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IN THE NEWS

Andersen cancels debate

NASHVILLE (AP) — Republican Senate candidate Bill Andersen has a scheduling conflict that won't allow him to attend a Sept. 11 debate with Sen. Jim Sasser at MTSU, campaign officials said Wednesday.

But Andersen's campaign has proposed three alternative dates for a debate at MTSU — Oct. 9, 16 or 23, said spokeswoman Beth C. Nischan.

Andersen already is scheduled for an appearance at the Knox County Fair on Sept. 11, she said.

Sasser, a Democrat seeking his third six-year term to the U.S. Senate, agreed Tuesday to the Sept. 11 debate in Murfreesboro, said aide Keith Miles.

Andersen has challenged Sasser to a series of six debates, but Miles said Sasser would do only one.

Chip Mann, Andersen's campaign manager, said the campaign already has accepted four debate invitations in October.

Andersen, a Kingsport lawyer, won the GOP nomination to oppose Sasser by defeating Alice Algood of Columbia and Hubert Patty of Maryville in the Aug. 4 primary.

Storm saves doomed birds

GALLATIN, TN (AP) — An early thunderstorm Sunday allowed a reprieve for pesky pigeons roosting in downtown that were scheduled to be shot at dawn by police officers.

Hundreds of the birds have populated the town square, prompting the City Council's public safety committee to ask police to shoot the birds. Police had planned to take aim at the pigeons in the morning before most residents were awake, but the rain intervened.

"They're roosting all over the downtown area and on a couple of the larger churches," Assistant Police Chief Wayne Brooks said.

"I sure wouldn't want to walk down the street and have one of those pigeons drop on me."

Campus Capsule

The Society of Broadcast Students will have their first meeting Tuesday, Sept. 6 in LRC Studio A at 4 p.m.

The Blue Raider Soccer Club will hold its first organizational meeting today at 6 p.m. in the Alumni Gym.

WEATHER (AP) — Sunny west widely scattered thunderstorms mid and east Thursday and Thursday night. A good chance of rain in the east with scattered thunderstorms mid and west Friday. High Thursday 80s. Low Thursday night mainly 60s. High Friday upper 70s and 80s. Saturday through Monday scattered showers mid and east Saturday. Fair Sunday and Monday. Highs in the low and mid 80s Lows in the 60s.

Legalization still pending

Union closer to realization

By KIM HARRIS
Staff Writer

In another step toward unionization, the president of the Murfreesboro Chapter of the NAACP met with the proposed MTSU Employees Local Union Tuesday night to discuss guidelines and grievances.

As of Tuesday, 58 maintenance workers have signed union cards, bringing worker support to 65 percent — a 5 percent increase from last week and well over the necessary 51 percent.

"The others [maintenance workers], I think, will join after the union is established," William McKinley, president of the Murfrees-

boro NAACP, told the workers. "It [unionization] takes a while, but I think you're moving in the right direction."

The union executive committee will meet with MTSU President Sam Ingram in two weeks with the establishment proposal, McKinley said.

Eddie Richardson, acting president of the proposed union, said last week that a lawyer would be present at the meeting for the final stage of legalization. However, no lawyer was present and legalization is still pending.

According to an information sheet provided by a union member, "[The] local

union will work with administration to create a better working environment for employees at MTSU. Our main goal is to get the administration at MTSU to recognize the Employees Union."

An unnamed source within the proposed organization said that employee grievances will initially be handled according to campus policy as outlined in the *MTSU Classified Employee Handbook*.

In the event that a grievance is not handled in a sufficient manner, a union member would then be able to discuss the situation with a shop steward. As a last resort, a lawyer would be

called in to handle the case.

However, Richardson and McKinley stressed the importance of filing a grievance within 10 days of an incident.

"If you let it ride for 10 days, the 11th day call it quits," Richardson said.

Union membership is contingent upon skill level; foremen on down are eligible, Richardson said. Membership dues are \$5 a month, due on the last working day of the month.

Workers have been considering unionization since last May, when recommendations from a professional efficiency report resulted in 25 lay-offs.

"Read my lips..."



Wayne Cartwright/Staff

An estimated crowd of over 5,000 people turned out for Vice President George Bush's campaign stop at MTSU Monday. Following a tour of Forrest Hall, Bush gave a speech from the steps of the Kirksey Old Main Building. SEE STORY AND PHOTOS — PAGES 6 AND 7.



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MTSU prof takes SBR post

By LISA NEWTON
News Editor

Bene Cox, associate professor of English at MTSU, was appointed this summer as the assistant vice-chancellor of academic affairs, State Board of Regents.

Cox, who began her one-year appointment July 1, said she has a "very pleasant work environment" but added that she misses being on the MTSU campus.

She plans to return to MTSU as a member of the English faculty after her one-year leave of absence.

