# SIDELINES

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# SGA allocates over \$53,00

VICKI NEAL Asstant News Editor

Student groups have been allocated about \$50,000 in SGA activity fee funds about one-third of the funds requested from the student activity fee committee, according to Dean of Students Paul

There were 94 applications turned in requesting approximately \$140,000 in funds from the Student Government Association. The committee approved about 74 of the requests with some groups receiving allocations more than once.

According to Cantrell, only \$50,000 was available to allocate.

"This was the hardest allocation meeting," Cantrell said. "Not all people got what they wanted."

This year's allocation committee worked "exceedingly hard and long" because of the scarcity of resources and the short time frame, the dean said.

Cantrell said the allocating "was objective, fair equitable."

Most groups asked for travel money to attend conventions or league games for the See SGA, page 3

unsanctioned sports groups.

Cantrell said that lodging has "the least variance of travel." Beside lodging, travel includes registration, meals and transportation.

"We tried to fund lodging straight through," Cantrell said.

He also said the allocation committee deserves respect for the hard task performed.

Sandy Hughes, a student member of the allocation committee, said it took seven days to process all the applications and

"Last semester we were kind of spoiled because the allocation meeting lasted for a day," Hughes said. "We had about 60 applications turned in last semester, and it was easier for the committee to meet last year."

"If the school keeps getting bigger, I feel that these meetings will last as long as it did this semester," he said.

Susan Massengale, another student committee member, added that there were limited funds to work with this semester.

Student groups receiving funds include: Soccer-\$400...Student Student Government Association-\$3,240...Tri Beta-\$396...Clay Club-\$510...White Berets\$200...Math Society-\$233.72...Gamma Iota Sigma-\$500...Biology Club-\$250...Volleyball Club-\$492...Seven Day Adventist-\$250

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## Student demonstrators arrested during game

SAM GANNON News Editor VICKI NEAL

Assistant News Editor

Monday night's basketball game included more than a rousing victory for the Raiders — a lot more.

Two students were arrested for alleged public drunkeness during the game after an enlightening half time performance.

James A. Murray Jr., 21, and Travis Lawson Edwards, 22, were arrested during the second half of Monday's game by Campus Security for public drunkenness.

Both students are juniors. "They were not arrested for what they did on the floor during half time, they were arrested during the second half," said Jack Drugmand, director of Public Safety and Security.

Edwards was arrest after being "observed having difficulty walking on the arena floor of Murphy Athletic Center behind the TSU bench" during the basketball game, the police report

Murray was found at the basketball game "jumping and tripping over the arena seats" at Murphy Center. Murray

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Shelley Mays/Photographer

RAP UP: Travis Edwards shocks the crowd while Shawn Burgess raps.

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Local alternative act Idaho Beach House explain their music and motivation. page 6

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Blue Raiders hand TSU defeat in the final drive down the OVC home stretch. page 9

## SGA seeks policy change in repeat course grading

#### VICKI NEAL

Assistant News Editor

The Student Government Association recently approved a resolution to remove from a student's transcript the failing grade of a course that has since been repeated successfully.

When a student fails a class after the first attempt, MTSU's policy is that he/she may repeat the same course.

The first grade, however, remains on the student's transcript, along with the second

grade, and figures into the Senate) to strike the first grade off student's grade point average.

The SGA does not agree with the university's Faculty Senate regarding grades for repeated

"This policy covers other TBR (Tennessee Board of Regents) schools, the UT (University of Tennessee) system and Vanderbilt," said Dr. Ronald Bombardi, a Faculty Senate member and associate professor of the philosophy department.

"We want them (Faculty

a student's transcript because it's prejudicial to students," SGA Speaker of the Senate Larry Beaty said. "If it takes you twice to learn something, then it takes you twice to learn something."

The resolution has to receive approval by Dr. Robert LaLance, vice president for Student Affairs, before a change in the grading would occur.

Beaty said future employers and graduate schools may prevent

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#### Campus Capsule

Miss MTSU Scholarship Pageant, 7 p.m., Tucker Theater, tickets \$5 at the door, call 890-6937 or 893-3390.

Women's Political Action Group, 5 p.m., Keathley University Center Grill smoking section, call Lucy Ext. 3154.

Tennessee Association of Political Science Students (TAPSS), meeting, 4:30 p.m., Peck Hall 208, call Gary Nuckols Ext. 4093.

Intervsarsity Christian Fellowship, 5:30 p.m., KUC 313.

Friday, Feb. 21 Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, movie discussion, 7 p.m., Deere Hall

Saturday, Feb. 22

Stones River Clean Up, 9 a.m., meet at the Greenland parking lot, call 896-6074.

Sunday, Feb. 23

Catholic Student Center, mass at St. Rose church, 7 p.m., transportation will be provided, meet the van behind the KUC at

Hare Krishna Club, meditation and discussion, 5:30 p.m., Krishna Farm in Lynchburg, write to P.O. Box 146-A, Mulberry, Tn., 37359.

Monday, Feb. 24

Teacher Recruitment Week, Placement and Student Employment Center, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., KUC 328, call Martha Turner Ext. 2500.

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Peeping Tom: A female student it in front of the Mass reported Feb. 10 that while she was taking a shower Sunday in the swimming pool locker room, a male was on the floor looking under the door.

Vandalism: Adrian L. Owen reported Feb. 10 that his vehicle had been damaged while it was parked in the Beasley Hall lot. A bottle had been thrown through the window.

Dottie Huffine reported Tuesday that the cigarette machine in the lobby of Abernathy Hall had been broken into.

