking officer or a representative.

The Society of Broadcast Students will meet Wednesday, Feb. 3 at 4 p.m. People interested in becoming new members are invited. The meeting will be held in Studio A of the Learning Resources Center.

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notify everyone."

Maintenance workers acted within proper guidelines by entering the rooms of those residents who had not been previously notified, Sinclair said.

"Housing maintains the right to act without notifying the residents in case of emergency," he explained. "We considered this an emergency."

"We do try to notify the residents," he added, "but on an emergency basis, we provide as necessary."

However, some residents thought that in this situation provisions would not work.

"The main thing is that they [maintenance workers] came in without telling anybody and left poison and nobody knows why," said one Wood Hall resident who wished to remain anonymous.

"It should have been done a room check," Evelyn Dougherty, a Wood Hall resident said. "They [maintenance] have to give a 24 hour notice before they can come in."

Ivan Shewmake, director of housing, said that in this situation provisions would not work.

"If I had waited 24 hours," Shewmake said, "the girls that were afraid of the mice would think we were putting them off. I thought we were acting in the best interest of the residents."

Shewmake also said that he thought some of the residents "exaggerated" the number of mice seen.

"There was probably just one or two mice," he said, "but by talking to them you would have thought there were more."

D-Con was the product that was used, and according to Sinclair, it is fairly safe.

"In this particular incident, small children weren't present," Sinclair said.

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MCA vice president to speak at meeting

By STARLENE ROCHELLE
Entertainment Editor

The vice president of MCA records will be speaking at the first RIM Writers meeting of the semester Feb. 1, Lynn Gann, president of RIM Writers, said.

Jim Bowen is the president of MCA's Nashville division and has been a recording artist, publisher, producer and administrator. He is currently producing such stars as George Strait, Lee Greenwood and Reba McEntire.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to meet Bowen," Gann said. "This meeting is open to all students, not just RIM Writers."

The RIM Writers organization actively promotes and supports songwriting of students in the recording industry management and music departments, Gann said. In addition, the group helps students gain recognition in the music industry through interaction with professionals in the field.

RIM Writers is an affiliated organization with MTSU's RIM program. The meeting will be held in Room 324 of the Keathley University Center. Gann encourages all students to attend.

Ingram: MTSU must consider all viewpoints

from page 1
"I am a good friend of John Stanford's," former MTSU football coach and Athletic Director Charles 'Bubber' Murphy said. "I told him that you shouldn't take seats from season ticket holders. But I do realize that they need more money. I don't think you should take tickets away from people."

Murphy Center is named after 'Bubber' Murphy.

Bob Womack, a professor in the department of education and a season ticket holder, said that he could see both sides of the issue.

"I want to see the Blue Raider Athletic department do good for the athletic department and get all the money they can get," Womack said. "But there is also a personal consideration involved. I would hate to see someone's feelings hurt because they were bounced out of a seat because of lack of money."

Womack said that he had confidence in the judgment of people involved and that the issue would be resolved in the best interest of the university.

Contributors should not be connected with university policy, Oakley Jennings, a former professor in the MTSU chemistry and physics department said.

"I have been connected with the university for many years and I feel like current season ticket holders have supported the university for years," Jennings said. "I don't think we should be kicked out of seats and have them given to the highest bidder."

Donald Knight, a season ticket holder living in the Murfreesboro community, said he felt that private organizations taking over the actions of the university and requiring the season ticket holders to pay money to have their seats would be "unfair."

According to Stanford, season ticket holders are hearing rumors that are untrue.

"I have heard all kinds of rumors," he said. "The rumors that I have heard are untrue because there is no set university policy as of right now."

When the university does set a policy it will be one that everyone can be comfortable with, Stanford said.

"We want to move the least amount of people, taking care of retired faculty members, current faculty members, contributors to the university and so forth," Stanford said.

The main question with the idea of priority seating is how to handle the current MTSU season ticket holders who have been loyal to the university for several years, Ingram said.

