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Walker approves parking plan

Board of Regents left to final say in parking improvements

SAM GANNON
News Editor

A proposed parking plan which will introduce a four-tiered fee structure, a shuttle system and higher fines has been approved by President James Walker and forwarded to the Tennessee Board of Regents.

TBR will have the final word on whether the proposed

parking plan will be implemented this fall, the director of the study said.

Jerry Tunstill, vice president of Finance and Administration, directed the study conducted by Reta King, a financial management analyst in his office.

"I think we've met our goal with this study," said Tunstill.

After receiving input from various sources including the

Faculty Senate, the Student Government Association and the Traffic Committee, Walker decided to approve the parking plan as is.

In a memo to the vice president for Student Affairs, the Student Government Association explained that it "would like to strongly suggest...that implementation be put on hold until...Faculty, administration,

staff, and students have set up meetings to discuss the proposal in depth with one another."

"We feel that the parking proposal is being thrust upon the student body and therefore if implemented will cause great confusion, anxiety and frustration from the student body," the SGA memo stated.

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PAY-OFF TIME: Toby Gilley's hard work has paid off. He takes office April 15 as SGA president.

Students approve condoms, reject activity fee increase

SAM GANNON
News Editor

By an overwhelming margin, students voted in favor of placing condom machines in residence halls in Student Government Association elections held Monday and Tuesday.

The condom referendum passed in a landslide with 1,310 for to 291 against the bill.

Although the turnout for the referendum was not as large as the bill's sponsor Ray Lentz would have hoped, he was happy that the referendum received student support.

"I was glad that the students came out and supported the condom referendum," Lentz said.

New Student Government President-

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Gilley, Beaty win in SGA elections

NICOLE M. SIKORA
Assistant News Editor

Toby Gilley and Larry Beaty were the big winners in this week's Student Government Association elections.

Gilley won the presidential race with 862 votes, or 52 percent, narrowly avoiding a run-off election. Larry Beaty ran unopposed to retain his position as Speaker of the Senate.

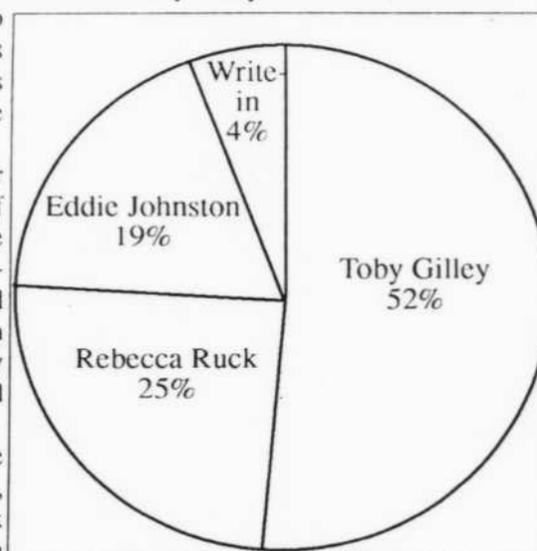
The race for SGA Speaker of the House resulted in a run-off scheduled between candidates Ray Lentz and Todd Hill on April 7.

In the presidential race, Rebecca Ruck followed with 461 votes, or 25 percent, and Eddie Johnston received 317 votes, or 19 percent. Write-in votes totaled 4 percent.

Running unopposed for Senate Speaker, Larry Beaty received 1,423 votes.

Lentz received 656 votes or 40 percent and Hill received 601 votes, or 37.2 percent. Contender Don Gandy won 356 votes, or 22 percent.

According to the SGA Constitution, candidates must acquire over 50 percent in the first round of elections to be declared as winner.



"I am as relieved as I am happy that it is over," Gilley said.

"I hope I represent a united front of students and organizations and that I have the support of the student body," Gilley said. "I want to thank [everyone] because without

their backing, I would never have been elected."

Current SGA President Shawn Burgess said if Gilley goes into office planning to make the school better than

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Campus Crimes

Theft: David Nugent reported March 22 that during spring break his stereo system, answering machine and two phones were stolen from his room in Gore Hall. Sara Ernest and Nanette Trobaugh reported March 26 that their room in Corlew Hall had been entered and money had been taken from both victims. Mark Andrew Hampton reported March 26 that his briefcase had been stolen from a study room on the upper floor of the Todd Library. Jason White reported March 26 that his bookbag had been stolen from the book drop in the Phillips Bookstore. David Reed reported March 26 that his wallet had been stolen from the racquetball court area of the Murphy Athletic Center while he was in class.

Attempted Burglary: Mary McKee reported March 25 an attempted burglary to room 201 in the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building.

Vandalism: Tracy Pearson reported the gas lid cover of her vehicle had been broken off while her car was parked in the Stark Agriculture lot.

Condoms

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Elect Toby Gilley said that he was pleased with the turn-out.

"I think its going to give us the back-up we're going to need to get the administration to listen to us," he said.

"I was really glad to see that it passe by such a large percentage because a closer vote count would not give a true picture," Gilley said.

Vice President for Student Affairs Robert LaLance was initially credited with striking down the student proposal.

"I was surprised that it didn't pass with a more substantial majority," LaLance said.

"I certainly won't disregard the students support for that issue," LaLance said. "I don't know how that will affect my decision."

"The students have spoken," said SGA President Shawn Burgess.

The referendum on the proposed activity fee increase was rejected by students in the election. The rejection of the proposal lost by 146 vote. Those disapproving of the fee increase numbered 872 while those in favor of the increase were 726.

The SGA hopes to put the increase to referendum again in the fall.

"I'm very disappointed that it failed," Toby Gilley said, "I would like to see it back on the ballot again in the future."

The SGA received requests for \$150,000 this semester, but only had \$50,000 to give out.

Gilley

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when he arrived, he will have a good year.

"He has to keep respect, keep a professional image, keep up credibility between students and administrators, and not take 'no' as a final answer," Burgess said. "I would tell him to keep his chin up."

Johnston said he still wants to legislate his campaign ideas.

"You haven't heard the last of me," Johnston said.

"I'm glad I ran," Johnston said. "I think I have learned a lot."

Lentz said he will continue to leave mudslinging out of his campaign.

"I hope that students come out Tuesday and support me just as they have supported my condom referendum," Lentz said.

