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Faculty Senate asks for parking, protection

NICOLE M. SIKORA Assistant News Editor

Resolutions protecting professors in harassment cases and asking that more faculty parking spaces be added in the parking plan were passed during a heated Faculty Senate meeting Monday night.

The Faculty Senate unanimously passed a resolution asking Vice President for Academic Affairs James Hindman to develop guidelines insuring that all parties' rights be considered in cases of sexual, racial and/or ethnic harassment.

Senators also proposed that the guidelines keep unsigned complaints from being placed in employees' files.

The resolution was proposed by Faculty Senate President Patrick Doyle in light of allegations of sexual harassment against Dr. Powell McClellan, a physical education and recreation professor.

Concerns about the filing of accusations and the anonymity of the accused were addressed in the document, which states, "The Faculty Senate is very concerned over the apparent lack of due process

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Nursing facility in planning phase

SAM GANNON News Editor

Initial planning for a new nursing building on campus will soon begin thanks to a grant of more than \$3 million from the Christy-Houston Foundation.

The facility, which is included in phase one of the Master Plan, will be located in what is now a parking lot on the corner of 2nd Street and B Street, across from Corlew Hall and in front of Stark Agricultural Center.

The building received construction approval last week from the State Building Commission and pre-planning will have begun by fall.

"We believe that the best way in which to enhance the quality of health care is to offer the best preparation possible to those who will deliver that care," James R. Arnhart, foundation president, told the Tennessee Board of Regents in making the gift.

The Christy-Houston Foundation of Murfreesboro focuses its attention on improving health care.

"I think this is a significant move forward," said Director of Campus Planning Charles Pigg. "We're hoping that this will break the ice in Master Plan construction."

The grant of \$3.15 million will be provided over a period of two or three years.

"It's a big gift to the campus," said Vice President for Finance and Administration Jerry Tunstill. "It can do nothing but enhance our campus community," he said. "We're tickled to death over this."

The department of nursing has been housed in the same building with the agricultural program since 1966 and uses whatever space has been available.

"Nursing has never really had a home on this campus," said Dr. Judith Wakim, nursing department chairperson.

Hubert McCullough of Murfreesboro, vice chairman of the TBR, made the presentation to the building commission on behalf of the Christy-Houston Foundation.

"Construction has been delayed indefinitely until this point," McCullough said. "We believe this project serves the interests of both the foundation and the

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MASTER PLAN

Phase One of the Master Plan also includes: Business/Aerospace Building New Library Art Building Nursing Building Expansion of Corlew cafeteria Student Recreation Center Parking Garage at Kirksey Old Main

Students rate housing sub-par

NICOLE M. SIKORA Assistant News Editor

Residence hall cleanliness, climate and atmosphere gave students a negative impression of campus housing and the university, the results of a survey taken of entering freshmen and transfer students by the Dean of Admissions, Records and Information Systems.

Housing quality was listed as being "worse than any other college or university" by 10.7 percent of the total respondants.

Housing Director Ivan Shewmake said though he is concerned with the small number of students surveyed, he feels the problems need to be addressed.

Only 168 of the 3,500 surveys handed out were returned in a usable form.

said Shewmake.

make excuses," Shewmake said. "But if you do that, the situation will come up again."

Shewmake said the comparison between MTSU and other schools is being based on what private schools can offer.

After a tour of residence hall facilities in other Tennessee schools, Shewmake said he feels MTSU dorms are comparable or superior to other dorms.

"I think by any kind of objective criteria, we come out good on that," Shewmake said.

"We have managed to keep our costs down. We put that money back into making the buildings more attractive," Shewmake said. "We are an institution, but you try to get away from that when you can."

The occupancy rate in "The first thing I did with the University Housing has gone down urvey was call a staff meeting," from earlier years, reports show, "One natural reaction is to occupancy rate for last spring.



In spring 1990 the occupancy rate in Housing was 92 percent occupied, Housing documents confirm. By spring of,1991 the rate had slipped to 87 percent. Currently the Housing occupancy rate is 87.91 percent.

Student comments solicited in the last section of the survey discussed concerns such as cleanliness, noise level and temperature settings.

One student said "on the weekends, Cummings Hall is like a garbage dump."

Shewmake said the absence of janitorial service in bathrooms on the weekends presents a problem of cleanliness. He said additional trash cans have been provided in such dorms as but currently Housing is above the Cummings Hall and student See SUB-PAR, page 2

FEATURES

Greenbank named editor of Sidelines

SAM GANNON News Editor

Sidelines' Features Editor Fern Greenbank was appointed Tuesday as Sidelines' Editor-in-Chief for summer and fall by the Student Publications Committee.

Greenbank, a journalism magazine major, said she is excited about tackling her new position.