Some of Cox's primary activities as assistant vice-chancellor are being a member of the Tennessee ACT Policy Committee, the Strategic Planning Committee and the Council of Deans of Education (ex-officio). She will also be monitoring the MTSU/TSU Consortium during the year.

One of Cox's main interests is the Tennessee Collaborative Academy, which met the first week of August in Knoxville on the University of Tennessee campus. Cox had been a member of the task force, which consists of K-12 teachers and college profes-

sors. As assistant vice-chancellor, she now heads the force.

The collaborative academy is a statewide effort that includes all State Board of Regents schools, University of Tennessee schools, the Tennessee Department of Education, the Tennessee Board of Education and the College Board to ensure that high school students are academically prepared to make the transition from high school to college.

Cox is also on the staff of the Academic Assessment Placement Program Feedback Report, which, she said, involves "working with new admissions policies to take effect in 1989."

Cox came to MTSU 12 years ago from the University of Alabama, where she was a graduate teaching assistant for two years and an instructor for one year. She arrived with a master's and received her doctorate from Peabody College of Vanderbilt in 1980.

Over these years, Cox has taught lower division English courses as well as modern rhetoric and prose style to upperclassmen.

Cox is writing and analyz-

ing every day in her new position and she said she is enjoying it very much, especially since she taught writing for years at MTSU.

She feels she will bring a lot back to her teaching position at MTSU.

A nine year member of the English Department Lower Division Committee, Cox has also been a member of the Student Discipline Committee.

In 1980 and 1982, Cox was a fellow to Brooklyn College Institute, where, she said, she "learned about and practiced methods of collaborative learning for use in the classroom".

"MTSU has afforded me many opportunities to develop myself," Cox said. "And this appointment will be a way to learn about academic affairs."

This summer Cox addressed an issue at the Academic Sub-Council Meeting and also attended the Legislative Oversight Committee meeting in which public monies are accounted for.

This fall Cox has plans to make the annual visits to State Board of Regents campuses.



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Bene Cox, on leave from the MTSU English department, was named assistant vice-chancellor for student affairs, State Board of Regents.

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EDITORIAL

Bush visit good for all

By CHRISTOPHER BELL
Staff Columnist

As much as I hope a group of crazed Iowa spud farmers stomp George Bush into the dry midwestern ground shouting "Thanks a lot, buddy", I have two good reasons to thank the guy for visiting MTSU this week.

First, for giving the university community a chance to show what it can really do and second for clearing the fog from my mind about this race.

Ten thousand cameras were on us this week and we looked pretty good. Admittedly the Bush camp probably picked MTSU because it was the only place in non-Metro-Middle Tennessee where he could count on a solid Republican crowd, but it gave us as much of a photo opportunity as it did him.

The campus was clean, the crowd was well-behaved (with one exception, see below) and the rally went off without a hitch (or at least a visible hitch), and we all know how painful that can be. Mark Davanport, state College Republicans vice grand poo-bah, and everyone else involved in organizing the visit did a great job.

I'm also glad that the vice president stopped by, since he reminded me what a truly impressive jerk he is.

See, before Bush came to town I was beginning to think that there wasn't any real difference between he and Michael Dukakis. But his speech and the attitude of his

supporters made the difference clear.

Stunts like his slam of the American Civil Liberties Union and accusation that Dukakis is a *liberal* (gasp! Next he'll be telling us he's a *Democrat*, too) made it clear that the old "something/anything for a vote" George Bush of the 1980 presidential campaign is back. If Bob Dole reminded people of an unleashed pit bull during the primaries, Bush is like a chihuahua — a shrill, yapping distraction that you want to kick out of the house.

Of course the highlight to me was the first annual edition of the Fall Pike Fights. After the speech, when most people had left (except a few well-placed camera people), a group of Pikes (or cleverly disguised outside agitators wearing Pike T-shirts) got into a screaming match with a group of protesters.

While it's silly to expect Robert's Rules of Order out of a mob scene, I expected something better from the Bush supporters than "Cut your hair hippie!" and "Are you a fag or just a Democrat?"

While the protesters did get pretty loud in return, they avoided the Morton Downey Jr. like tone of the Pikes. However, it was interesting as proof that Cro-Magnon man does still walk the earth.

In general guys, you've got to act like adults before you get to sit at the grown-up table.

Contra -bution

By PATRICK SAGMAN
Staff Columnist

When President James Monroe formulated the Monroe Doctrine more than 150 years ago, he warned the European powers not to interfere in the Western Hemisphere. This was done to protect American interests.

This also helped most Latin American countries to gain independence and freedom mostly from Spain, as the U.S. supported independence for these countries.

Later in the 19th century, Marx designed the Communist Manifesto, which stated that all countries must become Marxist, or communist; therefore, this is the goal of communism. Communism, as we know it, is an oppressive system.

In communist countries, the few rule oppressively. Thus, imagine the kind of a system that our children and grandchildren would have to live in if we allow the communist forces to achieve their goal.