"We have approved the principal of priority seating but we have not yet approved taking seats from our loyal season ticket holders," he said.

Athletic Association officials have nothing to do with the priority seating proposal, according to Scott Woodburn, the executive director of the B.R.A.A.

"The Blue Raider Athletic Association's position is to raise money for the athletic department," Woodburn said. "We do not formulate policies. All we are doing is waiting on the university to clarify their position on priority seating."

While the actual plans have not been worked out, Ingram said he has tossed a few ideas around.

One idea would be to give the B.R.A.A. seats that are not sold as of right now, then add additional seats as season ticket holders move

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for a "means test" to establish which programs deserve federal funding. By this test, a program which does not need federal funding would not get the money.

Leadership is another area Babbitt feels is a strong point.

"Today we have leaders who don't set their minds on much of anything," he said in his statement of candidacy on March 10, 1987.

[Editor's note: This is the third installment of a 13 part series of profiles on the presidential candidates. Please see page four for editorial views from the right and left sides of the political spectrum on Bruce Babbitt. Tuesday's installment will feature Pete Dupont.]

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he said. "We did not break anything."

"We didn't destroy anything, not to my knowledge. I didn't see anything broken and everyone I talked to said they did not break anything," Dugger added.

Several other people were seen in the barn that night, Dugger said.

"Some people came in and left," Dugger said. They didn't stay very long. It's all kinda hazy, because (being in the barn) wasn't that big of a deal.

"I wasn't paying attention to anyone there," he said.

Dugger said he frequently went into the Art Barn to "look around."

Keisling said he could not say anything about the possibility another group was involved in the theft.

Dugger said he felt Provost had permission to take the items.

"We were out that night and Gene mentioned he wanted to buy some stuff from one of the other guys," Dugger said. "We just looked around and Gene took some things. I figured he had purchased them

because he had talked about it earlier."

Provost took four items, Dugger said.

"What I think happened is that there were some missing and they just assumed we took them all," Dugger said.

Campus Briefs

History to be made twice Feb. 12

MTSU history will be made twice on February 12th. On that date the first basketball homecoming will be celebrated and MTSU will have its first national televised game. ESPN will air the game against Eastern Kentucky at 11 p.m.

"The decision to have an annual basketball homecoming event was passed last year," said ASB president Holly Lentz. "The event will not be as large as the football homecoming due to financial reasons."

The only definite activity planned for homecoming week is "The Bachelor Ugliness Contest".

The activities in the planning stage are "The Celebrity Look Alike Lip Sing Contest" and a flashcard competition.

By Melissa Jones

Placement Office to hold orientation

Orientation for the placement office's campus interview program for seniors and graduate students is Feb. 3 and Feb. 4, Martha Turner, director of the placement office, said.

"Of the seniors and graduate students who go through the service, 49 percent enjoy doing their jobs," Turner said.

Both orientations begin at 3 p.m.

The placement office fills out a dossier on each student wishing to participate in the program, Turner said. The dossier contains a resume, a transcript and anything else the student wishes to put in it.

Recruiters look at the dossier and tell the office if they wish to interview the student, Turner said. The office then connects the recruiter and student.

By L.A. Gardner

or give up their seats, Ingram said.

But if the association has a good membership drive and shows a need for additional seating, then other alternatives would have to be explored, Ingram said.

"If they (the association) have a good membership drive and they come to us with their membership and money then we would have to look at alternatives," he said. "One alternative is to do absolutely nothing and tell the association that they will have to put their members who are in need of seats on a priority list."

"Another option is to enlarge the area of priority seating in Murphy Center, and yet another alternative would be to give the Blue Raider Athletic Association an entire section in Murphy Center," Ingram said.

When making important decisions such as this one the university must consider all viewpoints, Ingram added.

Woodburn said the idea that is being proposed as of right now is not what is considered to be priority seating.

"We see priority seating as a

reason for coaches, faculty and student athletes to be optimistic about what the future holds for MTSU," Woodburn said. "But as of now it is not priority seating."