Vandalism/Arrest: Brown reported Feb. 10 that her vehicle had been damaged by a person against whom she has an order of protection. Randy Leon Jones was subsequently arrested on a charge of violation of a court

Theft: Phillip Huffer reported Feb. 10 that his bicycle had been stolen from where he had parked Communication Building.

John Conner reported Wednesday that a light oak finish end table was missing from one of the rooms in Clement Hall.

Brooke D. Eaton reported Wednesday that her purse was stolen from the hallway outside Room 205 of Peck Hall after she left it to take an exam paper to her instructor.

Larceny: Maria Arrieta reported Wednesday that person(s) unknown had removed two emerald rings from her room in Cummings Hall. Her roommate, Staci Pigue, reported a personal check was stolen from her.

Fraud by Check: While making deliveries to campus and accepting checks for both deliveries, Mohamad Jarrar of Sub-N-Salads reported Tuesday that two checks were returned marked account Investigation continues.

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a student from entrance because of the previous bad grade on a transcript.

"We're here to learn the material," Beaty said. "That's the reason why we have adult learning and remedial and developmental studies. They (students) didn't learn it the first time."

Carol Bader, who is the chair of Academic Affairs, and Bombardi recently worked together to research grade systems for repeated courses.

They researched other Tennessee higher education institutions with the same policy as MTSU, with the exception of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

Bader found that UT-Knoxville replaces the previous attempted grade if a student has 30 hours or fewer at the time the course is completed. Yet if a student has 31 or more hours at the course's completion, then UT-Knoxville averages the two grades.

#### SGA-

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"We did use every penny we had," Massengale said. "There was no prejudice against any of the applications."

"We gave to everyone that we could," Massengale added.

Hughes wishes more organizations could have been funded, which could be achieved by "raising the student activity fee."

"I wouldn't mind paying an extra dollar to fund more organizations," he said.



#### SGA Luncheon Forum draws low but hot topics

NICOLE M. SIKORA Assisstant News Editor

The recent Student Government Association luncheon forum had a small turnout, but goals to draw a larger audience were set by the SGA president.

About 25 faculty and staff members and one student attended the forum, which was Feb. 17.

SGA president Shawn

#### **GAME**

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Murray was found at the basketball game "jumping and tripping over the arena seats" at Murphy Center. Murray was approached and asked to step outside by officers, the report states

Following a half time Black History Month ceremony, Student Government Association President Shawn Burgess introduced a "rap cheer." Murray and Edwards "spontaneously" appeared on the floor behind Burgess and added a "graphic performance" to the cheer.

The Black History Month program included a speech by Dr. James Hindman, vice president of Academic Affairs, a speech by Burgess, and the singing of the Black National Anthem.

"I thought Shawn did not know what was going on. I was ashamed and embarrassed that I worked at MTSU," said one staff member who asked not to be indentified. "I think it's going to be hard to overcome this."

Cindy Randles, athletic ticket manager for Murphy Center, said a "few concerned individuals called asking about the nature of Monday night's program."

Burgess said he was also

Burgess said he was disappointed with the student attendance.

"We've had, on the average, about 80 to 100 students," Burgess said. "Next time we plan on having 1,000 students."

Topics during the 15-minute discussion included the change of MTSU's name to the University of Middle Tennessee, a recent press conference vocalizing student displeasure concerning funding cuts, methods of confused with what was going on behind him during the cheer.

"I didn't get to see what they did (behind me)," Burgess said. "I ceased (my act) when I saw negative feedback."

"I didn't find out what happened until I got up in the stands," he added.

Disciplinary action is being taken against Murray and Edwards for disrupting the university's program.

Burgess also said he apologizes if anyone was offended by Monday night's incident and said that "it was not a planned event."

"Security didn't know if they (Murray and Edwards) were part of the act," he said. "I'm sure if they knew for fact, then they would have grabbed them."

Ralph Metcalf, director of Minority Affairs, said that the incident was not part of the tribute to Black History Month.

"It definitely was not part of the program," Metcalf said. "I got up to go to the concession stand, and when I got back I had missed all the commotion, but I heard what happened."

Dr. James Walker has issued a public apology on behalf of the university. That letter will be

printed in Monday's Sidelines.

supporting Women's History Month and services for handicapped students.

Burgess said the SGA considers MTSU's name to be UMT or the University of Middle Tennessee.

"We decided that since we represent the student body, and

since the student body has voted in favor of changing the name, that as far as the Student Government is concerned, we are no longer Middle Tennessee State University. We are the University of Middle Tennessee," Burgess said.



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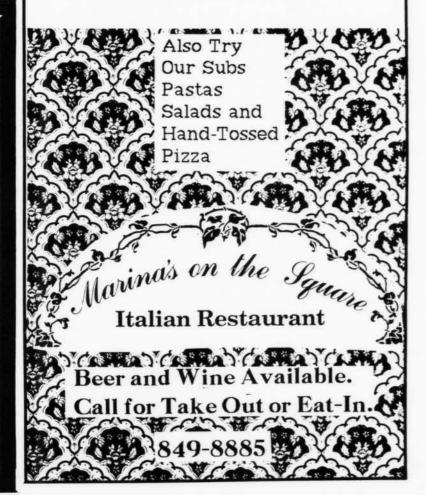
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With Super Tuesday less than three weeks away, the time has come to chose a presidential candidate and back him all the way. As the campaigns begin to eat up more and more air time, we have seen plenty of information on the field and feel that there is only one real choice — his name is Paul Tsongas.