In 1959, working for this goal, the Soviets installed their puppet, Fidel Castro, to rule Cuba. In 1979, the Soviets installed their puppet Sandinista dictatorship over Nicaragua.

There were many other such cases in Latin America, such as in Grenada, Bolivia, Suriname, and others. However, most of these have been liberated.

Castro and the Sandinistas confiscated private properties from many innocent people in Cuba and Nicaragua, respectively, for the "benefit of the people." Freedom of speech has been restricted. Political opponents are imprisoned and tortured.

These and other problems caused many people in these countries to flee to other countries to live in exile for freedom.

Castro, the Sandinistas, and most other pro-Soviet regimes closed U.S. businesses in their countries, which hurt U.S. interests. In addition, Castro and the Sandinistas are trying to spread their anti-freedom and anti-American revolutions, threatening their free Latin American neighbors and the U.S.

Castro supports Puerto Rican leftist terrorists who shed American blood. Nicaragua supports Salvadoran terrorists. Please see **SAGMAN** page 5

Prof: Get involved or stay way out

By GLENN A. HIMEBAUGH
Guest Columnist

It's the start of a new school year and that means if you're a freshman or a transfer student, you'll soon be courted by some of MTSU's numerous student organizations seeking to add new blood and greater numbers to their membership rolls.

As a long-time sponsor, or faculty adviser, to one of these organizations, The Society of Professional Journalists, let me offer some thoughts for your consideration as you mull over your options.

Membership in organizations can offer many benefits for those willing to actively involve themselves. Fellowship with others of like interests, professional growth, contacts

that may prove invaluable down the road, the chance to develop leadership skills, and perhaps travel, are a few examples.

But the key words in that last paragraph are "actively involve." Unless you plan to participate in the organization's activities, attend its meetings, and contribute in a meaningful fashion, you'll do no one any favors by signing up.

The organization will gain nothing, beyond a few dollars in dues, from your membership. You'll be a dead weight.

Himebaugh's Harangue

You'll frustrate the officers when you don't show up for meetings or fail to carry out assigned duties.

More importantly, you'll gain nothing. But, you argue, "I'll be able to list the organization on my resume. It will help me get a better job."

Indeed, I recall several instances in which second semester seniors came to the Society of Professional Journalists and said they wanted to join. They did, and they were never seen again. They contributed nothing. But they used the organization in a hypocritical manner. Be assured that in the long run such tactics pay no dividends.

The problem of apathy is one that is very real and growing on this campus. In most organizations, it is the officers and a handful of loyal members who carry the entire load.

The rest of the members find plenty of convenient excuses for their laxity:

"I had to work last night."

"I've got to study for a big test."

"I had to go home for the weekend."

And so on.

Occasionally, such excuses are valid; mostly, they're crutches for the weak-willed.

Enough of this harangue. Here's the bottom line: Look into the organization that seeks your company. If you like what you see, by all means, sign on. But before you do, promise yourself that you'll be an active member — one who will contribute to, as well as take from, the organization. And keep that promise even after your initial enthusiasm wanes, as surely it will.

Keep the promise, and it will be a "win, win" situation for all involved!

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who shed the blood of the Salvadoran people and of the U.S. troops there.

Fortunately, there are many free Latin American forces that are fighting the Marxist-Leninist aggression. In 1961, Cuban exiles attempted to liberate Cuba from Castro's hands at the Bay of Pigs.

The *contra* freedom fighters have shed their blood fighting for their freedom against the oppressive Sandinistas. President Jose Napoleon Duarte of El Salvador has endangered his life to establish peace and freedom by fighting the aggressive communist rebels in his nation.

Peace talks? Well, this year the stubborn Sandinistas finally agreed to negotiate peace with the *Contras*. The Sandinistas announced that they would establish freedom of speech and assembly, and allow the opposition press to operate if the *contras* lay down their arms.

The *contras* agreed to this arrangement and the Sandinistas rewarded the country with yet another crackdown on freedom of political speech and the opposition press.

The American ambassador to Nicaragua was thrown out of the country as well. Not surprising.

Thus, it is the duty of every freedom-loving American to support Latin American freedom fighters, such as the *contras* and other anti-Communist movements. When there is a safe Latin America, there is a safe America. Likewise, when there is a safe America, there is a safe Latin America.

So thanks a million to all who have been supporting the *contras* and the other freedom fighters.

Bush rally fails to convince one Dukakis Democrat to vote Bush

By **LUCY MOGENSON VERMILLION**
Staff Columnist

Well, here we go again, the first week back to school. Here I sit in the grill, surrounded by Bush rally flyers and a few strategically placed calls for a "Bush protest." By the time you see this, Bush will have come and gone, TV cameras will have disappeared and parking will be back to first-week-of-fall-semester normal.

But since I have an excuse to talk politics ...