"I've got a lot of ideas for the newspaper. I don't think students will even recognize it next year," Greenbank said.

Greenbank's plans for the paper include recruiting more staff, developing a better working relationship with the journalism department, and greater coverage of campu issues and events.



Fern Greenbank

"I want the newspaper to look professional and to be taken seriously. I've got my work cut out for me, but the staff is excited about the challenge and so am 1," Greenbank said.

At 33, Greenbank is the

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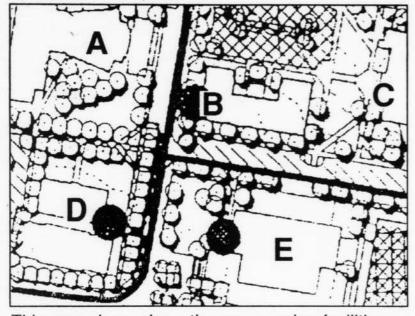


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This map show where the new nursing facilities will be located. A-Tucker Theatre, Boutwell Dramtic Arts Building B- Nursing facility C- Stark Agricultural Center D-Forrest Hall E-Corlew Hall

Nursing -

continued from page 1 university by meeting a need for

permanent housing for one of our vital educational programs."

Pigg said the pre-planning phase will take between six and eight months. Hopefully, construction will begin next spring, he said.

Nursing students could be in their new classrooms by fall 1993, Pigg said.

More than 650 students declared a major in nursing this spring, exceeding even the phase four enrollment projections of the Master Plan. Recent studies by TBR have determined that an insufficient number of nurses is being produced by educational institutions to meet the needs of Tennessee health care facilities. MTSU offers a bachelors degree in nursing.

"We also have lots of people hoping to come from other local schools for upperdivision studies," Wakim said.

The grant includes \$150,000 to be used for architectural services, with the remaining \$3 million for construction. The foundation has committed to the TBR to deliver the \$150,000 this month and to distribute the balance over the interval necessary to support the construction project.

"We are overjoyed by the decision of the foundation to provide such substantial support, without which we could not meet this pressing need at present," university President James E. Walker and Regents Chancellor Otis L, Floyd said in a joint statement.

An architectural firm will be

selected by the building commission following further review of the project by commission staff and the preplanning will begin, Tunstill said.

The new facility will be larger than design in the Master Plan, which allowed for 9,000 square feet, but Wakim said the original plan was incorrect.

"The building will now have 30,000 square feet," Tunstill and Pigg said.

The new facility will also house various labs for learning.

"There are three classrooms and a lot of people in each class," one nursing student said. "We have one lab and that's connected to a classroom. It's not enough."

The department applied for the grant in 1989, Wakim said, and the nursing department hopes to be in its new quarters by fall 1993.

Sub-Par -

continued from page 1 volunteers remove garbage once during the weekend.

The cost and time required to install an alternative heating and cooling system, Shewmake said, would take "years and cost millions."

Shewmake said he believes firmly in special interest housing, such as a type A (no visitation, strict quiet hours) residence.

As for trying to set up a type A residence hall, Shewmake said, "We can never get enough people to go."

Other special interest housing requests being considered by the housing department include oneoccupant efficiency apartments, exterior corridor dorms with quad bathrooms for women, and a co-ed residence hall.

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Panhellenic hosts egg hunt

VICKI NEAL Assistant News Editor

More than 30 children hunted for eggs and got a head start on Easter at Sunday's annual Panhellenic Easter egg hunt at President Walker's home.

Children of MTSU administration, faculty, those living in married housing and special guests were invited to the hunt by the Panhellenic Council which has sponsored the egg hunt for five years.

"Last year we had 40 or 50 kids show up for the egg hunt," said Nicole Brotherton, public relations spokesperson for the council.

Brotherton added that the council sent out 1,200 invitations for the Easter event.

"Putting the egg hunt together isn't hard," she said. "Sending out the invitations is the most work."

Several prizes including Easter baskets, chocolate bunnies and stuffed animals were given to those who placed as winners, finding the most eggs or stumbling upon the golden egg.

"They [the children] enjoy it," Brotherton said. "They get so excited about it."

Three-year-old Katie Spigolon said she was having fun.

"Run faster with me Mommy," Katie said. "I did it!"

Spigolon's mother said this egg hunt was Katie's "first real Easter hunt."

Five-year-old Stephen Luter said that his favorite part about Easter is the "bunny rabbit."

Brotherton said the Panhellenic Council enjoys putting together Easter egg hunts because it helps provide "better relations with people we deal with everyday."

Jill Lurie, former public relations director for the Panhellenic Council, said it is strong group.

"We have a strong Panhellenic Council," Lurie said. "There's not a lot of competition between sororities except during 'All Sing', maybe."