"Who?" you ask. That's right — Paul Tsongas (the "T" is silent). He is a Democrat from Massachusetts who finished first in this week's New Hampshire primary. Granite state residents were asking the

same question just one month ago.

What makes his victory even surprising is that he didn't become the front runner with the usual flash, flare and unatainable promises that help most politicians. That's not his style. He's soft spoken with a bit of a lisp and has been categorized by some as boring. But the content of his speech is refreshingly honest — nothing like the political rhetoric to which we have grown accustomed.

In fact, the label of "Democrat" is somewhat inappropriate. On social issues, he is a self-proclaimed liberal with a deep concern for education, homelessness and the environment. But he doesn't adhere to the tax-and-spend fiscal policies that have come to be associated with the Democratic party. He is an economic realist, dare I say conservative, who knows that pro-business policies is the key to a healthy economy. His pragmatism makes for a good mix of progressive and realistic principles badly needed in a country torn between radical approached to government.

If you haven't yet decided on a candidate, we recommend taking a hard look at Tsongas. Put aside the trivialities of stage presence and appearance and listen to the message. We feel that America's present situation makes Paul Tsongas the smart vote.

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## Letters to the Editor

#### Parking reply misses the mark

In her letter to the Sidelines on February 10, Kay Kingsley states that I missed a key issue in my opposition to a parking garage; female night students. As a security guard in the female dorms I understand the serious risk women face at night on this campus. Ms. Kingsley implied that I cannot relate to those who have night classes with her statement that "If I were a male taking only day classes, as I am quite sure Mr. Langsdon is, I might not be concerned about the extra walk across campus." First of all, I have two night classes during the week. Secondly, where do you think this parking garage would be built? In front on Peck Hall? No, most likely it would be built closer to Cummings Hall, which means that there would still be walking involved.

I have an answer, and it's not a new concept. It's called campus security. Anyone (male or female) who does not feel safe walking alone can call 2424 and get an escort to anywhere on campus, day or night.

A parking garage would be a nice thing to have, but we don't needone.

Bruce Langsdon Box 8130

#### Shame on wasteful Sidelines

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# Convict stresses Constitution's importance

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American Con-vict, Thomas J. Smith, Jr. #75850 3250 Ezell Pike Nashville, TN 37202

## Winter 'Dull'-ympics could use some spice

Every four years the world's best athletes come together for one common goal - to compete very boring games. Unfortunately, 1992 is one such year and the Winter "Dull"ympics haven't changed a bit.

Before I begin this tirade and open myself to harsh criticism from faithful luge fans everywhere, allow me to set a few ground rules:

No. 1 — The athletes are in no way to blame for the boredom inflicted on us by the Olympics. They are all well-trained and excellently-conditioned, but their abilities are limited by the unimaginative events in which they are forced to compete.

No. 2 — Simply because something is difficult or requires a high degree of skill does not necessarily make it a sport. Swallowing a watermelon whole is hard too, but people shouldn't get a medal for doing it.

No. 3 — I do not mean to imply that the Winter Olympics should be eliminated, but I do have I few suggestion that I feel would make the events more

TERRY MASSEY From atop the soapbox

challenging for the athletes and more exciting for the viewers. A little fine tuning could work wonders for these humdrum winter sports.

Of course, I use the term "sports" in the loosest possible sense. For example, let's look at alpine skiing. The entrants have mastered this event almost to the point of perfection. They glide so closely between the gates that they flatten the flimsy markers with each pass. How about replacing these spineless obstacles with trees. Not huge redwoods or anything, but ones sturdy enough to present the skiers with a real challenge. Sure, such a change might make the sport a bit more brutal, but it would greatly add to the degree of difficulty. That ought to separate the men from the Swedes.

The downhill has a similar problem. The competition is so close that often the difference between the gold medal and a

certificate of participation is stab a guy? milliseconds. At one point last week, there were eight skiers within one second of first place. I say they should let everybody go through the course at the same time. The first person to the bottom of the hill wins the gold. It would save time, prevent controversy over the accuracy of the Swiss timekeepers and make for some interesting photo-finish collisions.

The event that makes absolutely no sense whatsoever is the biathlon. For those lucky enough to miss this sorry excuse for a game, it involves two totally unrelated elements — skiing and shooting. That's right, crosscountry skiing followed by shooting a rifle at innocent targets. I guess if you're a Siberian moose hunter this is part of your daily routine, but if you happen not to live in the Artic Circle like 99 percent of the world's population, then you probably fail to make the connection. How about a Summer Olympic equivalent where entrants swim 500 meters then

Perhaps the most glaring example of an event that limits the true ability of the athletes is the bobsled. Case in point, Herschel Walker is quite possibly the greatest physical specimen in Olympic history. So how does he get to exhibit his talent? By riding on a sled. Lean Herschel lean!

The bobsled event needs a total overhaul. These glorified bumper cars zip through the icy, gutter-like course with all the excitement of a Cub Scout soap box derby. The only ingredients that differentiate one team from another is a few seconds of pushing-off and the ability to steer straight. The not-so-distant cousin luge event, which is basically a bobsled minus the "bob," is equally dull. How about adding some forks, ramps and loop-de-loops to the course? Even a bobsled demolition derby would be preferable to the status quo.

The next statement I can make without qualification -FIGURE SKATING IS NOT A SPORT! Yes, it requires precision timing, dancing skills and some

people actually enjoy it. But the same can be said for the New Kids On The Block and I'll be damned if they deserve a medal. No amount of reform can salvage this event, so you'll have to settle for a piece of advice. Reserve the Olympics for real sports only and leave figure skating for the Ice Capades.