Being on the liberal side of moderate, (well, OK — I guess I will admit to being a liberal), I'm probably more likely to vote for Dukakis than for Bush. My motivations are not tied so much to party loyalty (I have voted Republican on occasion) but to what I consider common sense.

The truth is, however well educated and experienced Bush may be, he definitely lacks in political gaming techniques. He did not stand by his platform in 1980 after sharply criticizing Reagan, but rather joined forces with Reagan for the number two spot. This gives him the appearance of not really caring about the issues.

He did not step forward immediately and admit to a role — however minor — in the Iran-contra meetings. This gives him the appearance of hedging the truth — and worse, political cowardice.

He does not have Reagan's charisma to run on. Instead of emphasizing his own strong points, he tries to come off as Reagan's witty successor — and ends up looking desperate.

Finally, after a five-month opportunity to screen vice-presidential candidates, Bush chose a man from the same economic class as himself, (a good way to impress those of us struggling through school on \$5,000 a year) whose past has put a definite stain on the campaign.

I believe that at this point we need a president who can think on his feet and react to situations smoothly and confidently. Dukakis impressed me with the way he handled President Reagan's ill-considered remark, "I won't pick on an invalid."

Dukakis came back beautifully with his reply "The President didn't have to apologize, we all say those things from time to time."

Let's face it, Republican or Democrat, what either candidate will end up actually doing about anything will be anybody's guess, and probably, there will be minimal differences in the approach taken. I'll opt for a change — I'll vote for a man who can make smart decisions and stick by them.



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George Bush: The two-dimensional character



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Once every four years the national political process gears up for yet another presidential election.

In this process, most citizens feel at best that they are a remote component of this complex political ritual.

In this age of a media created "global village," the average American citizen becomes acquainted with the candidates through repeated two-dimensional glimpses through television, magazines and newspapers.

For the students of MTSU and the citizens of Middle Tennessee, however, one of these two-dimensional characters became a three-dimensional candidate.

Vice President George Bush's campaign stop on campus Monday gave these people the rare opportunity to take a personal look at a man who could profoundly impact the course of their lives for the next several years.

"I am an experienced leader. I am right for the future, and I want to be your leader," the Republican candidate told the crowd.

Bush reached the crowd on a personal level by discussing his values and views on issues such as jobs, tax increases, abortion and drug abuse.

Concerning the economy, the vice president strongly voiced his opposition to any tax increase and told the crowd of his intention to "keep the recovery going until every American has a job that wants a job."

If Congress proposes a tax increase, Bush said he will respond first by telling them "no new taxes." If they persist he will continue to resist.

"And if they try a third time, and you know they will," he said. "I will tell them 'Read my lips, no new taxes.'"

Comparing his beliefs with those of Democratic candidate Michael Dukakis, Bush said he believes in "adoption instead of abortion," voluntary prayer in schools and children reciting the pledge of allegiance in school.

Bush said that he can't believe his opponent "lets first degree murderers out on weekend passes," but opposes "letting teachers lead our children in the pledge of allegiance."

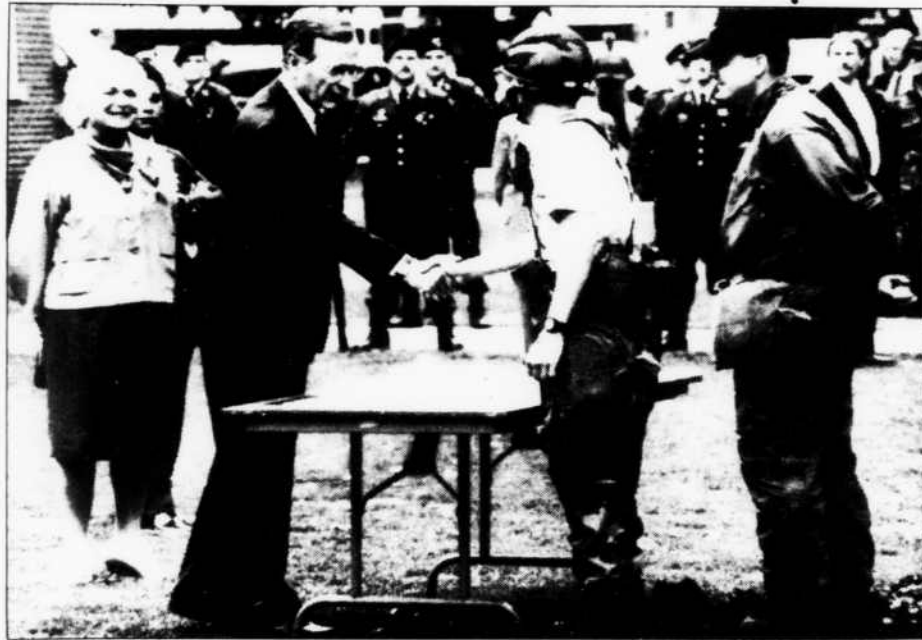
As for his stand on the war on drugs, the Texas native said he supported mandatory sentencing for convicted drug dealers and capital punishment for "drug king-pins."