Hill said he felt the outcome was "close."

"I was surprised to see that I got the votes that I did," Hill said. "I want to thank the people who came out and voted for me and encourage them to do it again on Tuesday."

Gandy said he anticipated a run-off between the Speaker of the House candidates.

"I thought it would be a little closer," Gandy said. "I'm relieved that it is over with."

Senior senators elected for the 1992-93 school year are Scott Hamilton, Jason Whatley, Colleen Caban, Scott Blackwood and Matt Nevilles.

Junior senators will be composed of Christy Dunlap, Gerald Lester, Thomas Mercer, Jason Quinn and Blaine Little.

Elected sophomore senators include Angela Hooker, Johnathan Tubville, Kevin Johnson, Brian Hopper and Brian Nance.

The number of student voters who participated in elections was estimated to be at 1,700, about 11 percent of the student population.

Campus Capsule

Today

"Real Time Measurement of Neurotransmitter Secretion," Dr. Mark Wightman, 7:30 p.m., Davis Science Building 100.

Student Songwriters Association, panel of licensing agencies, 1 p.m., Mass Communication 101, call Rick Hill 890-4225.

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, 5:30 p.m., Keathley University Center 313, call Mike Moore 3372.

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

Senior Placement Orientation, placement center, 3 p.m., KUC 324, call Martha Turner, Ext. 2500.

Friday, April 3

BONFIRE, Student Environmental Action Coalition Southern Super-Regional Conference, workshops and presentations, April 3-5, call Adam 386-3909, cost \$5 for weekend, \$3 for Saturday only.

Saturday, April 4

"Marketing Yourself" workshop, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., KUC 324, call Clayton Matlock, Ext. 3594.

Tree Sale, Alpha Gamma Rho, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Greenland Drive parking lot.

Stones River Clean-Up, 10 a.m., meet in Greenland Drive parking lot, call 896-6074.

Sunday, April 5

Brass Ensembles Concert, 8 p.m., WMB Music Hall.

Hare Krishna Club, meditation and discussion, 3:30 p.m., Krishna Farm in Lynchburg, Tn., call Vijaya Dasi 759-6888.

Catholic Center, mass, 7 p.m., Catholic Center, 1023 N. Tennessee Blvd.

Monday, April 6

Whitewater Canoe and Kayak trip, Campus Recreation, sign-up meeting, 5:30 p.m., Alumni Memorial Gym 219, call Ext. 2104.

Bicycle Training Rides for Cyclists and Triathletes, 2 p.m., Greenland Drive parking lot, call Guy F. Anderson, Ext. 2688.

"Wordsworth, Schiller, and the Idea of Ethical Idealism," Tom Strawman, Honors Lecture Series, Peck Hall.

Other Campus Events

Applications for Student Ambassadors are being accepted, pick up an application in the Public Relations Office, Cope Administration Building 205, deadline is Monday, April 6.

Pre-Law Society, display of trophies won in regional and national competitions, first floor lobby of Cope Administration Building

Videotaped Mock Interviews, Placement Center, every Monday and Tuesday by appointment, KUC 328, call Ext. 2500.

Sitcom script writing, call Miles Hunter, Ext. 1799.

English Department, tutoring lab, noon-4 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 1:40-4:20 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, appointments can be made in Peck Hall Room 324.

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

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Greeks raise dough for guidance center

VICKI NEAL

Assistant News Editor

The Inter Fraternity Council recently raised money to help fund a Murfreesboro respite program affiliated with The Guidance Center.

Project AFFIRM, a local respite program, offers break time to families that have children with serious behavioral challenges.

The IFC sponsored a musical event that resulted in \$300 to go toward assisting Project AFFIRM in meeting the respite needs of

area families, said the IFC's Public Relation Chair Jamey Parker.

IFC President Mike Hughes presented a check Monday to Susan Waldrop, who is the program's project coordinator.

"Project AFFIRM is a federally funded program," Waldrop said. "We work with kids from ages four to 15."

She added that the program focuses on three main diagnoses: autism, the serious emotionally disturbed (SED) and the mentally handicapped with behavior

problems.

Waldrop also said it holds a "Parent's Night Out" at Murfreesboro's First Presbyterian Church on the first and third Thursday of every month.

"We offer the children a one-on-one program," she said. "We do things [activities] you would normally do with kids."

MTSU students majoring in psychology or special education can benefit from Project AFFIRM's various programs, Waldrop said.



Shelley Mays/Photographer

GIMME THE MONEY: Susan Waldrop of Project AFFIRM is presented a check for \$300 from the Inter-Fraternity Council. (left, Jamey Parker, right, Mike Hughes).

Board of Regents meets to MTSU audit reviews

VICKI NEAL

Assistant News Editor

Audit reviews and the naming of current university buildings were on the agenda at a recent Tennessee Board of Regents meeting held at Walters State Community College in Morristown.

Richard Rhoda, TBR's vice chancellor of administration, said MTSU's audit report was fine.

"This was a regular audit [operated] by the state comptroller, and there were no problems," the vice chancellor said.

New names were added to

some of MTSU's current buildings, approved by TBR.

The business annex building was named after Elwin "Wink" Midgett. The aerospace building was named after Miller Lanier. Dining Room B in the James Union Building was named after Lewis Hazelwood. Kirksey Old Main's computer lab was named after Bart McCash.

Also approved by the TBR was a modification in the Vocational Home Economics Education program. The B.S. degree program in Family and Consumer Studies was added to the current program.

Native Americans sue for rights to mountain

(CPS) — A bitter battle between the University of Arizona, environmental groups and Native Americans over the fate of nearby Mount Graham has taken a new twist.

A \$200 million telescope project sponsored by the university and other international institutions is the center of a controversy that has potted the school against environmentalists and San Carlos Apache Tribe members, who say Mount Graham is a sacred place.

According to a university official, 50-year-old anthropological records show the Apache claims may be legitimate.

Gordon V. Krutz, coordinator of the University of Arizona Office of American Indian Programs, said he reviewed segments of anthropologist Grenville Goodwin's field notes and interviews with San Carlos Apaches from 1929 to 1939.

Krutz said he found nine

specific references to Mount Graham as a religiously significant site in Goodwin's records, which are available only to researchers.