Of 37 schools on the same level as MTSU only two schools do not currently have priority seating implemented into their athletic departments, Stanford said.

"A six month study has been made on priority seating at all universities on this level," Stanford said. "There is priority seating at all conference schools and all other schools on this level that we could contact. From what I could find out there are only two places that don't have priority seating and those are Tennessee State University and Middle Tennessee State University," Stanford said.

Stanford says that there are two ways of implementing priority seating. One way is to designate a priority section and move "everybody" out, and then put contributors in those seats according to their contributions.

"But that is not the way I think is the most sensible to approach it," Stanford said.

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'Silly Babbitt, tricks are for kids'

A View From The Left



Tommy Williams
Columnist

Bruce Babbitt is a presidential candidate whose time hasn't yet come.

The Arizona Democrat and former governor has the intelligence and leadership qualifications to boost himself into a possible nomination. However, he lacks the appeal and charisma that will attract the strong voter following.

Governors like Babbitt make the best presidential candidates. They are oriented to the executive function of government. They must deal with the two party system on a productive basis, as well as serving in public administrative capacities. On the other hand, legislators only deal with the creation of policy.

Babbitt, a Harvard Law School graduate, has the executive qualifications to make a productive president but has failed to pull away from the pack and take a foothold on some early support.

His campaign downplays the front-runners' and attempts to take the pre-primary hoopla lightly. Babbitt concerns himself with the dehumanization of government. He feels that the "government is run on teleprompters in which words and deeds have lost all logical connection." Babbitt notes that

"the next president of the United States must dare to be different — willing to cast aside the tired orthodoxies that hold back our leaders."

On defense, Babbitt makes a firm stand on the United States' worldwide position. He projects that "the goal of America's defense policy should be to ensure that the United States never has to initiate the use of nuclear weapons."

Babbitt is a promoter of social programs. He promotes "the expansion of educational opportunities, creation of massive jobs programs, provisions for day care for working mothers, the improvement of housing and the total annihilation of illiteracy."

He also takes a realistic approach to the national debt and doesn't agree to loose spending on social programs. Babbitt says we must cut spending by establishing a "means test for all federal aid programs." He will not compromise on programs that he feels are needed, but he stresses the urgency of a progressive cure to the \$150 billion federal deficit.

Referring to the many remedies suggested by his opponents, Babbitt has said, "It's all words unless we have the courage to say 'Here's what we cut and here's revenue we're going to raise.'"

Babbitt's efforts may come to an end during the early primaries. His time to serve the nation hasn't yet come. The 49-year-old Democrat

has proven that he can capture the essence of the issues, but he has failed to promote his own political and social recognition.

In 1988, it will take more than good ideas and simple answers to



create loyal support.

[Editor's note: The above columns are the third in a series of profiles of the 1988 presidential candidates. Tuesday's edition will feature Republican Pete du Pont.]

Democratic presidential candidate Bruce Babbitt likes to portray himself as a man of ideas, an old-fashioned "stand-up" politician who is not afraid to tackle a problem.

To the candidate's credit, Bab-

the problem can only be corrected "by making choices, by setting priorities. By deciding that some things really are more important than others."

Babbitt has also made it clear what his spending priorities would be if elected — massive social programs. He has promoted the creation of huge job programs, provisions for daycare for working mothers and the improvement of housing, among many other programs.

And what is least important to Babbitt? National defense. Babbitt has called for massive cuts in defense spending which could only serve to weaken our national security.

Even with cuts in defense spending, there is no way Babbitt can balance the federal budget and still initiate the expensive programs he promotes. So how does he intend to fund these programs? By raising taxes.

Babbitt has proposed a five cent on the dollar national sales tax and has called for cuts in mortgage interest deductions. Why he thinks the over-taxed people of America will be willing to accept his proposal to take a little more from their paychecks is a little hard to understand.

If Babbitt's "spend and cut" method of budget reduction is confusing, his stand on the U.S. trade deficit is even more mind-boggling.