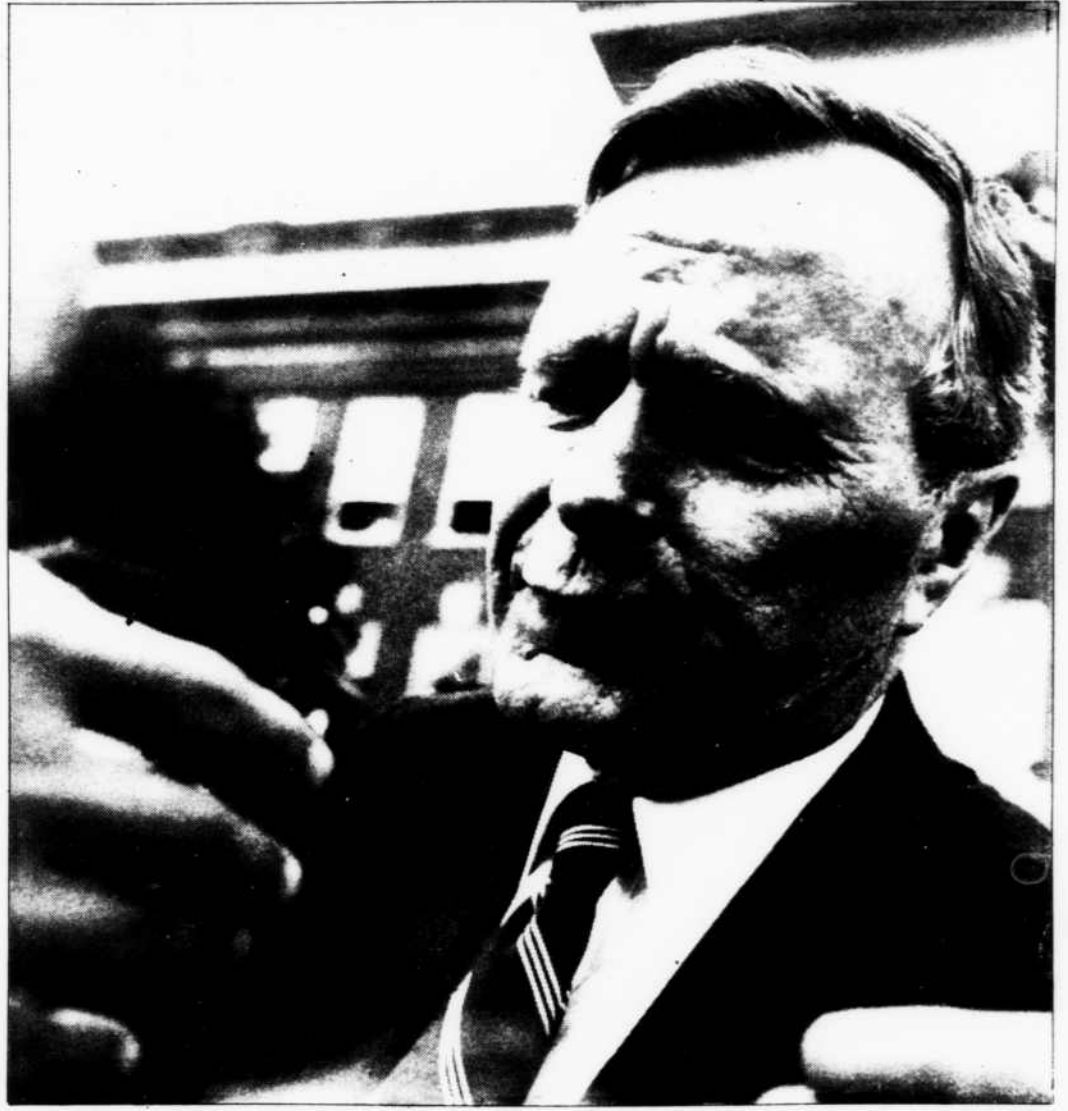
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becomes a "3-D" candidate

He added that derogatory statements by Dukakis about the Reagan Administration's efforts to enforce drug laws insulted "the DEA, the FBI, the Coast Guard and all the state and local law enforcers who lay their lives on the line every day to stop the insidious flow of drugs into our nation."

The vice president concluded his speech by saying the Reagan Administration had put the United States back on a course toward prosperity and only he, not his opponent, could continue to lead the country along this path.

"...I see a new pride in the United States of America," he said. "This is no time for a retreat to the policies which failed us in the past."

The majority of the approximately 5,000 in attendance took full advantage of the opportunity to attend a presidential campaign rally by shouting, waving placards and blowing air-horns.

A number of spectators went as far as to break security ropes in an attempt to see the vice president up close.