The Apache Survival Coalition, a group affiliated with the tribe, has filed a suit against the U.S. Forest Service for granting the university a special-use permit to build telescopes on Mount Graham.

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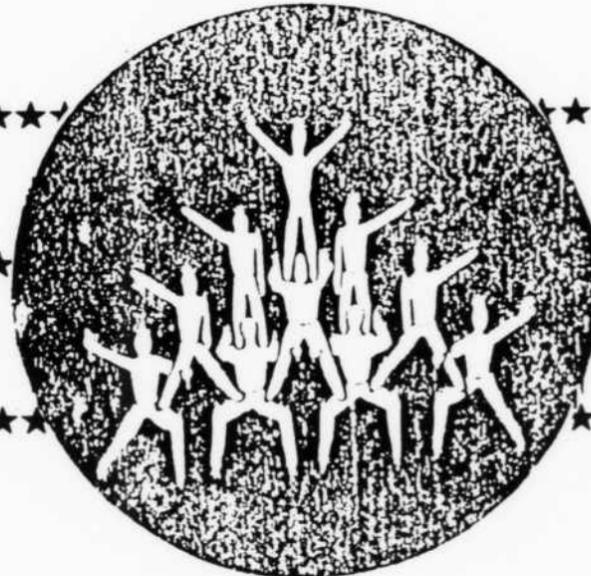
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Consensus

'Silent majority' is the big loser in SGA elections

The results are in from the SGA elections and by now you know who the winners are. But do you know who the losers are? No, we're talking about the real losers. Just look around and you'll see plenty of them - the students are the real losers of this election.

We say this not because we disagree with the outcomes. Actually, we're pretty satisfied with them.

Students have served notice that it strongly favors the installation of condom machines in the dormitories. Now the administration either has to act in the interest of the students or admit that they believe that we don't know what's best for us.

Also, the few who did bother to vote were smart enough to reject the student activity fee increase. The SGA got this message loud and clear - until this fund is structured in an appropriate manner, \$2 is more than enough.

Although Toby Gilley was not our endorsee, we feel confident that he has the experience and ability to do a good job.

The problem we have with this election is the same as with those in the past. None, or almost none, bothered to vote. Once again we hit somewhere near the apathetic 10 percent mark.

Despite a two-day election and efforts to get students involved, it was the same small number of people who decided the outcomes. Once again, the silent majority granted its rights to the vocal minority.

Congratulations to the winners, consolations to the losers, and shame on the silent majority. Your apathy suits you well.

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Random Observations

* Monday's Anti-Apathy Rally drew a disappointingly low number of students. Bad weather, location and timing all played a part in the poor turnout, but the real problem was, of course, apathy.

* *Sidelines* would like to thank those who did participate in the Rally. Political Funk was great, the speakers were great, the organizations who showed were great. It's too bad none was there to enjoy it.

* Although *Sidelines* isn't happy with the end product of the Rally, we do not regret holding it. At least we no longer have to speculate that the students are apathetic, we now have it documented.

* Speaking of student apathy, voter turnout for the SGA elections remained in the poor 10 percent neighborhood. Despite extending the voting over two days and a massive P.R. campaign to break 20 percent, students once again showed their true colors - to allow a few to decide for the many.

* The landslide approval of condom machines in the dormitories in the SGA referendum should send a loud and clear message to the administration. If they persist in making this an issue, they at least must admit that they are not acting in the interest of the students.

TERRY MASSEY From Atop the Soapbox

* The surprisingly close race for the student activity fee increase just goes to show you the power of the vote. All of the people who use the fund got together and tried to hit those who don't use it up for an extra buck - and they damn near got away with it!

* Did you ever notice that it's Faulkenberry Drive on one end of campus and Faulkinberry Drive on the other? Maybe we should have had a street name change referendum, too.

* If it's really going to cost as much as the administration says to change the school's name, why not go all out? How about Harvard or MIT?

* On the national front, what's up with Bill Clinton? Will someone please tell him that we don't mind if he smoked pot in college, but we do mind the manipulative and politically motivated answers he loves to give.

* On the other hand, Jerry Brown may be able to truthfully say that he has never done drugs in the past since he acts as if he is on them in the present.

* As for the Republican side, Pat Buchanan has eased up on his attacks on President Bush since his private chat with Richard

Nixon. Wouldn't you love to have the secret tape of that conversation?

* If George Bush thinks he will be re-elected simply because of poor competition and cheap attack ads, he's probably right.

* Don't overlook Texas billionaire H. Ross Perot who's considering a go at the White House. He's already said he would spend \$100 million out of his own pocket for his campaign, more than the combined total Bush and Clinton would have.

* Someone please explain how the Environmental President can refuse to attend June's Earth Summit with a straight face?

* If great movies speak for a generation, how do we explain to our kids that the best picture in 1991 was about a psychotic cannibal?

* Once again it's time for my pitch for more "Letters to the Editor." It's been a good semester so far for student input, let's not screw it up now. Let us know what you think about the elections, global warming, how Cheetohs are made, anything you feel like discussing - this is your forum. Send letters to:

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Features

WAGING WAR ON APATHY



Shelley Mays/Photographer

FUNKY COMBINATION: Music was provided by Political Funk for the first annual *Sidelines* Anti-Apathy Rally held Monday. Crowd control was not necessary.

Campus involvement low risk, high return

Part two
of
three

NEDRA RICHARDSON
Feature Writer

The scene is a beautiful college campus known as MTSU. Surrounded by landscaping and majestic buildings are thousands of students and faculty rushing to class or other obligations. The faces vary according to the individual—black, white, oriental, hispanic, smiling, depressed etc...

There's a three-story building that sits in the center of campus next to the library popularly called "the UC." It's a place where students get their mail, purchase books, play video games or ping pong, eat "grill food" or participate in any number of activities. A very social place, the UC is perhaps the busiest and best known area on campus.

In front of Phillip's Bookstore there are booths set up where various organizations display their paraphernalia or try to get people to join by having membership drives. On this particular day, there are three booths. Two of the booths have highly decorative and lively displays to attract new members. One is an environmental action group with interesting material on saving planet earth from chemical destruction. The other is a business fraternity and they're having a bake sale in addition to a membership drive.

Interestingly, not many students stop by these two booths. Their interest rests on the third booth, "Sign up for your VISA card now. Pay later?" the sign reads.