These are a few of the changes I feel are needed to make the Winter Olympics more challenging and exciting. I realize they are somewhat sarcastic, but I assure you they have been called worse - like ridiculous, intolerant and simple-minded. One person even told me that while the Olympic games might seem foreign to Americans, they are of central importance to many European countries -- much like football, baseball and basketball are to us. If that scary thought doesn't make you love your country, nothing will. Imagine spending a Sunday afternoon watching the Redskins and the 49ers sledding against one another then repeat after me -GOD BLESS AMERICA!

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# BEWARE OF THE BOY NEXT DOOR

FERN GREENBANK Features Editor

Let's just say you're sitting in class, and you're bored, so you look around and survey your classmates.

Some fit into a category that's almost definable—the cowboy (probably an industrial arts or agriculture major); the guy dressed in black leather with a tail streaming down his back (probably a RIM major); or an older woman with a book bag instead of a backpack (probably an education major.) Then there's the average looking guy in the back who doesn't really stand out.

The truth is, the person sitting next to you may be something extraordinary. MTSU has become the breeding ground for excellence whether we see it at first glance or not. The person sitting beside you may be a prize-winning horticulturalist or a country music recording artist. The motherly looking woman could be a former beauty queen. Or, the guy sitting in the back could be Scott Rooker, 2nd degree black belt and amateur-working-on-pro kickboxer.

Rooker, a 21-year-old senior MTSU business administration major, looks like the boy next door. He wears his hair cut in an All-American style, sports the current favorite expensive tennis shoes, addresses women as "ma'am" and men as mister. He's of small build and average height. Rooker's light southern drawl doesn't quite give him away as a Southern Boy—but his charm does. Just a regular looking guy with a not-so-regular career waiting for him after class.

The boy next door is supposed to dream about football, basketball and baseball. This is where Rooker deviates from the image. He says that as long as he can remember, he's wanted to learn karate.

"I was fascinated with karate and boxing. I saw it on TV and that got my curiosity up. I read books on it and picked up Black Belt magazine to look at the pictures," Rooker explains with the same excited tone a baseball fan has when showing off his card collection.

"I knew that if I could get into it, I could make something of myself—You know how there are some things that you just know if you can get a chance at then



Dane Herndon/Photographer

IT PAYS TO BE DIFFERENT: Scott Rooker chose kickboxing as his sport and it's taking him to France next week for an international bout.

you will be good at?" asks Rooker as if to say most people have this committed feeling at some time in their lives. Some choose to chase after the chance—like Rooker.

"I wanted to take karate lessons and I figured the only way I would get them was to say I wanted them for my birthday," Rooker recalls. "They [his parents] were afraid I would get killed so they wouldn't let me join at first. On my birthday I begged and whined and they finally gave

in.'

On Rooker's 15th birthday, whining was rewarded with karate lessons with Jerry Potts in Columbia, Tenn. Rooker's mother says Potts was a neighbor of theirs at the time and she felt more comfortable with the karate lessons because of that. At least if something happened to her pride and joy, the cause would be right next door and accountable.

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# ALKNOWN I YOU CAN get

Shelley Mays/Photographer

BEACH BOYS: The sounds of Idaho Beach House are catching attention, not waves.

# Idaho Beach House speaks to 'misplaced generation' issue. Who met who first is a "It's weird, just the other

BRIAN ROGERS
Feature Writer

Deep in the heart of south Murfreesboro lies a patch of forgotten rubble. Protruding from this landmark is a voice for a new generation. This voice is Idaho Beach House.

"Nashville is known as the hub of country music, a place where no good rock band even dare exist," says Mark Roberts, rhythm guitarist and lead vocalist.

"We're trying to break that mindset," explains Jay Jones, drummer and backing vocalist.

"We're just a band," asserts Joe Robins, the self-proclaimed shy but enticing bass player.

Greg Layne, lead guitarist and non-vocalist (for reasons too obvious to mention), remains

"Greg takes care of production," Mark explains.

"Jay is the control freak," blurts Joe.

"Tyge[Joe's friends] is our Yoko," Jay adds.

Band history, for Idaho, is an

issue. Who met who first is a question that no one seems able to competently answer.

Greg and Mark met in 1987, while Jay and Joe met in 1989. Mark and Jay met in 1991. To make a long story short, they all got together in spring of 1991.

"Jay came up with the name," explains Joe. "We all came up with the

name," Jay insists.

But what does the name

But what does the name mean?

Mark offers an explanation. "We're speaking to a lost generation, a misplaced generation. A generation about as misplaced as a beach house in Idaho, henceforth the name."

Before coming to the Beach House, Jay and Joe spent time playing with In A Sense and Fact Is Fiction.

"In Fact is Fiction we did extensive studio work together,"Jay reveals.

"I wouldn't say extensive," corrects Joe.

At the same time Mark and Greg were working with another band, Ke-Chang.

"It's weird, just the other day in my English class, I saw 'Ke-Chang' written on a desk. It freaked me out!" Mark exclaims.

Greg is still silent. Jay checks his [Greg's] pulse.

Jay joined forces with Greg and Mark to make a brave new sound. Joe was soon to follow.

"We decided to play music we wanted to play, rather than jumping on the bandwagon and playing exactly what people wanted to hear," Joe declares.

"Joe and I added aggressiveness to Greg and Mark's ethereal 70s influenced music," Jay elaborates.