Lurie is currently serving as



HUNTING FOR EGGS:

Patrick Cathey hunts for Easter eggs on the President's lawn as Easter comes a little early this year.

coordinator for this semester's "Greek Week."

"It's a lot more organized this year," she said.

Various activities during the event will include Olympic games, contests, volleyball tournaments and a country dance party. Money left over from "Greek Week" will be donated to the university, Lurie said.

"We want to show the campus that we do good for others," she said.

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afforded the faculty/administrators/staff in cases of reports of sexual/racial/ethnic harassment where the aggrieved wishes to remain anonymous."

"For whatever reason, if a person makes an unfounded accusation, as it is now, that may very well wind up in somebody's folder," Doyle said.

Doyle said unfounded accusations could affect future job prospects for the accused, regardless of the truth of the accusations.

In a lively discussion, parking fees and fines as outlined in the recent parking study conducted by the office of Finance and Administration were debated.

Parking fee increases (between \$10 and \$35 for faculty, staff and students) are necessary to fund shuttles from perimeter lots, the paving of a gravel lot and the construction of another paved lot on the outer rim of campus, Doyle said, since the state will not cover these costs.

The number of defined parking spaces for faculty and staff members in the new parking plan drew concern because of the decrease in faculty and staff parking spaces.

"The only thing that was voted on [by the executive committee] was the fee structure. The rest of it is still up for faculty input," Doyle said.

"We will lose 40 faculty positions because they are going to increase the number of handicapped parking spaces, and the only ones that would be appropriate for those would be the spaces closest to the building," he said.

Doyle also said positions would be lost due to blocking off the east side of the loop so the shuttle could run.

Faculty and staff are encouraged by the administration to purchase decals for the \$10 perimeter parking spaces and ride shuttle buses to the core of the campus, said Jerry Tunstill, vice president of Finance and Administration.

Buying these spaces would be cheaper for faculty and staff and reduce the number of cars in the core of campus.

Three lots that the Faculty Senate considered for increased faculty parking spaces include the north end of the lot beside the baseball field, the lots in front of Mass Communications, and the lot between the Davis Science

Building and the athletic dorms. "If anybody ought to be walking, it ought to be the athletes," Doyle said.

Suggestions from the Traffic Committee to make the proposed parking plan work include towing on the first offense for parking violations made by faculty, staff and students.

"I think a lot of times if faculty park illegally, it is because we cannot find parking spots. I think the towing should be enforced for the students but not the faculty," said assistant music professor Christine Isley.

The Faculty Senate voted with some opposition to ask that President James Walker replace lost faculty parking spaces with parking elsewhere and that the punishment of towing on the first parking offense for all faculty, staff and students be enforced.





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Opinions

Answering the stupid question 'Who's running the university?'

Normally, we avoid using the editorial space for responding to our critics. However, Dr. Stephen Lewis' column 'Who's running the university?' in our last issue is so ridiculous that it demands a response.

In case you missed it, Dr. Lewis questions the logic of an editorial favoring the condom machine bill and, more broadly, the ability of students to make decisions on matters of concern on this campus. We would like to clarify for him, and anyone else with comprehension problems, our position on this issue:

*The term "twisted view of morality" refers to the administration's preference for image over safety. Is it not twisted to be more concerned with the school's reputation than the potential cost of a human life?

*Dr. Lewis asks what religions/parents condemn sex. Certainly none take a stance against reproduction. We were referring to premarital sex (the most popular kind on a college campus) of which neither of those two groups are staunch supporters.

*We used the term "socially ignorant" to characterize the university's position. Dr. Lewis seems to believe that, since society tends to evolve in its thinking, it is unwarranted to question the status quo. However, we feel it is only through questioning that change is created. His assertion is ignorant even by Stone Age standards.

*Dr. Lewis argues that if students would plan ahead then we wouldn't need condom machines. No shit, Sherlock! If people wouldn't have car accidents, we wouldn't need seat belts. It's not a perfect world.

*His final argument, and probably the theme of his column, is that students should focus on getting their degrees without questioning the actions of our leaders. Sounds dangerously close to facism to us.

Dr. Lewis' column seems to reflect a common attitude on this campus -- that students should be seen but not heard. His assertion should reaffirm the need for increased student involvement in university decisions, not less. Sorry, Doc. We will be heard.

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Letters to the Editor

Dr. Lewis should learn, not just teach

There have been many instances this semester when my ire has been raised. However, the article by Stephen D. Lewis is the first one to push me into responding to this publication. The main thing that strikes me about Dr. Lewis' treatise is that the issue at hand, condom dispensers in the dormitories, has nothing to do with running the university. It is a social issue. But more important, it involves the health and lives of the student population. Who better, then, to decide if and when condom dispensers make it into the dormitoy restrooms?