Apathy is a frustrating thing. We see it happening everyday. Like cancer, it spreads through the bodies and minds of human beings without warning. The only possible cure for the apathy that is infecting MTSU today is involvement. Not complaining, not abstinence from activities, but involvement—plain and simple.

Sure, there are several things wrong about MTSU. Our

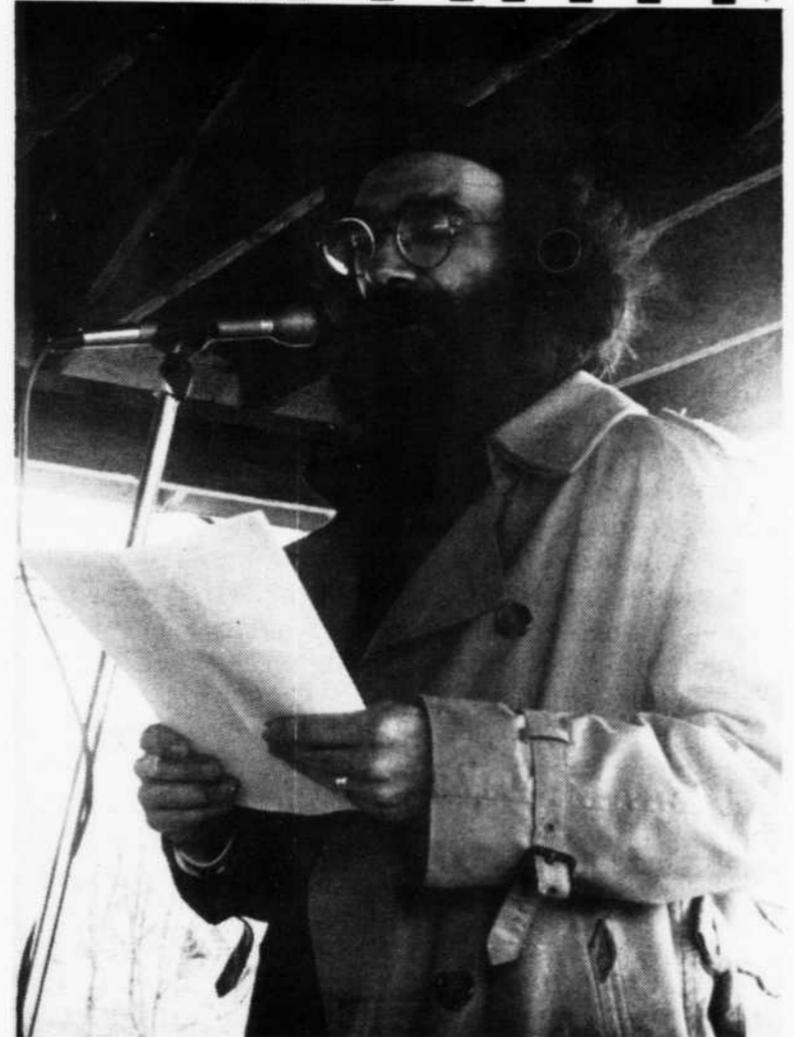
university has a parking problem, a funding problem, a rise in student activity fees and numerous other "problems."

However, we also have an involvement problem that is the root of all apathy. Chances are we all know people who gripe and complain all the time about the ills of our university.

Case in point: sophomore history major John Tondris, says he never gets involved in any campus activities or organizations because he "never has the time." This common excuse for non-involvement is valid to a certain degree. College students have obligations that take up a great amount of their time—studying, sports, work, greek affiliations, family and friends. It is sometimes hard for many students at MTSU, especially commuters, to devote a lot of time to campus activities.

But wouldn't it be a great idea if we all got involved in at least one organization. If we all could put our "two cents in," a whole lot of cash (accomplishments) could be made.

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TEACHER'S TOUCH: Dr. Ron Bombardi delivers a thought-provoking address on apathy.

Professor sheds fresh light on stale problem

The following is a copy of the speech given by Dr. Ron Bombardi of the philosophy department to a sparse but attentive "crowd" during the *Sidelines* Anti-Apathy Rally.

Our theme today is "Against Apathy"; it may be instructive, as we begin this rally, to ask: "But WHY—why should anyone be against apathy? After all, none of us here, simply because each of us IS here, is apathetic; in fact, the only people who can coherently be against apathy are sympathetic, or anti-apathetic, or empathetic: the apathetic don't care.

So, one can't be against one's own apathy: the very idea is incoherent: to be "against" is to have a pathos.

So, if we're against apathy, we're against someone else's: we're against other people's lack of caring, feeling, commitment, BUT WHY? Actually this question has two folds: (A) What reasons do any of us have for

other people's not being apathetic? (B) What reasons might persuade other, apathetic people not to be apathetic?

We might want to answer either or both of these questions by presenting an analysis of the PERSONAL BENEFITS that will accrue to the concerned—the sympathetic, the empathetic, even the apathetic: that is, we might suggest to someone who didn't care enough to come here today that being more socially active has a personal payoff. "It would be to your advantage to be less apathetic."

But this line of argument ultimately says that someone should be against their own apathy, and we say that that's incoherent.

We can take a different line, however. We can suggest that the underlying value we are celebrating today—in rallying against apathy—is NOT personal gain but the vitality of our shared public discourse: it is from the

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beliefs and perspectives that our identity as a community emerges.

To reason with the apathetic in this manner is to adopt a view not at all unlike William Faulkner's analysis of poker:

Look. You are playing poker (I assure you know poker, or at least—like a lot of people—anyway play it). You draw cards.

When you do that, you affirm two things: either that you have something to draw to, or you are willing to support to your last cent the fact that you have not. You don't draw and the throw the cards in because they are not what you expected hoped for; not just for the sake of your own soul and pocket book, but for the sake of the others in the game, who have likewise assumed that unspoken obligation.

It is just this sort of unspoken agreement on which we all rely in the formation of a university community: that we will VENTURE beliefs, risk them in the arena of public discourse, not for their success, but in order to contribute to the continuity of shared, public conversation.

My suggestion then is this: if we think of living in a democracy not simply as living under the rules of an elected government, but as living under a commitment to self-rule, then we must regard the continuity of shared public discourse as a condition for the very possibility of democracy.