Mark and Jay are the principal songwriters in the group, but the whole band collaborates on the music.

Sometimes songwriting is a group effort, even including band wives.

"We spend time thinking about our songs. We don't want to be overly political—we don't want to make asses of ourselves," Jay explains.

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#### Beware –

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So far, nothing has gone awry in Rooker's quest to excel in karate. Upon arrival in Murfreesboro, he found a mentor and coach in Bill Taylor, owner of the Bushido School of Karate and instructor at MTSU.

The Bushido School is the only one in the Middle Tennessee area which takes on kickboxing students. Taylor himself was once ranked No. 2 in the world in kickboxing.

Rooker watched Taylor and his boxers patiently behind-thescenes while he concentrated on moving up the karate belt ladder-but he had one eye on kickboxing all the time.

Finally attaining a 2nd degree black belt, Rooker became more focused on kickboxing.

"I was doing some part-time teaching for Mr. Taylor and he asked me to teach one night so he could go take care of the details for Thomas Chesterfield's fight," remembers Scott. (Chesterfield, another of the Bushido Schools' fighters, is ranked No. 3 in the

"In return for teaching, he [Mr. Taylor] gave me a ticket to see the fight. I went down there and watched all the fights and I loved it. The next week I asked Mr. Taylor if I could get started. He gave me a workout sheet and said to try that for a week and then come back and we would see about sparring," Rooker tells.

"So I came in the next week and he let me start sparring with Thomas. I got knocked around and Mr. Taylor asked me if I still wanted to do this. I said 'yes'," Rooker continues.

Rooker's mother says she thought her son would get tired of being knocked around after one semester, but to her surprise, he's taken it all the way.

Coach Taylor has seen a lot of people with grand ideas about kickboxing come and go.

"Scott has heart which is something I can't teach. Some fighters give up mentally and just go through the motions. He has more heart than anybody I've ever worked with," the seasoned fighter and coach admits.

Even Rooker's professors aren't surprised that this young man has pushed his way to the

"Some are smart and some work hard," English professor William Wolfe explains, "but Scott pulls the combination together. He really has his act in gear."

The young athlete seems to like the combination of brains and strength that kickboxing offers. Although karate and kickboxing are related, they're also mutually exclusive. Rooker says karate is a sport that develops inner strength, discipline, confidence and self respect. Those qualities may be used in many areas of life and they can be a big asset for a

It isn't necessary for kickboxers to have a karate background, but it helps. "You actually learn the techniques in karate, the proper way to kick, the proper way to punch and how to make them effective. But when you get into kickboxing, it's a lot more about application," explains the young boxer.

"The difference in the two sports is in the focus. Instead of stopping just short of contact in karate, you're really blasting punches in there, just like in boxing," Rooker continues.

Rooker says he thinks the martial arts themselves have

always had a little bit of mystique about them and that "people think there some kind of hidden meaning in this and it can catch their eye, but it can also scare people off because a lot of times people are afraid of what they don't know."

These sports haven't scared Rooker off. They've offered him a chance to use his mind and his strength. They also offer a chance to excel. In November, Rooker lost his title as the Tennessee State Champion in a split decision. Not one who enjoys losing, Rooker is eager for

That win may be coming soon. With an amateur record of 6-3 (two wins by knockout), Rooker boards a plane headed for Elba, France on Feb. 23 where he will compete in international competition against Frenchman Dominique Correa.

Traveling with Rooker will be Bill Taylor as coach and No. 3 world ranked Thomas Chesterfield who will be fighting professionally against a Russian.

This fight will be the 10th amateur bout for Rooker, all that is required in order to turn pro, but he says he won't do that until his coach feels he's ready. Mentally, it seems, Rooker is ready for the challenge but he's smart enough to know that it's no fun diving into a situation that could cause injury.

Rooker may not be in a hurry to go pro, but he's young and he's determined. "He's pleasant, well-manner, an all-around good kid," describes Professor Wolfe. Rooker's mother says her son is a "well behaved young man," (although she admits she only sees him when he runs home to eat and sleep in between classes, workouts and teaching). Coach Taylor points to Rooker's "heart" as the boxer's predominant characteristic.

In other words, Scott Rooker is just the boy next door who likes dirt bike riding, movies and

his girlfriend. He's the guy who sits in class and looks like your average 21-year-old. But he's also the one who leaves class to sport gloves and a helmet in the hopes of knocking somebody to

So, the next time you're bored in class and start to survey your classmates, you might think twice about those categories we place people in too quicklyespecially those All-American looking type. We know at least one of them will be in France next week kicking his heart out.

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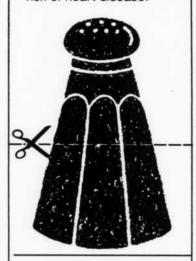
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"The entire event will be held on campus," Messier said.

The run begins at 2 p.m. with walkers starting at 2:05. Runners have a 5K course to complete, while walkers have a two mile course.

All participants who pre-register by today will receive a T-shirt, Messier said. But anyone interested in participating can register up until race day and on race day beginning at 1 p.m. Participants can also elect to pre-register and not receive a shirt.

The organizers of the program hope for a large turn-out to gain momentum for the upcoming events in honor of Women's History

Registration for the run is \$10 with a T-shirt and \$3 without; the walk is \$9 with a T-shirt and \$2 without.

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#### Idaho -

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Everyone nods in agreement,

"When we write a song, and we want to relate it to a subject, we do it through personalized fictional characters we know about, versus the broader issues we know nothing about," Jay further explains.