Beyond this previously stated fact, Dr. Lewis needs to gaze over his books and into the faces of his students. He might notice that, in the ensuing 15 years he has taught at MTSU, our faces have changed. According to the Spring 1991 Statistical Studies book, 67.8 percent of the student population is between the ages of 21 and 34. This says to me that we are all adults here. No longer do our parents have as great a stake in our educations. In fact, a great many of us are parents ourselves. Would Dr. Lewis try to tell adult American citizens that we should have no voice and no choice at an institution into which we put our time and money? And what does this teach younger students who come to this university looking for not only an education, but also a life path? In my opinion, it teaches at an early age what so many people believe to be true in this country today -that individuals do not matter.

I challenge you, Dr. Lewis, and all other people like you, to become familiar with the students on this campus. I believe that condom dispensers placed in the dormitory bathrooms would be a positive step in helping students be more careful in their sexual practices. I'm more interested in preventing unwanted pregnancy and sexually transmitted death than in improving the student population's morals. A correct sense of morality almost certainly comes with the wisdom of age, but if our students die, they will have no chance to become anything.

Christina M. Taylor Box 2020

Students must unite to defeat apathy

In response to Marc McCloud's letter concerning Stephanie Neal's letter concerning Charles Aly's letter. All three writers have expressed valid points concerning apathy at MTSU. Mr. Aly is correct in assessing the extent of apathy on our campus. Ms. Neal is correct in offering defense to Mr. Aly's statements. Mr. McCloud is correct in determining that the root of the problem is ignorance of the issues and their relevance to our lives. However, I feel that these points need to be made:

1. The South does not have a history of student political involvement. It will take time to establish that tradition.

2. Spewing venom toward various sectors of society not only does little to encourage change by those individuals, it also demonstrates the utter narrowmindedness of those who presume to be more enlightened.

3. Once and for all, fraternal organizations are not the sources of all subversive, evil forces in this world! To stereotype the hundreds of individuals associated with fraternities and sororities as such is exactly as irrational as stereotyping all political activists as firebreathing, pinko-commies. Involvement in any organization is a personal choice, which is everybody's right.

For God's sake, can we stop these personal attacks on both sides and get down to identifying and the real issues? Only then will MTSU students be able to choose positions and end apathy. Hollie Davis P.O. Box 6951

Aly strikes back, explains letter

You may be interested to learn that I have gotten mostly favorable responses concerning my letter published March 12. However, Stephanie Neal's letter of March 30 indicates that some may have missed my point.

It is important to note that the title 'Apathy and MTSU are One in the Same' was written by the *Sidelines* editorial staff. My admittedly abrasive letter was not so much about apathy as it was an attempt to stereotype MTSU students as too concerned with selfish pursuits to bother with the responsibilities of leaving this school a better place than it was when they arrived.

Ms. Neal's pity for me is completely misplaced. MTSU is a fine institution and I am proud to be a part of it. The commitment to quality education that I have seen in the faculty of this university has had a tremendously positive effect on me. However, I do feel that too many students take this opportunity for granted.

I don't know how I came to the conclusion that MTSU students are generally too selfish to consider the issues of our time. I'm certain most students would take every opportunity to better this world or even just their own little corner of it.

Charles Aly Box 7452

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Features Whodunit debate continues

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Perry Mason. Inherit the wind. The DA. LA Law.

Over the years, many legal battles have been portrayed in literature, on film and on television. Courtroom drama holds a unique place in the American mind, exemplifying the victory of truth and justice over evil. And more than any one person in American today, Vincent Bugliosi captures the essence of that drama - in his profession and in the public eye.

The MTSU Ideas and Issues Committee presents the second lecture in the "Who Killed JFK? You Decide" series at 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 16, in Murphy Center.

"Against the Theory of Conspiracy" will be presented by Bugliosi, on whom the series "The DA" was based. The attorney is the acclaimed prosecutor who convicted Charles Manson in the bloody Tate/LaBianca murders.

The story of that case.was immortalized in Bugliosi's book, "Helter Skelter," and later in the movie of the same name. With an acute legal talent, devastating charm and the same poise and oratory of a courtroom great, Bugliosi has become respected from coast to coast as one of the most talented legal minds in American today.

JFK: THE MOVIE

Twenty-eight years after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and the subsequent investigation which resulted in the Warren Report, director Oliver Stone has rekindled the flames of controversy.

Oliver's "JFK" allows viewers to question their own beliefs about what happened and who was responsible. It's a drama about power, trust and the public's right to the truth. It also presents an audiovisual challenge for the viewer who must determine which scenes are actual news footage and which were created by Stone and cinematographer Robert Richardson.