So, if you meet someone later today who says: "Why be against apathy, what's the point?" You might reply: "There is no point—if you want one, you're no longer apathetic: welcome."

Parking

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thrust upon the student body and therefore if implemented will cause great confusion, anxiety and frustration from the student body," the SGA memo stated.

"We think that it's going too quickly," said SGA President Shawn Burgess. "There are massive communication problems. If they won't listen to us here, then we'll take it to the Tennessee Board of Regents."

During a Traffic Committee meeting held before spring break, the committee decided that the proposed fee structure was not appropriate as it was.

The committee suggested a three-tier fee plan. Under this plan faculty, staff and students who want core parking would pay \$50. Residents would pay \$35 for spaces close their residence halls. Perimeter parking, under this plan, would be \$20.

The committee also decided that the fines structure was not appropriate and resolved that towing on a first offense was more appropriate than a fine structure.

At the Traffic Committee meeting, only one of the two students selected to represent the student body were present.

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Sure, there are several things wrong. We have more than 1,000 black students at MTSU but less than 10% are actually involved in any type of black organization. Less than 1-15% of the student body actually vote in any SGA elections. MTSU has several educational and intellectual programs each month, but they rarely attract a huge audience. Does it take rock concerts to garner a huge amount of students/faculty?

Monica harris, a junior biology major, states that she tries to get involved when-ever possible. "It is just satisfying to know that I contributed to something here without complaining about the improvements MTSU should make," Harris says. "If it was nothing more than my time and interest, I am just happy I got involved."

Life is too precious to waste griping about the ills of society. And in the same token, college is much too valuable an experience to not take advantage of. It is beneficial to get a good well-rounded education—an education that combines studies with activities. So all of us who sitting and wonder why others aren't doing more, maybe it would help if each individual started wondering what they should do.

A chain is only as strong as its weakest, apathetic link.

At the Executive Committee meeting last week, the vice presidents and the president decided to pass the parking proposal with no changes. The plan was mailed Monday to TBR.

"We're going ahead with building the new lots," King said. "We have sent a letter to the State Building Commission to get their approval. The lots will be ready by the fall semester."

"Since we have the space on campus, we feel that it is better to build out rather than up, said King.

Two additional lots will be built on the Eastern Loop and the lot next to the Cummings Hall will be paved.

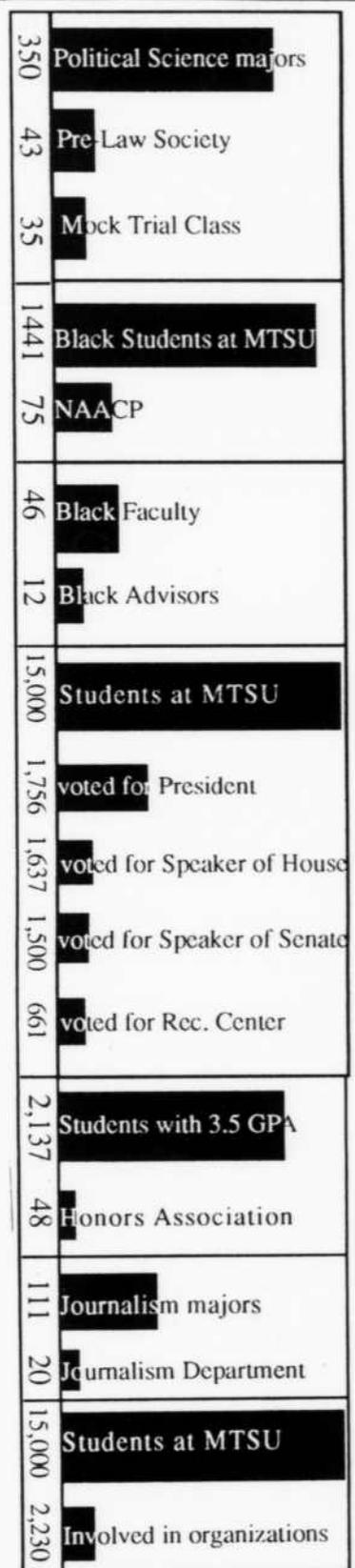
These lots will provide 1,166 spaces at a cost of \$500, 000, King said. But funding for the construction is still undetermined. "It may come from current funds," King said.

"We are also currently taking bids for the shuttle buses which will hold between 25 and 45 students," King said.

According to King, the main objective of the campus parking study was to provide safe, attractive and sufficient parking facilities that allow faculty, staff, and students to park within a 10- to 15-minute walk or ride to the core of the campus at a reasonable cost.

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AND THE WINNERS ARE: *The MTSU Art Department sponsored an "Art Bash" this week to give students an opportunity to showcase their work and receive recognition. Pictured above are Art Department Chairman Carlyle Johnson, left, with Patricia Tenpenny, winner in the sculpture category, and Scott McRoberts, winner in the clay division. Winners not pictured are: Carla Henry for 2-D design; Rachael Vaters for 3-D design; Carey Overton for printmaking; James Intintoli and Chad Curtis for drawing; David Schroder for book arts and Daryl Stevens for painting.*



JUDGING IS HARD WORK: Harry Chapman of Channel 5 and Roy Mullins, owner of Boss Hogg's B.B.Q., take their time choosing a Cook-off winner.

Kappa Sigma heats up

JOEY PRATHER
Special to Sidelines

This past weekend the Kappa Sigma fraternity hosted the first of what is hoped to be many Hog Cook-offs to benefit the MTSU Scholarship Fund.

On hand for the judging were MTSU President James Walker, Dean of Students Paul Cantrell, Murfreesboro Mayor Joe Jackson, Channel 5 TV personality Harry Chapman and the owner of Boss Hogg's B.B.Q., Roy Mullins.