"That's how we express our opinions, through our music," Mark adds.

The Beach House boys are obviously doing something right. They spent over a month in Vanderbilt's WRVU top five. Their song 'Rejection' was put on regular rotation at the station in the fall, while their new song 'A Toast, I Suppose' is gaining

"Themes of our songs deal with everything from addiction to spandex-clad prostitutes to God," Jay notes.

"We're coming out with an EP in March," Mark announces.

In fact, Turtle's Records & Video will be selling the tape as soon as it's released. Also in March the band hopes to enlarge its' audience by playing more

Idaho will be opening for Seth Timbs and the Madhatters Friday at the 'Boro Bar and Grill. The show beings at 10 p.m. and a there's a \$3 cover charge.

Other upcoming shows for the band include a March 4 date at Taj Mahal in Nashville followed by a March 20 spring break party at the 'Boro Bar and Grill. Seth Timbs and the Madhatters will be opening each

In April the band is scheduled to play at the annual WRVU benefit concert. This year's event will be held April 4 at 328 Performance Hall.

"It's kind of a symbiotic relationship we have with Seth,"

"We're gonna play 12 songs that will kick your ass," Mark

"It's kinda a hits of the 70s thing," Jay admits jokingly.

"Yeah, you never know when we will do a Leo Sayer song or a 'Muskrat Love," Mark points out.

When asked about the future of the band, they all report that the future really isn't on their minds right now.

"I want to make a CD before I die," Jay announces.

"We want to tour Europe," Joe adds.

"We want to get signed to an independent label so we can do what we want," declares Mark.

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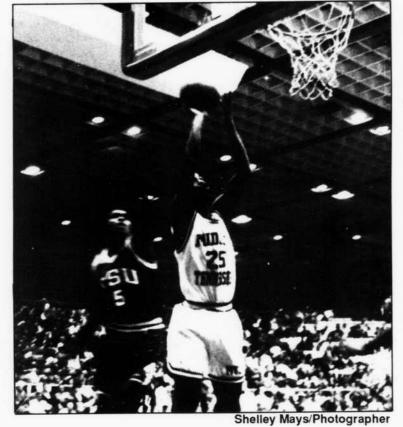
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# Sports

# Tigers a toy for MTSU's Kidd



EASY TWO: It's a rare miss when MTSU guard Robert Taylor gets a shot this close to the basket.

# Blue Raiders gearing up for tournament with win over TSU

Scott Hassler Sports Writer

When the MTSU basketball team takes the court, it likes to play at full throttle.

But when the Blue Raiders play Tennessee State, they are confronted with a brand-new game that always gives them fits.

The same was true Monday night as Tennessee State slowed the tempo yet still picked up the loss 68-49.

"The kids said it was a ugly win but we'll take it," MTSU mentor David Farrar said. "There were a couple of times during the first half had Tennessee State made a couple of baskets, they would have held on.

"They make you guard them for a long time, and while we didn't play very well, they had a lot to do with that - they made us play bad."

During their first meeting of the season, TSU installed a new offense called the weave. It is a very slow tempo game which allows the shot clock to run down. Then when the defense was relaxed, the Tigers took advantage and usually got a good shot.

However, Middle was still able to pull out a 55-50 come-from-behind win.

Once again Monday night, the Raiders did not have the luxury of controlling the game because of the style of the Tigers' offense. The results showed that the Raiders quickly found themselves in a hole, 19-11

The Raiders looked very sluggish for the first 13:30 minutes. At that point Warren Kidd and Kelvin Hammonds brought the Raiders back.

With 2:13 left in the first half the Raiders took the lead 25-23, and at the break the Raiders led 27-24 in a slow paced, turnover plagued game.

"Three of our starters played 16-18 minutes in the first half, "Farrar said. "I'm worn out, and my players are exhausted.

"We didn't really have a letdown. We just are mentally and physically fatigued."

The Raiders found enough energy to come out in the second half and extend their lead to as many as nine points yet TSU closed the lead to four before

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# 'The General'

#### Blue Raider starting guard proof of hard work

"I don't look to shoot. I just try to get

everybody else involved in the offense and

DIANNE DEOLIVEIRA Assistant Sports Editor

Jeff Hunter joined the Blue Raider basketball team as "walk-on" four years ago

The lanky 6-2 freshman came to Middle after a solid high school career at nearby Franklin High. Today the senior has developed into a key player and is a starter this season as a point guard.

Hunter has started in 13 games over the past two years and has played in well over half the Blue Raider games throughout his career.

But this year, he seems to have blossomed. Hunter has now become a consistent starter for the Big Blue, and he plays the part of floor general for a

team which seems
to be coming
together — a big
factor at
tournament time.

"There isn't a player on this

team who puts his practice into the game better than Jeff Hunter," coach David Farrar said, "Jeff works as hard as anyone on the team, and you can see him display the examples that we work on during practice during the game as well as anyone."

help everybody out."

Although he only averages less than five points a game, shooting is not one of Hunter's priorities.

"I don't look to shoot. I just try to get everybody else involved in the offense and help everyone out," Hunter said. "That's my job, and then when my shot is there, I can take it."

Indeed he can as he possesses almost a 60 percent field percentage.

In addition to assisting the offense, Hunter said he feels a guard must assume other roles as well to

have a winning programs.

"You have to be a team leader besides a player. You have to motivate your teammates and pick them up when they're down.

"I try to encourage some of the younger guys by telling them to keep a positive attitude, to keep hustling and work hard, and eventually they get through the mistakes," he said.