Jim Garrison (Kevin Costner), a New Orleans district attorney, does not believe Kennedy was killed by a lone assassin as the government and media led the public to believe.

Several conspiracy theories are presented and examined as Garrison becomes more and more obsessed by his quest to discover who killed JFK and why. From the New Orleans bistro where Garrison remorses, "God, I'm ashamed to be an American today," to the Louisiana courtroom scene reminiscent of "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington," Costner strives to renew his faith in the American dream. This forms the basic plot for the film.

The acting in "JFK" is superb. Most notable are Tommy Lee Jones in his portrayal of Clay Shaw, a gay New Orleans businessman and suspected conspirator who eventually faces Garrison in the courtroom, and Gary Oldman as Lee Harvey Oswald. Oldman bears a striking resemblance to Oswald, as does

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Brian Doyle-Murray to his character, Jack Ruby.

Cameo appearances are made by Ed Asner, Jack Lemmon, John Candy, Walter Matthau and Donald Sutherland. In the role of a former intelligence agent, Sutherland meets with Garrison is the shadow of the Washington Monument and delivers a memorable "Only you can save the nation" pep talk before sending him off to battle the bureaucracy alone.

Though "JFK" is a drama, it often resembles a documentary with the great number of news clips used. Direction, cinematography and editing have combined to transform the memory of a nightmare into a film worth seeing. Liberal use of flashbacks, re-enactments, sound bites, cutaways and cameos keep the action moving, even during long segments with the characters seated around a table.

Through the skillful use of close-ups and extreme close-ups, Richardson captures the tense, serious mood of the film and holds it for three hours. The dramatizations, camera angles and characters make the story and the various interwoven theories believable.

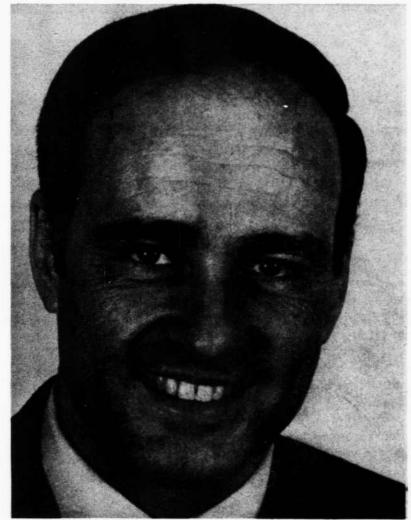
"JFK" is a thoughtprovoking drama guaranteed to make the viewer curious about what actually is contained in those sealed government files. When Kevin Costner looks directly into the camera and commands, "It's up to you," the viewer assumes his or her place as a member of the jury. loved by audiences across the country, Bugliosi has addressed hundreds of thousands of people during his career as a lawyer and public speaker. With a warm personal style

Respected by his peers and

and a clear understanding of the facts, Bugliosi relates the stories of his cases; mysteries that he has solved such as the Mansonmurders, the desert island murders, even the Kennedy assassination.

You may have seen Bugliosi in a television special which depicted the trial of Lee Harvey Oswald for the assassination of John F. Kennedy. For this special, he prepared for six months as if it were an actual case, working 12-hour days.

His arguments have been acclaimed as the most convincing ones made in recent years against



NOT A CONSPIRACY?: Vincent Bugliosi, acclaimed attorney, author and speaker, presents his theories on the assasination of JFK tonight at Murphy Center

the theory of conspiracy in the President's death.

Bugliosi received his law degree in 1964 from UCLA Law School. In his eight-year career as a prosecutor for the Los Angeles District Attorney's office, he tried almost 1,000 cases.

Perhaps his most famous trial was that of Charles Manson. But even before that, the starring role of Robert Conrad in the TV series "The DA" was patterned after him. He is also the author of the national best-seller, "Till Death 's Do Part," and more recently, the novel "Lullabye and Good Night."

For more information regarding the JFK series, you can call 898-2551. The series is FREE and OPEN to the public.

Who Killed JFK? You decide Part 3 Tuesday, April 21, 8 p.m. at Murphy Center MARK LANE

"PLAUSIBLE DENIAL"

Laywer, legislator and best-selling author Mark Lane will critique the Warren Commission Report and offer evidence of conspiracy and cover-up that involved Cuban refugees, Watergate conspirators and officials in the highest levels of the intelligence community. The same evidence won a trial against E. Howard Hunt and led to public conclusios by the jury that the CIA had indeed been involved. Lane's twenty-five year pursuit of the facts began with his work on *Rush to Judgment* and he recently finished the sequel, *Plausible Denial*. Lane also cowrote the screenplay for *Executive Action*,

6 SIDELINES, April 16,1992 **Overpriced books**, lack of parking and AGR BBQ Some things in life are constant

DIANNA ZEH Special to Sidelines

As a student at MTSU for four years, I have discovered there are three things you can count on:

*Anything you buy at Phillips Bookstore you can find cheaper somewhere else;

*If you're running late, you won't be able to find a parking place; and

* Alpha Gamma Rho will invite the entire community to a barbecue every semester.