The competitors for this year's cook-off were: Alpha Gamma Rho, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Kappa Alpha, Sigma Alpha

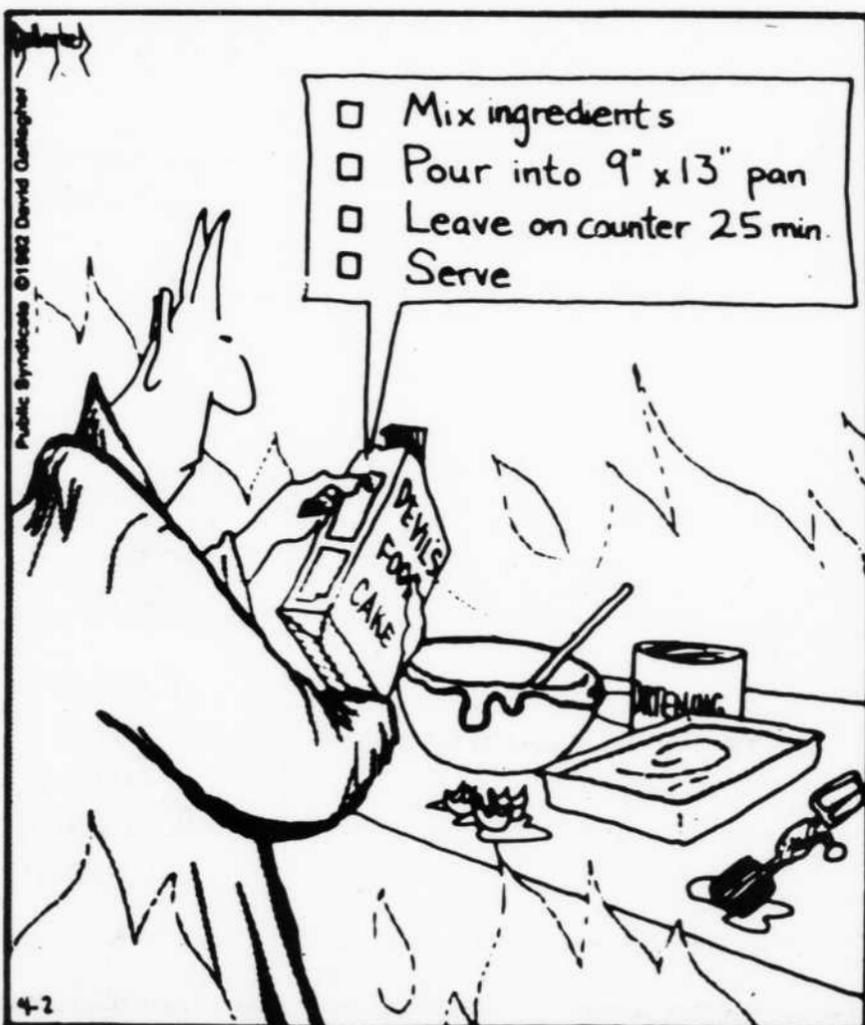
Epsilon, Pi Kappa Alpha, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Delta Tau Delta, Sigma Chi, Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Omicron Pi, Kappa Delta, Zeta Tau Alpha, Delta Zeta, Chi Omega and Delta Phi Epsilon.

Cooking began around 6 pm Friday evening and dedicated chefs and spectators stayed through the night to ensure the best-tasting pork possible. When the smoke finally cleared Saturday morning, the barbecue from Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Chi Omega emerged the winner with Alpha Gamma Rho a closed second and sigma Chi third.

This year's Hog Cook-off raised more than \$1,000 for the MTSU Scholarship fund.

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Sports

'The Adkins Family'

Greg goes with his heart, takes Braves and Expos

I'm going to start with no fluff around my story. I choose with my heart; I cheer with my heart. And my heart's usually right.

THE BRAVES will win the World Series this year.

Unlike last year, I have a few facts to back up my choice. The Braves have two of the greatest left-handed pitching arms in the league in their starting rotation: Tom Glavine and Steve Avery.

John Smoltz, the mentally reformed right-hander, is a fantastic strike-out pitcher when he gets ahead in the count. Charlie Liebrandt is not ideal as the fourth starter, but you could do a lot worse.

Alejandro Pena will have an unbelievable year, saving at least 30 games. Marvin Freeman and Mike Stanton will also be great out of the bullpen. All of these pitchers and the many more the Braves are developing and rehabilitating make for the deepest pitching staff in baseball.

If you think the Braves have pitchers, they have even more outfielders. Their primary outfield, David Justice, Ron Gant and Otis Nixon (after the suspension), are the talk of the league. With names like Deion Sanders, Keith Mitchell and Brian Hunter able to back up those players, you're looking at an unstoppable outfield.

Terry Pendleton, last year's NL Most Valuable Player, probably won't have as good a year as '91 at the plate. But he will continue to protect the third-

See BRAVES, page 9

GREG ADKINS
The Right Hook



Amy Adkins/Photographer

BATTLE OF THE SEXES: Greg and Joyce Adkins (who are married for now at least) get ready to duke it out over their baseball picks. While they agree on some teams, others they don't. Too bad they have to wait until October to finish the battle.

Joyce likes her hometown Reds and favorite White Sox

A lot of wives in the world dread the annual beginning of baseball season.

JOYCE ADKINS
The Left Cross

In our house, however, the beginning of baseball season marks the struggle for who gets the best seat in front of the television set. Of course he wins because his heavy-chassis recliner is poised just so in the living room.

I am a lifelong baseball fan. Greg is a second-year sports enthusiast and a quick learner, bless his heart. He and I now agree that baseball IS "America's Game," a fact I've known forever.

The teams we back, well, there's another story.

The Toronto Blue Jays should repeat in the American League East. Don't get me wrong; I'm not crazy about the Blue Jays. They have let too many opportunities slip through their collective hands. The only reason I have come up with is that on those cold, cold September nights in Canada, a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of... hockey and hot totties.

Pitching in Toronto this year is going to be tough. The Jays are blessed with veterans who know how to pitch. Even the whiny Jack Morris should be an asset. They also have what I believe to be the best lead-off tandem in baseball, Devon White and Robert Alomar, which makes the subsequent batters' jobs easy.

No excuse in 1992. Use it or lose it.

It's time for one team in Chicago to have a great year. I'm picking the White Sox in the AL West. Chaw-for-chaw, I believe the Sox are the finest team

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Raiders round last curve, heading into OVC race

TONY J. ARNOLD
Sports Editor

With the Ohio Valley Conference competition right around the corner, the MTSU tennis teams are finishing their tune-ups in non-conference action.

On the men's side of the court, the ball hasn't been bouncing quite the way head coach Dale Short would like. However, in the Raiders' defense, it has played one of the toughest schedules in the nation.

But over the weekend it faced competition that Short said the Raiders should have beaten. However, they didn't.