Although he insists over and over that he is opposed to protectionist



M.A. Brown
Editorial Editor

legislation, Babbitt's campaign promises say otherwise.

In his statement of candidacy, Babbitt says, "What we need is a new and simple international agreement for balanced trade. If you export, you import, and you do it in equal measure...And if that is not the case...then your victims will balance them for you — with across-the-board tariffs that increase every year."

If that is not a flat-out statement to foreign nations that a Babbitt presidency would be a protectionist presidency, then I don't know what is.

On foreign policy, Babbitt has promised to jump headlong into any arms reduction agreement the Soviet Union is willing to offer. He has also stated that he will sell-out Central America by withdrawing all aid to the Nicaraguan Contras. Babbitt's foreign policy could be very dangerous to the future of this nation.

However, the question of what type of president Babbitt would be is moot. His proposals to bleed more money from the American people while destroying their security have not caught on with many voters. Perhaps by his defeat, this silly Babbitt will learn that tricks are for kids.

America should ignore propaganda, false peace proposals from Soviets



Mark C. Davanport
Columnist

Have the Soviets pulled the wool over your eyes yet?

The American public seems to be swaying their support in favor of every Soviet peace proposal that comes down the road.

I personally applaud the reforms initiated in the Soviet Union by General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev, but in no way do I support his peace proposals while his country continues to instigate terror worldwide.

The Soviet's participation in Afghanistan has led to the indescribable murder and suppression of the Afghan people.

The Soviets now support Vietnam in their invasion of Cambodia, Angola and Laos in their use of chemical weapons against refugee villages.

Soviet atrocities also continue in Nicaragua where the Roman Catholic Church is persecuted, the Miskito Indians are exterminated and anyone who opposes the regime of

Daniel Ortega is tortured, jailed or shot.

The Soviet Union also continues to support international terrorism. The Soviets have supplied weapons and explosives to groups such as the Palestine Liberation Organization, Irish Republican Army, Direct Action and the RAF. There are also training bases within Soviet borders that actively train terrorists.

Add the Sept. 1, 1983 downing of Korean Air Lines flight 007 to the list of atrocities. Two hundred and sixty-nine innocent passengers and crew died because the Soviets saw fit to attack the commercial flight. Then they interfered with rescue operations. The Soviets have refused to compensate the victims' families and have threatened to shoot down any other aircraft that enters their airspace.

Within the Soviet Union the Communist government is slow in correcting their persecution of Jews and other religious groups.

When the Soviets begin to talk about peace, we should keep in mind that this is the same country that has not honored a single treaty it has ever signed concerning arms reductions.

Now the Soviets want to elimi-

nate short range nuclear weapons. These weapons are all we have left to keep the Warsaw Pact at bay in Europe.

Warsaw Pact conventional forces outnumber NATO forces eight to one. This number includes tanks, troops, artillery and aircraft (although the ratio for each varies).

The elimination of short range nuclear weapons would open a floodgate for the Communist hordes to annihilate Western Europe.

The Soviets have also proposed a reduction in chemical weapons and technology. However, a chemical weapons treaty would be unenforceable and therefore, potentially dangerous to the United States.

These treaties can only benefit the Soviets and endanger U.S. national security. I ask you to look past the public relations blitz the Soviets use in America to influence public opinion. Look at the past, observe the present and support the future.



Debate should spark controversy



Roger Allen
Columnist

Monday night the president addressed the nation on television. Included among the topics he discussed was an item that has been a source of controversy for many years. This item is the proposal that the Constitution should be amended to allow the president the power of a line-item veto.

This amendment would allow the president to eliminate those areas of a congressional bill which he feels are not in the best interests of the country and yet retain the essential character of the proposed legislation.

The proponents of such an amendment argue that the complex nature of the congressional legislative process makes the line-item

veto a practical necessity. Those opposed believe that it would infringe on the separation of powers within the U.S. government and give the president too much coercive force with regards to Congress.