The visit prompted a wide range of opinions concerning the vice president among those who attended.

"I'm for Bush because he's against raising taxes, he's against abortion and against Communism," Scott Allen, a Brentwood resident, said. "He's for a strong defense. He's for teachers, and he puts more emphasis on education."

"We don't like his defense policy," Elkin Brown, an employee of Volunteer State Community College in Gallatin, said in reference to himself and his wife, Billye. "We also don't like his cutting student loans, the way he deals with the Central America issue, the Contra aid policy or his economic policy with the big tax raise."

Calief Snelling, a local activist, said he is convinced that Bush was involved with Panamanian drug racketeer Gen. Manuel Noriega and that he has not properly addressed this issue.

Even country music performer John Anderson, who performed before and after the speech, had an opinion.

"I readily agreed to perform [at the rally]," he said. "I've supported him for the last eight years. He's doing a great job with gun control. I was very impressed with what he said. I don't think he left any holes."

Some tempers flared following the speech when a small group of people engaged in a verbal confrontation outside Peck Hall.

Several prominent campus, local, state and national lead-

ers joined Bush on the platform during his speech. Included in this group were Howard Baker, former U.S. senator and White House chief of staff, and former Tennessee Gov. Winfield Dunn.



Wayne Cartwright•Staff

Contributing to this article were Lisa Newton, Marla Cartwright, Deanna Kalas, Gary Buchanan and M.A. Brown. Contributing photographers were Wayne Cartwright, Frank Conley, Tim Cope, Mike Johnson and Helen Comer.

SPORTS

Questions surround Raiders; inexperience biggest worry

From Staff Reports

Amid a sea of almost 3,000 fans, 267 pounds of barbecue and gallons and gallons of Coca-Cola and beer, the 1988 Blue Raider football season was officially kicked-off Tuesday night.

While everyone who attended enjoyed the 10th Annual Boots & Barbecue, held at the Indian Hills Golf and Athletic Club, many questions still remain unanswered concerning this year's squad.

When fall practice opened, Coach Boots Donnelly expressed concern for his team's lack of experience on offense, particularly in the line.

Now, with the Blue Raider's 1988 opener coming up Saturday night, his reason for concern is readily apparent.

The Blue Raider depth chart for the opening-game

duel with Tennessee State shows a total of 31 players on the offensive side of the ball.

Among those 31 are only one senior [quarterback Marvin Collier], only two juniors, 11 sophomores and 17 freshmen.

Contrast that to the defensive unit, where there are nine seniors, four juniors, nine sophomores and only seven freshmen among a total of 29 players.

"We are young on offense, no question about it," Donnelly said. "We have a lot of freshmen who are going to see playing time. That is probably going to make things exciting when we have the ball — maybe more exciting for Marvin than he wants it to be."

The probable starters on offense Saturday for the Raiders will include, in addition to Collier, Mike Gor-

don at split end, Ricky Mitchell and Ernest Henderson at the tackles, Leroy Gifford and Mike Nihill at guards, Mike Gibson at center, Melvin James at Tight End, Van Dangler at flanker, Ricky Martin at tailback and Wade Johnson at fullback.

The likely starters on defense are Kenny Tippins and Marty Euverard at the ends, Jack Pittman and Brent Shepard at tackles, Mike Kelly and Tony Bradley at guards, Anthony Coleman and Andre Dyer at linebackers, Jimmy McCamey and Chuck Swafford at the corners and Tommy Barnes at free safety.

Senior Don Thomas, a starter at linebacker last season, is coming off an early fall injury and will probably be limited to back-up duty.



Frank Conley/Staff

The beat of different drummers...

Lalo Davila gives a few pointers to the snare section of the Band of Blue. Davila is an instructor in the music department and has been in charge of the drum line since last season. The drum line practices every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

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'Boys of Summer' work in fall

By JASON ALLEN
Staff Writer

One could have experienced some unusual happenings walking by the MTSU athletic complexes late Monday afternoon.

As the Blue Raider football team prepared for their season opener against TSU, there were some strange sounds coming from across

the way at Smith Baseball Field.

Most obvious was a clanking noise and various huffing-and-puffing sounds — along with chants of "Let's go now," "Whatta-ya-say?" and, of course, the classic "Come now, babe."

In case you haven't guessed by now, these are the sounds of the MTSU

baseball team going through their fall workouts.

Though it may seem odd to be starting baseball practice at this time of year, it is a regular occurrence almost everywhere.

"The fall season is very important to us," head coach Steve Peterson said. "It gives us something to build on for the spring, and

it helps our younger players gain much needed experience against good competition."

The Blue Raiders lost several key players from last year's squad due to graduation and the professional draft, so they will be counting on the younger players to produce.

"Our emphasis will be mainly on walk-ons and freshmen this week," Peterson said. "We'll look at their running, throwing, physical size and their raw natural ability. There will be intra-squad games everyday this week, and then we'll have to make our cuts."