AGR is a social fraternity. Its barbecue began in 1973 as a rush party. Its founders just wanted a way for prospective pledges to meet with the fraternity brothers.

The barbecue has evolved over the years into a successful fund-raiser. Now AGR members are carrying on a fraternity tradition.

For those unfamiliar with this party-goer's gala, allow me

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to explain. The AGR barbecue is as much a tradition at MTSU as homecoming or a five-year class reunion.

> Party-goers came from as far as Knoxville and Memphis to join in this tradition. More than 3,000 people purchased tickets to attend the barbecue April 9 at the Murfreesboro Auto Auction.

What is this overwhelming attraction to the AGR Barbecue?

In years past, it was probably the 50 kegs of beer that lured MTSU students out of the study halls and to the AGR Barbecue. After the fall of 1988, all of that stopped.

Now the university does not allow alcohol at open parties. fearing the threat of liabilities that serving alcohol created. The hardest thing served at the barbecue now is Coke, which is included along with all-you-careto-eat barbecue in the cost of your \$6 ticket (if purchased in advance) or \$8 at the gate.

The second attraction could be the food.

"I came because I was hungry," jokes Aaron Jones. "I haven't had barbecue in a while."

Barbecue sandwiches with hot sauce and a variety of potato chips make up the main course.

Although the barbecue is a little cold and a little messy, most people go back for seconds and thirds.

The AGR fraternity prepares the barbecue themselves the night before the party. The process begins by purchasing eight hogs. Then an AGR alumnus processes the meat.

"We cook the meat ourselves on open grills," explains Mark Caldwell, an AGR brother. "Pledges keep the fire going and little sisters pull the meat. We usually have 1,000 pounds of barbecue."

If people don't enjoy the slow-cooked flavor of barbecue, they could be attracted to the scene by the entertainment. Last year Mel and the Party Hats entertained the crowd.

This year the Hell Hounds, formerly the Georgia Satellites, performed Southern rock music like "Battleship Chains" and some older rock tunes. The Georgia Satellites have had other chart hits like "Keep Your Hands to Yourself."

If they don't enjoy live music, the fourth reason people attend could be the inherent wildness of the AGR Barbecue.

"It's the most exciting thing to do in the 'Boro tonight," exclaims Beth Smith, a secondtime participant in the barbecue festivities. "It's the food, friends and fun."

When 3,000 young adults come together at an outdoor party, anything can happen and it

Editor -

with the paid security. They do enjoy the fruits of

HAIL HAIL THE GANG'S ALL HERE: The tradition

their labor. The funds from the barbecue help pay for the colonial-style fraternity house, provide for three scholarships and a donation to a worthy cause. This year, money will be donated to Walter Hill Elementary School.

Shelley Mays/Photographer

"Most people don't realize the hours spent in preparing for the barbecue, but it's worth it when we have such a good turnout," claims Mary Beth Butler, an AGR little sister.

If you were not among the 3,000 present for the "food, friends and fun" at the AGR barbecue this semester, don't worry. It will return next semester along with ove.priced books at the bookstore and parking problems.

and feel she will institute a level a professionalism which we have been striving for in the past three

> years," she said. Current Sidelines editor Terry Massey will graduate in May and will pursue a career in journalism.

Massey said he feels the paper has continued to improve during his tenure as editor and he hopes that improvements will continue under Greenbank's leadership.

"I feel very confident that Fern will carry on with the improvements we have tried to make this semester and during Greg Adkins' tenure in the fall," Massey said.

"We feel that we have laid the groundwork to bring Sidelines back to the standards of excellence it once was known for," Massey said.

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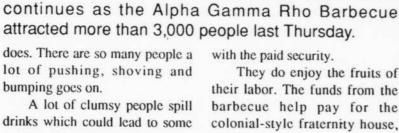
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Sports Raiders back in the race

Big Blue host Austin Peay over weekend for spot atop league

SCOTT HASSLER Assistant Sports Editor

The MTSU Blue Raider baseball team has a long history of success and winning seasons, and this year's baseball team is once again trying to pursue championship banners and another winning season.

But the accomplishment may be tough to achieve if a few things don't start happening for the Raiders.

One key ingredient that is missing from this year's team is fan support.

"Baseball is a great, great spectator sport," said coach Steve Peterson. "People can sit in the bleachers and ride the umpire and have some fun. Once they come to a game, I think they will come back. The weather has improved,

people can work on their tans and just have a good time."