What is your opinion? Because this is such a current and important topic of debate and because the nation is in its five year bicentennial celebration of the signing of the Constitution, the MTSU Bicentennial Committee in cooperation with the Tennessee Association of Political Science Students has organized a debate on this topic titled "Resolved that the Constitution should be amended so as to provide a line-item veto for the president."

The debate will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 3, at 7 p.m. in Keathley University Center Room 322.

This debate is the first in a series of three debates to be held this semester.

To begin the debate, two speak-

ers will present six-to-eight minutes representing viewpoints for and against the resolution. Following the speakers, the floor will be opened for comment or rebuttal from the audience. Members of the audience are encouraged to express their opinions through boos, cheers or other appropriate forms of verbal or non-verbal behavior.

When the debate is complete, the audience, which will be seated on opposing sides, will exit through separate doors to indicate which position each person accepts. There will be a head count to determine which side won the debate.

Jim Brooks, of the MTSU speech and theatre department, will moderate the debate.

Everyone who is involved with the debate encourages you to be in attendance on Feb. 3 to make sure your voice is heard and to help us celebrate the 200th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution.

STEVE BEAT — By KENT WHITAKER



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 Off-campus activities: Over 300 hours volunteer service
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Shamalam's sound surprisingly original entertainment

By JIM RIDLEY
 Entertainment Writer

Of seeing third-rate bands pawn themselves off as snooty rock stars at Jabbs? Tired of the rituals of the Murfreesboro music scene where everybody tries to convince everyone else that they have a record deal in the works? (You know who you are.) Well, a nice antidote might be a good dose of Shamalam at Tycoon's.

For example, while a bunch of supposedly cool bands were slugging it out at the Nashville Entertainment Association showcase to determine who would get to make the cut-out records of tomorrow, the really cool guys of Shamalam were upstairs in a jam-packed smoke-filled room at Tycoon's singing "Sunday Bloody Sunday" to a well-oiled crowd.

"Yeah, yeah," you say. "I've heard a million cover bands play that song." Well, that's true, but you probably never heard it sung with the lyrics of "Free Bird" before.

Such surprises are par for the course at Tycoon's these days. For the past month, Shamalam has played weekend nights at Tycoon's, spotlighting not only the muscular performances of the band but also refreshingly relaxed and unpretentious acoustic sets by several of Murfreesboro's finest songwriters.

Shamalam, the one-year-old band led by songwriter/guitarist Richard DuBois, had been laying low for a while when the chance came to play at Tycoon's.

"It's small, and it's intimate," says

DeBois, who wanted to play some dates to unleash new lead guitarist Lance Frizzell on an unsuspecting public.

"These are the best times we've played. We're more together, and we're having more fun," DeBois explains. Besides, chimes in Frizzell, "they buy me food."

DuBois also had also performed solo acoustic sets before clearing the stage for solo appearances by former Shamalam guitarist Tracy Blair, busy at work on his *Panic Ranch* recording project, and Riff Rath's fearless lead Mark Shenkel, whose unexpectedly affecting acoustic performances was one of the highlights of the series of shows.

"There's an interest in original

music at Tycoon's that you don't see anywhere else in Murfreesboro," says Shenkel, regarded by many as one of the area's finest tunesmiths. "This town's been dead for a long time in that area. It's encouraging to find another club interested in original music, especially one that's intimate. The closer you get to eye contact, the more impact you have."

Shenkel must have really stared

some people down — he had a group of people singing along to his "Scatterbrained" and drew applause for a lovely version of the Beatles' "Blackbird."

Shenkel later joined former F. Particle John Alexander onstage with Shamalam for a garage-band gang-up on his "Beggin' for Attention."

The finish for DuBois was when Shamalam finished a surfbound

version of "Baba O'Riley" only to have Frizzell exclaim, "Wow! I've never heard you play that before!"

Shamalam will play their last date on the "Exile from Mainstreet" at Tycoon's Saturday, Jan. 30. DuBois promises a special guest. One which might play piano. Don't expect Tom Petty, though — he only plays Tycoon's "Midnight Choir" on Saturday nights.