Middle fell to Virginia Tech and East Tennessee State 7-2 in Johnson City. The losses were disappointing, Short said.

"We've got the talent, but not everybody's playing well at the same time," Short said. "Now that most of the season is under our belt, maybe everybody will be at ease a little more and play in their own comfort zone."

Meanwhile, the opposite seems to be occurring on the Lady Raider end of the court.

"The women are probably playing as well as they can play," Short said.

Yet they did struggle last week, falling to a highly regarded Vanderbilt squad 6-0 and to East Tennessee 5-4. They did beat UT-Chattanooga 5-4 to salvage the road trip.

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Big Blue machine rips Berry

Middle Tennessee bats continue to pound opposition

SCOTT HASSLER
Assistant Sports Editor

After a successful weekend against Eastern Kentucky, the MTSU baseball team took on Berry College from Mt. Berry, Ga., Tuesday night at Reese L. Smith field.

The Raiders carried their success from the weekend into the game, pounding 11 hits to defeat Berry College 10-6.

Berry kept the game close for three innings, even grabbing the lead at one point 4-3. Berry's success was short-lived, though. The Raiders scored six runs in the fourth inning while gathering six hits to put the game out of reach for the Vikings.

"That was a big inning," Raider coach Steve Peterson said. "We scored six runs when it looked like we were going to throw it (the game) away."

"We were greedy tonight, and we need to be a little more patient."

The Raider bullpen was again strong after an injury to starting pitcher Brian Early. Early winced in pain after throwing a pitch in the third inning, and

although his injury has not been confirmed, he is thought to have a stretched deltoid muscle in his pitching arm.

Jay Lindsey came into the game in relief and pitched 3 2/3 innings of two-hit ball. After Lindsey, Patrick Mayes and Doug Philpot finished the game. Philpot earned the save for Lindsey, who earned the win.

"Our bullpen did a pretty good job," Peterson said. "Early pitched well until he tore his muscle, and Lindsey pitched real well. Philpot is throwing the breaking ball well."

"We didn't play real good baseball," Peterson said. "But we played well enough to win."

Middle will return to OVC action this weekend when it has an important three-game series with Tennessee Tech in Cookeville.

As of Tuesday, Tech had an 11-14 record. In the OVC it has a 3-3 mark while MTSU is 4-1 in the league, 13-9 overall.

Saturday's doubleheader is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. while Sunday's first pitch should be around 2 p.m.

"We didn't play real good baseball, but we played well enough to win."

-Steve Peterson

No team score doesn't spoil Raider desire to win

DIANNE DEOLIVEIRA
Assistant Sports Editor

MTSU's track team got off to a good start in its outdoor meet last weekend in the Alabama relays.

Overall team scores were not kept, but that didn't stop the Blue Raiders from performing well individually and snagging places in the relay events.

Sophomore Micah Otis returned to action after coming off a leg injury he received during the indoor Ohio Valley Conference Championships.

"I was scared," Otis said. "I didn't know if I would finish the hurdles or not. I almost fell when I started and during the race. After it was over, I was disappointed with my time because I could have ran faster if I hadn't stumbled."

Otis managed to grab third in the high hurdles event in 14.29 and jump his lifetime best distance of 25-2 1/2 in the long jump for second place, ahead of All-American Roland McGhee's third place jump of 24-11.

"I think it was just luck," Otis said of his jump. "It was good, but I wouldn't be satisfied until I jump 26 or 27 feet."

Lady Raider Koko Rowley carried the success of her indoor season outside and remained strong in her events.

She ran her best time of 14.23 in the 100-meter hurdles to finish fourth and jumped 18-2 in the long jump.

"I feel comfortable in the hurdles," Rowley said, "I'm more familiar with the outdoor hurdles. I'm also coming off an injury, so I think this will be the beginning of a strong comeback. I'm looking forward to the rest of the season."

In the long jump, OVC champion Veronica Tipton tied for first with a University of Alabama competitor. Tipton jumped her best height of 5-8 1/2 and broke the school record.

"I was sort of proud with my jump," Tipton said, "but I wasn't feeling too well that day. Maybe that will give me an incentive, so when I feel better, I'll do better. I want to try to qualify for the NCAA's, which requires a provisional height of 5-10 1/2."

Senior Tracy Edens got off to a strong start in the weight events. She placed second in the javelin with 118-8 and took sixth in the discus with a throw of 119-11.

"I was really pleased with both events," Edens said. "I feel like I'm off to a good start because I haven't thrown the javelin close to that distance since my freshman year."

Other individual best performances were given by

Jacquie Brown in the long jump (20-9 3/4), and Jeff Lingwall (15:23.8 and Lea White (18:27.01) in the 5,000 meters.

In the relay events, both the men's and women's 4 X 100 team finished fourth. Terry Townsend, McGhee, Carlos Gupton and Otis, ran 41.02. Latonia Jackson, Linda Brewer, Brown and Rowley ran 46.89.

"The 400-meter relay ran the second fastest time we've ever had," Hayes said. "They did a good job. Latonia was the only one back from last year's team as the other three were extras on the relay."

The same four Blue Raiders who ran the 4 x 100 teamed for the 4 x 200 relay and sprinted to a fourth-place finish in 1:24.64. Hayes said it was the men's best relay for the year.

The men's mile relay of Chris Layne, Everett Jolley, Townsend and Tom Hampton came in sixth with 3:13.68.

Nadrian McGill, Michelle Welch, Jackson, and Rowley placed second in the shuttle hurdle relay in 1:00.76.

The Lady Raider's two mile relay of Smith, Karen Barnes, and Leigh Weathers also placed third in 9:20.51.

The team will travel to Missouri this weekend to compete in the Semotion Relays at Southeast Missouri.

Tennis

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This weekend's road trip will be the biggest of the season, though. The Ladies open up the OVC slate Saturday morning at Morehead. They play Eastern Kentucky that afternoon.

Both squads will open the home season at 10 a.m. Sunday, when they are host to Southern Illinois on the Murphy Center courts. The action should be solid since both teams possess an array of talent.

"I think we're ready for the OVC season, and it's an open race," Short said. "I think we're going to be a team to be reckoned with."