As for the season itself, Peterson believes things have been pretty tough so far.

"We've been up and down and pretty inconsistent. When it's all said and done, this team will have the makings of a strong offensive club," he said.

"As for our pitching, I thought we were going to be a little better than we are now. Some of our guys are coming along. In the next couple of weeks we should peak and play real good.

"I'm not going to say that I'm disappointed, but with some games we could've chalked up some more wins."

The Raiders are 19-14 on the year so far, with a big home game

series with Austin Peay this weekend. The Governors are currently in first place in the OVC baseball race with the Raiders just a half game behind.

At times this season, it looked as if Peay would run away with the title but Morehead put the title up for grabs with a threegame sweep last weekend.

"Austin Peay comes in this weekend, "Peterson added; "and everybody says that we have a chance to win it.

"You don't have a chance to win until you're in first place. If the first place team keeps winning then it doesn't matter what you do."

In order for the Raiders to reach their ultimate goal of the college world series, Peterson said he believes the Raiders must

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do three things.

"First, we need to win league play; and second we need to win our conference tournament. Third, we need to have 35 or 40 wins and some of those 35 or 40 wins have to be against some tough ball clubs with the big power ratings for the season," he explained.

The Raiders will have to play some pretty good ball for the remainder of the season in order to win 35 or 40 games. But the task is not impossible due to the strong play of some of the Raider starters.

"Mudcat Brewer has been a consistent performer at the plate," Peterson said. "Jamie Hicks is improving his mental game, the calling of the game. Offensively, Hicks has really exceeded our hopes.

"Brent Greer, who is just a freshmen, has proven to become a good player and has made some See PEAY, page 9

Blue Raider golfers saving best for last

JIM HORTON Sports Information

MTSU's golf team seems to be saving its best golf for last when it finished third against a strong field at the Bent Brook-Blazer Invitational in Birmingham, Ala.

The Blue Raiders got a consistent performance from each golfer turning their play around from previous tournaments. Each round MTSU's score became better, ending with a strong final round score of 286 (two-under-par).

Middle was led by Chris Guy with one-over-par total of 217. Also finishing in the individual top 10 was John-Paul Fitzgerald at 219 and Matt Lucchesi with 220.

Guy and Lucchesi, both sophomores, played the best tournaments of their careers. Guy stayed among the leaders from the start. After 36 holes, Chris was in second place at two under par and was three shots off the lead. He also made the alltournament team.

Lucchesi came back after a tough first round score of 81. In his final 36 holes, Lucchesi shot a five-under-par 139 and had the low round of the tournament with a 67.

Jim McElhaney and Mike Webb played well in supporting roles. Each Raider helped the team to a strong finish.

"We played out best tournament from the start to finish this year," said coach Johnny Moore. "I'm extremely pleased with

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'The Babe' Movie about Ruth's life opens Friday

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Before him, baseball meant singles and stolen bases.

After him, big swings and home run trots.

To this day, every player who aims for the bleachers pays his respects to the memory of the great Babe Ruth.

"He was the first real slugger and the guy other home-run hitters could follow," says the Dodgers' Darryl Strawberry. "He made the biggest impact on the game of anyone I can think of."

"Babe? Babe was it; he's baseball," adds Reggie Jackson, who hit 563 homers lifetime. "The name has just carried through to the 1990s from the 1920s. It goes to show you that the most important part of the game, the most attractive and most exciting part of the game, was the home run."

George Herman Ruth, whose story is told in the new John Goodman movie *The Babe*, defined the game and perhaps the country as well- his fame such that Japanese troops shouted "The hell with Babe Ruth!" as they attacked the Allies during World War II.

Hank Aaron hit more homers lifetime and Roger Maris topped his record for one season, but Ruth's numbers remain magic: 60 home runs in 1927, 714 in all. While Aaron and Maris were quiet, methodical men who simply did their jobs well, Ruth was the model for every brash athlete who boasted he could do the impossible.

He told a dying boy he'd hit a home run and them delivered. He made more money than the President of the United States and insisted he deserved it because he had a better year. He may even have pointed to the stands during the 1932 World Series and hit the ball to the exact spot.

All of this appears in the film, a highly romanticized account of the Babe's life that begins with his father leaving him at a boy's school and ends with his final season as a player. Like the 1984 movie *The Babe Ruth Story*, dates and events are jumbled and compressed, although *The Babe* does acknowledge his drinking and womanizing.

Goodman, who has joked that he had to lose weight to play the part does resemble the actual man: the moon-shaped face and flat nose; the broad grin and floppy ears; all set on top that ungainlylooking body, the skinny legs and round belly that recalled an ice cream cone on drumsticks.