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SPORTS

Blue Raiders return to 'Death Valley' Sat.

By **TONY STINNETT**
Editor in Chief

They aren't getting any easier for MTSU's Blue Raider basketball team as the Ohio Valley Conference basketball race nears the halfway mark.

After a disappointing conference loss to Murray State at home last Saturday night, the Blue Raiders redeemed themselves with an emotional 74-67 victory over Austin Peay Monday. The win left the Raiders at 3-1 in the OVC, 12-6 overall.

The Raiders must put their past behind them and look to the future because their weekend road trip through "Death Valley" could be one of the most challenging tasks of the season.

"If we can win these two games I think we will be one up on everybody else in the conference," head basketball coach Bruce Stewart said. "The swing through Morehead and Eastern has always been a tough one and it will be difficult to beat either team on their home court."

Morehead State's basketball team is having their problems this season under first-year coach Tommy Gaither.

The Eagles have yet to record a victory in the OVC and their overall record stands at 4-12.

Morehead has a corps of talented individuals and are led by guards Bo Rivers and Michael Mason. Riv-

ers is averaging over 14 points a game while Mason comes into the game scoring 14 points an outing. "Morehead has four experienced players starting and they have been in a lot of games and they just short," Stewart said. "They have some good talent and some junior college players who are really scary."

"We can't take them for granted or take them lightly. We definitely can't look past them to Monday night," he said.

The Raiders will travel to Richmond, Ky., on Monday night to play a team that many feel have the best overall talent in the league.

Eastern Kentucky was selected as one of the top teams in the league this season and was chosen by league coaches to be a serious contender for the title.

But back-to-back conference losses on the road to Murray State and Austin Peay have forced the Colonels into a must-win situation this weekend if they plan to make a legitimate run at the OVC title.

Eastern currently has a 4-2 league record, 10-7 overall.

EKU is led by guard Jeff McGill, who beat the Raiders last year at Eastern on a 28-foot desperation shot at the buzzer.

"Eastern is very talented and they will be tough," Stewart said.

Both games can be heard live on WMOT-FM (89.5) with Dick Palmer and John Egly. Game time for both games is 6:30 p.m.



Wayne Cartwright/Staff

MTSU Staff Dwayne "Bam-Bam" Rainey looks for the open man against Austin Peay. The senior center scored 12 points and got 11 rebounds in the Raiders 74-67 win against the Gobs last Monday night.



1,000 Point Club

MTSU junior center Tawanya Mucker needs 25 points to join the Lady Raiders' 1,000 point club. She currently has 975 points. Mucker scored 30 against Murray State and 41 against Austin Peay.

PREDICTION: Mucker, based on her current scoring average, should join the 1,000 point club in the first half of the Feb. 1 game at Eastern Kentucky.

Professional players highlight baseball clinic, card show

By **CHUCK MORRIS**
Sports Editor

Come and see your favorite baseball player. Well, not the player, but his card.

The annual MTSU Baseball Card Show and Clinic will be held tomorrow beginning at 9 a.m. The clinic will continue until 3 p.m. and the card show finishes at 4:30.

This year's card show will be the largest one yet in what is becoming one of the biggest shows in the Southeast.

This year's guest list includes: Tom Browning, a former 20-game winner, of the Cincinnati Reds; Scotti Madison, an All-American catcher at Vanderbilt, of the Kansas City Royals; Otis Nixon, one of today's leading baserunners, of the Cleveland Indians; Randy Davidson, one of the original Nashville Sounds, and formerly an instructor in the Reds' farm system; and Jim Painter, the highly successful baseball coach at Columbia State Community College.

Browning, Madison and Nixon will also be on hand to sign autographs.

There will be no charge for the players' autographs, but admission will be charged for the card show.

Each of the three professional players have connections with the Nashville Sounds.