And Hunter is a perfect example of patience because his action has been quite limited throughout his previous three years. Hunter found himself watching from the bench the majority of the time, but his attitude has kept him going and got him where he is today as a general guiding his troops

into battle.

"The team tries to stay in a straight line and have the same goals; and if we veer off, we try to

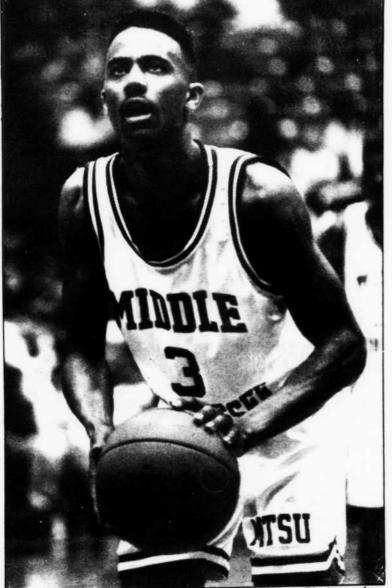
pull it back together."

-Jeff Hunter, MTSU guard

Hunter said he is glad he chose to further his education and athletic career at MTSU; and after graduating in May, with a psychology degree and a minor in business, he has a few options in mind for the future.

"I like working with people, so maybe I'll go into counseling. I would also like to work for a major business firm, maybe with personnel aspect, but I'm still trying to decide right now," he said.

Hunter's hard work and consistency as a leader, makes those around him play better. If these qualities continue to grow, the will contribute to his future success.



Shelley Mays/Photographer

CONCENTRATION: MTSU guard Jeff Hunter prepares to shoot a free throw during the win over TSU Monday night.

Robinson has the record, Ladies win

# Wright, Hopwood close out home court careers

TONY J. ARNOLD
Sports Editor

When people look at the 99-69 score the Lady Raiders posted over Tennessee State Monday, they will remember little about the actual action.

What they will remember are a few individual performances, particularly those of seniors Shana Wright and Laurie Hopwood who played before their final home crowd. They will also remember Priscilla Robinson who as only a sophomore became the first Lady Raider to achieve the 1,000 point goal in less than two seasons.

Robinson, the OVC Freshman of the Year last season, hit a short jumper in the paint at the 6:33 mark to eclipse the mark.

"It felt good because my mom and baby were here to see it," Robinson said. "The most important thing is that we won the game. "I just take it one game at a time, and I don't really worry about the points. I want to win an OVC championship before I worry about any records."

Robinson, who needed only 12 points for the record going into the game, began the mark early as she netted seven quick points. But a Tennessee State team which was presumably an easy win, would not quit.

The Lady Tigers continued to keep the contest close and took a 7-2 run in the closing two minutes of the half to give MTSU only a six point lead, 46-40.

TSU had averaged 35 percent in field goal shooting for the season, yet Monday, in the opening half, the team shot a blistering 53 percent.

"We didn't have good defense in the first half," coach Lewis Bivens said. "We gave them too many easy shots. When you get layups and easy shots, it's



Shelley Mays/Photographer

#### SIMON SAYS RAISE THOSE HANDS: Members of the Lady Raider team raise their hands in hopes of point number 100 Monday.

not hard to have a high shooting percentage."

The second half started out much as the first did. It was nipand-tuck throughout the first eight minutes. After that, MTSU simply exploded.

The Lady Raider defense held TSU scoreless for over four minutes. Meanwhile, behind a 3-point barrage, the Lady Raiders went on a 20-0 run to put the game away.

In that run, Cherrita Williams netted two 3-pointers, and she had already scored 11 points in the half. "We knew that they couldn't hang with us," Williams said. "We knew we could take it to them, and it was really our defense that put us back on top.

"It was just a desire. We want to win the OVC, and we know if we want to, we're going to have to quit messing around."

Middle's next bucket came on a fast break when Hopwood, a point guard, hit Robinson with pass that threaded the needle through just about every player on the court. Robinson hit her wide open layup.

Meanwhile Wright got into

the action with some deadly outside shooting. The senior who has played all four years under coach Bivens netted 15 points, including three 3-pointers.

"It was an important win for us," Bivens said. "We needed to bounce back after the Tech game, and although we didn't come out with all the engines running, we finally played some defense and rebounded in the second half."

Middle had their chances to eclipse the century mark but two missed free throws with seconds remaining dashed those hopes.

State cooled off to a 33 percentage from the field in the second half, while Middle turned up the heat to 61 percent.

Robinson led the way with

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## Raider rackets ready to hit competition

When you're desperate, you're desperate.

And that especially goes for the Lady Raider tennis team which was all psyched up for action in Auburn last weekend. However, mother nature put a damper on those hopes when rain forced the Lady Raiders to wait another week for action.

The Lady netters will compete at the Eastern Kentucky Indoor Tennis Invitational Friday and Saturday. The key word is indoor, meaning there will be action this weekend, rain or shine.

"We desperately need to play," coach Dale Short said. "We're getting sick and tired of looking at each other and playing each other.

"The competition is good for our level, and it will give us a chance to see where we stand. Eastern Kentucky will probably be our main competitor in the conference so we'll get to see how we stack up with them."

Other teams in the invitational other that EKU will be Bowling Green and Louisville.

Meanwhile, the men will make the short journey to Nashville to participate at the Vanderbilt Quadrangular. It will be the first action in a few weeks for the men which is a concern for Short, he said.