Ruth was not only baseball's greatest player, but perhaps its most underrated. It's easy to imagine him as just another slow-footed slugger, lumbering around the bases and watching balls skip past him in







FOUR !!!: Members of the Lady Raider basketball team attacked (literally) the VA Golf Course Monday during a friendly round of nine holes. Lewis Bivens watched for any stray balls flying in (top left) while Julie Morrison launched a shot (top right). Meanwhile Pippa Gibson and Latonia Harris searched



Dan

Peay —

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didn't think a freshmen was capable of making. Jed Johnson, our rightfielder, has really gotten some key hits.

"On the pitching side of the game, Dean Hanks really struggled last year. Now he has come to be the guy we want out of the bullpen. He's having a good senior season. He plays baseball the way I like the game to be played, fun and aggressively.

"I think the key to the remainder of our season will be our pitching staff," Peterson added. "Our ERA is well over 4.00 runs a game. If we're going to be successful, we have to get some quality outings from our starting pitchers. The starters have to go six or seven innings and let Hanks come in and pitch the eighth or ninth inning. If our pitchers last only until the fourth or fifth inning then we're gonna have some worn out pitchers.

Peterson said he thinks middle relief is the "most important position" on the team because those pitchers must keep the game in check and give the team a chance to win the ball game.

"We'll be able to look back at the end of the season and contribute our success or lack of success to our middle relief."

Peterson said.

The coach said the Blue Raiders hope that all the pieces can come together within the next couple of weeks so they and their fans can enjoy another championship year and another winning season.

As for the weekend series which is to date the biggest of the year, the two teams take the diamond at 5:30 p.m. Saturday for a double header and then play a single game on Sunday beginning at 2 p.m.

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Guy and his poise throughout the tournament. Matt had a very tough first round, but he came back really strong," says Moore. "We had solid contributions from each player, and I couldn't be more pleased with their performances."

MTSU faces another strong field at the Vanderbilt's Music City Intercollegiate this weekend in Nashville at Opryland's Springhouse Golf Club.

"I hope we can keep this momentum going into Vanderbilt and the OVC championships in two weeks," says Moore. "We , are now playing toward the level I felt we should be playing all along."

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But the Babe could do everything. He was an excellent outfielder with a powerful arm. He was an aggressive base runner who stole home 10 times. He struck out often, but could adjust his style to a particular pitcher.

Ruth first joined a minorleague team in Baltimore in the winter of 1914, and that's where he picked up the nickname "Babe." (Teammates called him "Dunn's Baby," a reference to owner Jack Dunn.)

The Boston Red Sox purchased him that summer and he became part of the American

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always a good hitter, Ruth began playing in the outfield in 1918, tying for the league high with 11 home runs. The next year, he hit a record 29 homers.

"I used to get a kick out of watching the *Movietone News* and seeing Babe Ruth with a bunch of kids," Mickey Mantle recalled. "He didn't mind being in the public eye and I always admired the way he handles himself. He did a lot of wild things off the field, but he was really good for the game."

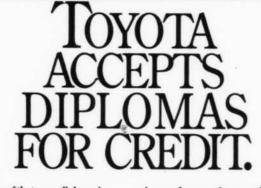
In January 1920, the cashstrapped Red Sox sold him to the Yankees for the then-astonishing price of \$125,000. More than 70 years later, the transaction still marks the history of these two franchises: Boston hasn't won a World Series since; New York has won 22.

Ruth's stomach swelled like the stock prices on Wall Street, and the numbers he put up remain astounding. In 1920, he hit 54 home runs, more than any team in the league. He followed with 59 homers, 16 triples, and 44 doubles in 1921.

He peaked in 1927 with his magical 60 home runs.

The record captured the spirit of the man and sums up why he mattered to so many people. He did it because he said he could. He raised the stakes himself and met them, living by his own motto: "I swing big, with everything I've got. I hit big or I miss big."

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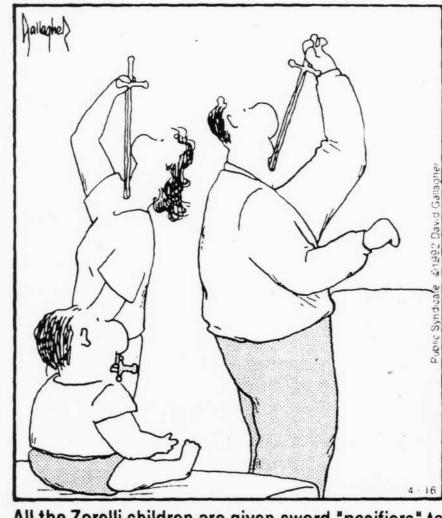
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