Braves

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base line like a man half his age and inspire other players to stay away from controversy. Otis Nixon probably won't break any records for stealing bases, yet he will swipe more than last year, if he can keep his nose clean.

Damon Berryhill looks to be a great bargain for the Tomahawkers. He looks fantastic behind the plate, on top of every play, and he's swinging a mean bat. He won't be their No. 1 catcher, but the Braves won't have last year's worry of giving up games on stupid catching mistakes while Greg

Olsen takes a rare breather.

Finally, Mark Lemke could very well be the MVP of the National League, if he can only find that little bit of himself he showed us in the World Series.

GO BRAVES!

The Braves can't win by themselves; they have to have other teams to beat. The National League East will prove to be cannon fodder for the NL-West. The East has so many problems that it's hard to pick a winner. Let's give it a try anyway.

Well, if I'm going to go out on a limb, it might as well be wayyyyyy out on a limb. The Expos will win the pennant. Okay, Tony "Love Chunks" Arnold, quit the belly-laugh. You laughed at me last year when I picked the Braves.

Dennis Martinez is two of the best five pitchers in major league baseball. Last year he walked less than half the number of batters he struck out. He finished the season with a 2.39 ERA, after pitching 222 innings. If he gets a little help from the speedsters, this team could kill the ego-ridden Mets and the penny-pinching Pirates.

Gary Carter has returned from Los Angeles. The Expos hope he will give them total protection behind the plate and one consistent hitter in the lineup.

The secret of this team is speed. Last year, Delino DeShields, Marquis Grissom, Moises Alou and Matt Stairs recorded more than 175 stolen

bases. If DeShields can turn around last year's poor batting average and Grissom can at least maintain his level of play, you may be looking at the answer to "big gun" lineups.

Third baseman and team captain Tim Wallach should rebound, and if not, Bret Barberie will unseat him with his .353 batting average in 57 games.

Doesn't sound quite so crazy now, does it?

Now I don't count American League baseball as baseball. It's closer to softball. You guessed it; I don't like designated hitters. But if you do, God bless you and more power to you.

The American League East will be won by the bats wielded by Sparky Anderson's warriors.

Cecil Fielder is already gearing up to have a phenomenal year at the plate. I have personally seen him in spring training and can tell you he is slimmer and more agile than last year. But we already knew he was going to perform.

What makes this team different from last year? Dan Gladden!

I don't like the man, but he can play baseball. The one thing the Tigers needed was a good lead-off man. Gladden is as perfect as you can get. He's a patient hitter

who knows when to cut his losses and swing. He plays hard and he wins often.

Anderson will only send him out to get on base because he knows the heart of his order can probably bat somebody around. This philosophy is a lot better than a solo home run sandwiched between three or four strikeouts.

Bill Gullickson is the most under-rated pitcher in the game. He is a 20-game winner with 35 starts last year. If he can keep his concentration and repeat his performance, the Tigers have plenty of arms to back him up.

Who will play the Braves in the World Series?

THE WHITE SOX, who else! Of course, they'll lose in six games.

What can't you say about this team. They Sox are talented everywhere, and they have the grooviest uniforms in the whole

show. They have experience in players like Carlton Fisk and young strength in Frank Thomas and Robin Ventura.

This is my wife's favorite team, so I won't bore you by repeating what she has already said. But I will close with this: she taught me everything I know about baseball. God, I love this game!

*Joyce and I want to include a few picks from some other baseball fans, in order to keep them honest.

John Gallagher, the high-flying baseball guy: Red Sox all the way!

Jeff Back, the singing baseball guy: Cardinals, Reds, Red Sox, Rangers.

Les Adkins, the Nissan baseball guy: Lee Trevino will take Tom Watson in five games. Oh, you said baseball!!!

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 in baseball. Tim Raines is one of my all-time favorite players. Lance Johnson is solid. Even with the loss of Sammy Sosa, the outfield is looking good.

I'd stand on the corners with Robin Ventura and Frank Thomas anytime. Although I was looking forward to Thomas and Bo Jackson batting back-to-back, now the team will win with a mix of power and manufactured runs.

Carlton Fisk may be aging as far as baseball goes. But when I saw him in Kissimmee during spring break, it was plain to see he still has a great contribution to make to baseball.

Now, on to the National League, where they play real baseball with no designated hitter.

Talk about a team making the most of an off-season! The New York Mets seem concrete in every position except, perhaps, shortstop. Now I know the value of a good shortstop, believe me.

My position number was six for a long time. I was constantly admiring the agility and range of really good shortstops from the sandlot to the big leagues, but I digress.

Todd Hundley is a fine young catcher, sharing duty with Mackey Sasser. Eddie Murray and Willie Randolph can still hold down the right side of and infield with no problem. I'm not sure of HoJo in center, but I do think the Mets have a tremendous five or six deep outfield.

Along with all the veterans on their pitching staff, not the least of which is the addition of Bret Saberhagen, watch for Anthony Young to have a fine year. He seems to have pinpoint control of all his pitches.

All in all, this may be the Mets year to take it all. But we'll talk about that at the All-Star break.

Now to the league nearest and dearest to my husband's heart, the NL-West. He loves the Braves.

Cincinnati is my hometown, but that's not why I'm picking the Reds. The only things I really remember about the first 11 years of my life are my dad's barber shop and the Wiedeman's beer plant just off the river.

The Reds pitching staff is very strong. Jose Rijo and Browning will be joined by Tim Belcher, acquired from the Dodgers, and Greg Swindell, from Cleveland. Now that's a great starting foursome.

The infield is solid. Chris Sabo and Barry Larkin are tremendous on the left side. I like the way they play the game.

Bip Roberts should make his presence known for the Reds on the basepath early in the season. He is fast, and Cincinnati needs

fast. All in all, Cincinnati boasts a good mix of veteran players and youth. The team will be very entertaining and will probably score a lot of runs.

So, there you have them, my humble observations about the baseball year to come. It should be fun.

In the next year or so, I'm going to have to reassess my thoughts. I don't think it unlikely that we will see some newcomers to the play-off picture by 1993-94.

Let's see, maybe Cleveland in the AL-East; almost certainly Seattle in the AL-West, and Houston in the NL-West (they looked really good in Kissimmee). I know I left out the NL-East, but it was intentional. I hope the Cubs win it for good ole Harry Carry, but I don't think it's likely.

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