Due to NCAA regulations, Short was forced to cut his schedule back from 30 dates to 25. Since the university has no indoor courts, Short opted to cut back in January and February when the weather conditions are usually poor.

Other schools competing such as Vandy, Southern Illinois, Miami and Mobile College all have such accommodations at their universities, and they all have match experience this season.

"That's our big disadvantage going in," Short said. "Most of these teams have played three or four matches already because they have indoor courts. I know Vandy has played seven, and they're our main rival.

"But I think all the teams are at our level; and if we play extremely well to the best of our ability, we have an excellent chance of winning all our matches. If we don't play well or get injured, we could get beat by any of the four teams.'

Leading the way for Middle will be sophomore Paul Goebel who will play No. 1 singles. Other Raiders who plan on making a repeat OVC championship run include Dominique Hannan, Keith Harrietha, David Thornton, Patrick Zackrisson, Andrew Oxner, Eric West and John Trondson.

"We have some good talent and depth, and we're especially strong on doubles," Short said. "I'm going to get our players as much action as possible."

Middle's women will be led by senior Lorinda Weiss who is expected to be one of, if not the top player in the OVC this year. Her teammates who'll be vying for their third consecutive OVC crown this year are Yael Soresman, Jenny Oliveria, Carol MacPherson, Katrina Beuchler, and newcomers Shelly Reed and Jana Durham.

"We're going to need our freshmen and newcomers on both teams to play like upperclassmen if we plan to repeat our conference championships together," Short said.

The coach encouraged fans to hit the road if possible for the short jaunt to Nashville. The men will be in action at 10 a.m. Saturday against Southern Illinois, 2 p.m. against Miami, 10 a.m. Sunday against Mobile and 6 p.m. against Vanderbilt.

"We're going to be anxious, and it's certainly a big weekend," Short said. "It will be competitive but it will also give us a chance to get a little bit tournament hardened."

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#### Blue Raiders 'Tee Up' the spring season

JIM HORTON Sports Information

The Middle Tennessee State golf team begins its spring season this weekend with a grueling fourday, two-tournament swing through Mississippi and

The Blue Raiders are hoping to start this spring, as they did last fall, with a victory.

MTSU's first tournament is the Pizza Hut Intercollegiate played in Jackson, Miss., at the Deerfield Golf an Country Club on Feb. 20 and 21. Head Coach Johnny Moore anticipates this tournament to be a difficult beginning to the new

"This tournament will feature a strong field highlighted b both Mississippi and Mississippi State. I would really be pleased, considering our inexperience, with a finish in the top one-third of the field.'

The Blue Raiders' relative inexperience comes from a roster that features three sophomores teaming up with only two seniors.

The seniors are John-Paul Fitzgerald, a transfer from East Tennessee State, and Tom Jordan. In addition to these two seniors, sophomores Mike Webb, Chris Guy and Matt Lucchesi will try to overcome their lack of playing experience in an effort to bring the squad a strong showing in the first outing of this season.

At the Senior Bowl Classic, played on Feb. 22

and 23 in Mobile, Ala., at the Lakewood Course-Grand Hotel, Moore expects a little effort from his young troops.

"The Mobile tournament should not have as strong a field as the one at Jackson, so I would hope for a top-three finish. Our inexperience here should also be a factor, but it will be interesting to see how our younger players take to the challenge."

Fitzgerald, a native of Ireland, where he was a top amateur player, is expected to be the leader and top player for the Raiders, not only this weekend, but for the entire spring.

"He is playing really strong right now," adds Moore, "and I believe he will be competitive in every field we play in."

Another golfer who is "hot" right now is Guy, the sophomore from Hampton, Tennessee.

"Chris is playing well and is a very aggressive player, but that tends to get him in trouble at times," says Moore.

That could spell trouble, because the two courses the Blue Raiders will be seeing this weekend are narrow and not conductive to their style of play.

"Deerfield is a good, tough golf course," says Moore. "The Lakewood Course is a scenic and historic course on the bay in Mobile. Both should provide a sufficient challenge for our aggressive

#### Kidd

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the Raiders went on a 11-0 run to put the game out of reach.

"Rebounds were a big factor, "Raider center Warren Kidd said. "You can't give them second

"I just tried to keep the team composed. TSU messes up your rhythm by playing a slow down game, and we really needed to jump on them early'

In the second half TSU looked tired and fatigued more than a fierce tiger. The Raiders drove to the basket at will, putting the TSU big men at a disadvantage and the game out of

"We wore them out," Kidd said. "Their main post men got in foul trouble, and their bench wasn't deep."

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The Raiders now head to the road to play their two remaining conference games against Austin Peay and Southeast Missouri. The game at Peay Saturday begins at

Both games are vital for the Raiders if they want a good seed in the OVC tournament March 6-

"The OVC doesn't like MTSU, " Kidd said, "especially Tennessee Tech and Tennessee State. We're gonna get all hyped up for them.'

If Kidd plays in the tourny like he did Monday, Middle will be tough to beat. Kidd led the way for the Middle with a 19 point, 15 rebound, seven blocked shots performance.

Kelvin Hammonds was the only other MTSU player in double figures as he finished with 11 points and 10 rebounds.



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21 points. Wright and Niki Bonner added15 while Williams and Sherry Tucker each had 13.

Hopwood, who in nine minutes of action, had four assists and two points. Her assists were one short of the game-high five set by teammate Maggie

MTSU returns to action in the final run this weekend when they go to Austin Peay for a 5:30 encounter in Clarksville. The Lady Raiders will close out the regular season Monday at Southeast Missouri.



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