Assistant Coach Ronnie Vaughn added that he felt

the Raiders had some good young talent.

"Although we lost some very good people, we feel we've signed some good, young players who can step in and play," he said. "We will definitely have a young team, but that's okay. We're not afraid to play freshmen."

The Blue Raiders will practice daily until they open their fall schedule Sept. 11 at Cumberland University.

In all, they will play 11 exhibition games, wrapping up the fall season on Oct. 12.

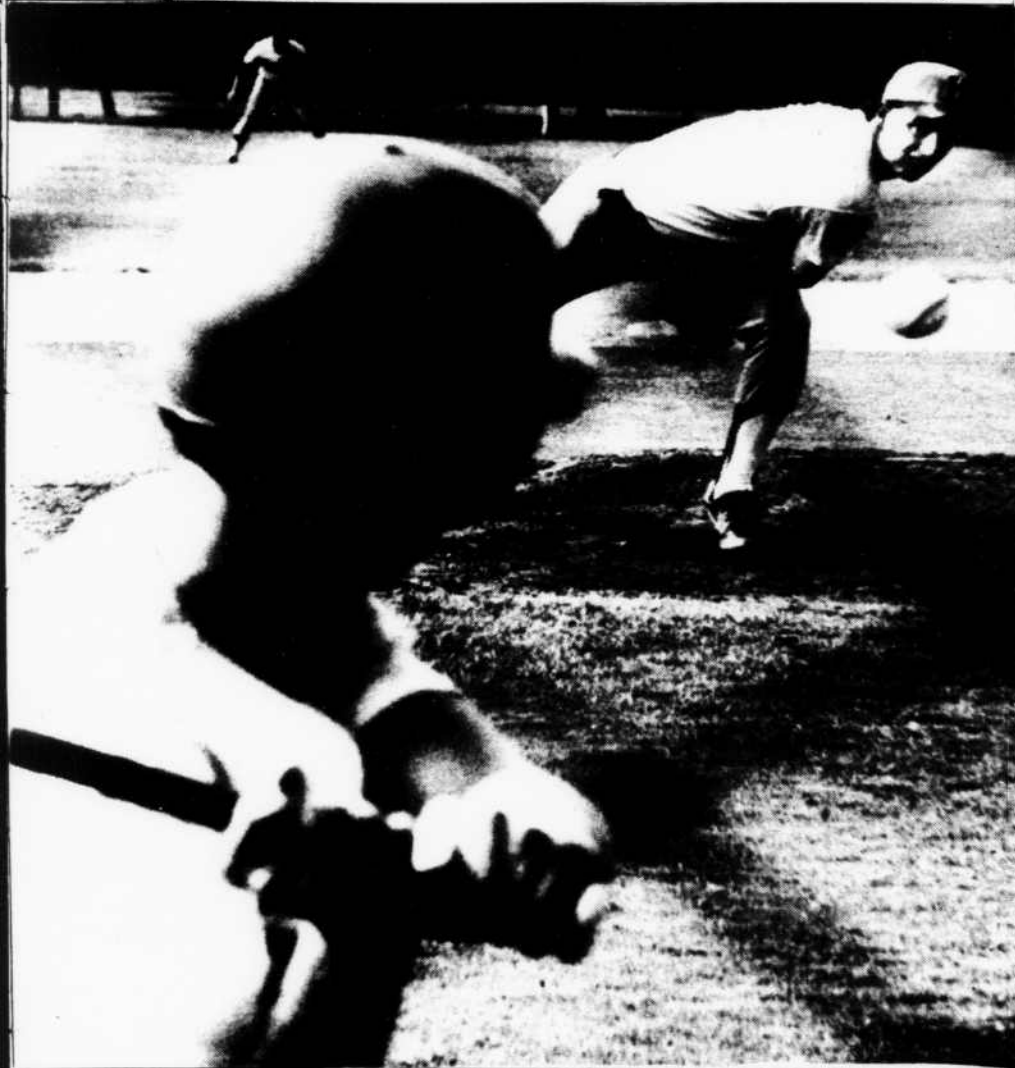
Eight of the 11 fall games will be played at MTSU's

Smith Field. All games are free and open to the public.

Following the conclusion of their schedule, the team will hit the weight rooms and work on conditioning throughout the winter months.

"By the end of the fall season, we will want to have established most of the players at each position," Peterson said. "We are very serious about the fall season. If we can establish a winning attitude in the fall, it will carry over into the spring."

If the team's winning attitude is even close to what it was last season, there will be a lot to look forward to.



Frank Conley/Staff

Looking down a loaded gun...

Although baseball is considered a summer sport, the coming of fall does not mean the end of practice for these and the other members of the Blue Raider baseball team. The above action is from an intra-squad game played Wednesday afternoon.