Browning spent time in Nashville last season after a disappointing start in Cincinnati. The left-handed pitcher, hampered by a sore elbow early in the season while compiling a 4-6 record and 7.76 ERA, spent a month in Nashville and returned compiling a 6-7 record and 3.58 ERA. Browning allowed three runs or less in 11 of his 18 starts after returning from his AAA stint with the Reds winning all 11 games.

As a rookie in 1985, Browning compiled an impressive 20-9 work sheet and a 3.55 ERA. He was named National League Rookie Pitcher of the Year by *The Sporting News* and finished second behind

St. Louis outfielder Vince Coleman in the Rookie of the Year voting.

Madison is beginning his second season with the Kansas City Royals organization. The former Vandy star hit .271 last season at Omaha, the Royals AAA farm team, and slugged 22 home runs. He also led Omaha in doubles, runs batted in and walks.

While with the Sounds in 1985, Madison led the American Association in batting (.341), slugging percentage (.590) and on-base percentage (.423) despite only playing only 86 games.

Nixon played with the Sounds when he was still in the New York Yankees organization.

Nixon has stolen 45 bases in three years with the Indians. Last

season, Nixon stole 36 bases at Buffalo, the Indians AAA affiliate, and hit .285. The outfielder played only 19 games with the big league club last season after playing 209 the previous two years.

●The Railbirds will have their annual Groundhog Day Luncheon Feb. 2 at 11:30 a.m. in the James Union Building.

The Railbirds will be serving white beans, corn bread and ham hock.

The luncheon will kick off the baseball season ticket sales. The Blue Raiders, defending Ohio Valley Conference champions, will have 27 home dates, including 13 in April.

For more information, contact Coach Steve Peterson at 898-2984.

MTSU, Morehead fight for conference lead

By **TRACY BOYD**
Assistant Sports Editor

MTSU's Lady Raider basketball team will be looking to extend their Ohio Valley Conference lead when they make their annual swing through "Death Valley" this weekend.

The Lady Raiders travel to Morehead, Ky., for a Saturday night match-up against Morehead State and then drive to Richmond to face Eastern Kentucky on Monday.

The Lady Raiders currently sit atop the OVC with an unblemished 4-0 record and are 11-3 overall.

MTSU is coming off conference victories over Murray State and Austin Peay.

Center Tawanya Mucker's inside dominance is a major reason the Lady Raiders are leading the league. The 6-foot junior is currently the fourth leading scorer in the OVC at 22.9 points per game and is third in rebounding at 10.3 per contest.

In her last three games, Mucker has scored exactly 100 points and pulled down 37 rebounds. This includes a 41 point performance against Austin Peay — one point shy of the all-time single game scoring mark set by Kim Webb last sea-

son against Eastern Kentucky. For her efforts, Mucker was named the OVC women's player of the week for the second time in three weeks.

Morehead State holds down the second place spot in the conference at 4-2, 10-4 overall. The Lady Eagles are led by Kelly Downs, their leading scorer at 15.7 points per game, and Druecilla Connors, who leads the team in rebounding with 7.9 per game.

Eastern Kentucky stands sixth in the OVC with a 3-3 record, 4-12 overall.

Despite their record — which has included losses to such heavyweights as Tennessee and Ole Miss — the Lady Colonels sport three of the better scorers in the conference.

Carla Coffey, a 6-foot senior forward, leads the team with an average of 17.4 points and ranks fourth in the OVC in rebounding with 9.1 per game. Cathy Snipes is averaging 17.0 points and 8.3 rebounds and Tina Reece is averaging 13.3 points per outing.

Lady Raider coach Lewis Bivens says that Morehead is a more experienced team than Eastern, but he isn't taking either team too lightly.

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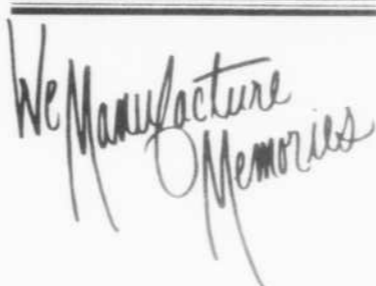
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