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LIFESTYLES

Sorority rush sets record; more than 200 "go greek"

By GARY BUCHANAN
Lifestyles Editor

More than 200 rushees received bids during 1988 sorority rush, sponsored by the MTSU Panhellenic Association.

This figure ranks this year's rush as the largest ever on the MTSU campus, surpassing last year's record of 185, according to Judy Smith, associate dean of women.

"It was much larger all the way from the start, with 299 who attended (rush) orientation," she said, "that's about 25 more than last year."

Preparations for rush actually began in December of last year, according to Linda Spence, MTSU Panhellenic president.

"We get started on rush early every year, because it is so important to each sorority."

"It not only means the addition of new members, it also fires up each sorority, especially the older members, seeing all these young girls come in," said Spence.

The Panhellenic Association

sent out rush registration forms in mid-summer, and received responses from over 300 freshmen and upperclassmen.

The actual rush activities began on Wed., Aug. 24, with an orientation and ice cream social in Keathly University Center. This was designed, according to Spence, to acquaint the young women with the rush process.

The rushees were then put into groups and placed under the guidance of rush counselors, or "Rho Chi's". Rho Chi's are disaffiliated members of sororities chosen by the Panhellenic executive board to assist the rushees with any problems that they might encounter during the rush period, and to help them choose a sorority that is best suited for their interests and needs.

The first of the actual rush parties was held the next night, and the theme of this party was "Go Greek," with each sorority promoting the Greek system as a whole. The parties

were held in each of the sorority's chapter rooms, located in Cummings Hall.

Rushees received invitations for the Friday evening, the display parties, in which the sororities showed off their party favors, shirts and other items emblazoned with their greek letters and mascots.

This set the stage for Saturday night, which began the most intense and important stage of rush.

Theme parties by each of the sororities were held in the K.U.C., with each of the five putting on elaborate gatherings following a central theme.

Alpha Omicron Pi transformed their party into the setting of "Camelot," complete with a castle and a knight in shining armor. A skit was performed in which Merlin the magician, played by Kathie Gentry, showed a confused rushee why their sorority was best for her.

Alpha Delta Pi also set an elaborate stage, turning

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Jeri Ray [left] and Michelle Crawford participate in the traditional candlelighting ceremony held before rushee bids were given out Monday night.

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Shooting the Vice President...

Michael Johnson/Staff

The above spectators came armed with cameras Monday to get a piece of memorabilia from Vice President George Bush's visit to Murfreesboro.

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their party into "McDonaldland," or "McAlpha-Delta-Pi-land," complete with Ronald McDonald, played by Amy Jackson. The idea came from their national philanthropy, the Ronald McDonald House.

On Sunday evening, the rushees attended preference parties, in which they

made their decision on their top two sorority preferences.

Rushees then had the agony of waiting until Monday evening when they received their bids. This was preceded by a candlelighting in the Tennessee Room with all of the rushees attending.

Following the ceremony,

over 200 young women tore across campus to Cummings Hall where they received their bids and joined the other new pledges in their respective sororities.

In other related news, Spence reported that efforts are being made to expand the number of sororities on campus.

Campus reacts to Bush visit

By MARLA CARTWRIGHT
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Amid an atmosphere of air-horns, shouts of protest and balloons, Vice President George Bush's visit Monday prompted a variety of reactions, opinions, and viewpoints from MTSU students and faculty.

One MTSU organization which is still greatly benefiting from the Bush visit is the campus-based ROTC.

Bush not only toured the ROTC building, but also reviewed cadets, giving them a chance to show off their physical skills and weapons expertise. The Forrest Raider platoon, a specially-trained unit, exemplified their rappelling and rope bridge climbing.

A number of students expressed an interest in joining the team after seeing the demonstration, and an enrollment increase is expected, according to Lt. Col. Cecil B. Calloway, professor of military science.

Calloway stressed that students don't have to join ROTC to be a part of the

drill team, where they can earn one hour credit in the military science curriculum.

Several students in the ROTC program had a chance to demonstrate their individual skills for the vice president. One of these students was Leah Hulan, a junior who helped demonstrate the type of physical exercises that the ROTC program goes through.

"It was very exciting seeing the vice president, and a great opportunity for the ROTC program to demonstrate the type of exercises that we do every day," Hulan explained. "We get up at 6:00 a.m. every morning and do these exercises."

Dan Clark, a graduate student in charge of the weapons demonstration for

Bush, said that the vice president's visit was good for both the school and the ROTC program.

In addition to reactions from the ROTC members, Bush's visit also prompted responses from the crowd of MTSU onlookers.

Signs reading "Go home Bush," and "Where was George" were sprinkled among a vast majority of Bush supporters.

"He was awesome! The man is going to do it in '88," exclaimed Shawn Swafford.

"George gave the people what they wanted today," said Lee Ann Smith. "He was strong, vivacious — a great speaker!"

Leslie Higinbotham added, "He was incredible, I can't see anybody saying that he is a wimp anymore."

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