

Men's Basketball Team Triumphs Over Tusculum

Cavs Challenge Two Division One Conference Schools

By Sean Anderson

The Cavaliers walked off the court with a victory last Saturday afternoon, after an 83-72 win against Tusculum. The leading scorers were: Aron Gabriel with 13 points, Brad Gabriel with 19, and Travis Ross with 13.

At the beginning of the first quarter, Tusculum led 18-6. M-AC came back and took the lead 42-37 by the end of first half. Sophomore Jonathan Bennett pronounced, "We started off slow. Then Coach Mac gave us a jump start in the huddle after a time-out and we started playing as a team again."

Head Coach Steve McNamara explained, "In the second half, the Cavs played a steady half and Tusculum couldn't get a steady margin. I was really pleased with the way our guys played in the second half, especially our reserves on the bench. We are starting to make better and better decisions on the court and it's paying off as we are playing better and better basketball."

This afternoon, the Cavs will

travel to Lynchburg, Virginia, to face their next opponent, Liberty College. The game is scheduled to begin at 8:15pm. This will be the first time the Cavs will contend against Liberty, as Liberty is a Division One school in the NCAA Big South Conference. According to Coach McNamara, their opponent's basketball team is both strong and physical. The school consists of approximately 8,000 students and Coach McNamara hopes to gain experience for his team by rivaling in front of a larger crowd.

Tomorrow afternoon, at four, the Cavaliers will battle Bluefield College at McAlister Gym. Last year, the Cavs split with Bluefield, with one win and one loss. This game will be the last conference and home game of the semester. Bluefield, a university containing about the same amount of students as M-AC, hired Walt Ayers as their new coach. The previous coach had been there for three years. According to Coach McNamara, Bluefield matches the Cavaliers competi-

tion wise, however Bluefield's team plays hard.

On December 18, the Cavs will venture to Mars Hill, North Carolina, to vie against Mars Hill College. This will also be the first time M-AC has encountered Mars Hill, as they, too, are in the NCAA Division One Conference. Mars Hill consists of about 1,200 students and Coach McNamara supplied, "They are a very athletic team, perhaps one of the best in western North Carolina." Coach McNamara also looks forward to playing teams at higher levels to expose his players to better experiences.

ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

Friday, Dec. 10		
9 pm	Christmas Dance	Howerton Dining Hall
8:30 pm	Movie-- <i>Sleepless in Seattle</i>	Cav. Grill
Saturday, Dec. 11		
2 pm	Ladies' B-ball vs. Bluefield	McAlister Gym
4 pm	Men's B-ball vs. Bluefield	McAlister Gym
Sunday, Dec. 12		
12-10 pm	Open Dorm	McGregor Hall
7:30 pm	Vespers	M-A Hall
Monday, Dec. 13		
6:30 pm	Aerobic Workout	Fellowship Hall
8 - 11 pm	Open Dorm	M-A Hall
Tuesday, Dec. 14		
6:30 pm	3 on 3 B-ball Teams 1 vs. 6	McAlister Gym
7:30 pm	3 on 3 B-ball Teams 2 vs. 4	McAlister Gym
8:30 pm	3 on 3 B-ball Teams 3 vs. 5	McAlister Gym
7 - 11 pm	Open Dorm	Davis Hall
Wednesday, Dec. 15		
6:30 pm	5 on 5 B-ball Teams 5 vs. 6	McAlister Gym
7:30 pm	5 on 5 B-ball Teams 3 vs. 2	McAlister Gym
8:30 pm	5 on 5 B-ball Teams 1 vs. 4	McAlister Gym
6 - 10 pm	Open Dorm	McGregor Hall
Thursday, Dec. 16		
7 - 11 pm	Open Dorm	Davis Hall
8 - 11 pm	Open Dorm	Howerton Hall
Friday, Dec. 17		
Final Exams Begin		
12 am	Late-Night Study Break	Dining Hall
Saturday, Dec. 18		
Final Exams Continue		
Sunday, Dec. 19		
7:30 pm	Vespers	M-A Hall
12-10 pm	Open Dorm	McGregor Hall
10 pm	Ice Cream Study Break	Dining Hall

Lady Cavs Experience Unbelievable Deja Vu

Team Wins Two Back to Back Games in Identical Manner

By Marcy Buckner

The Lady Cavaliers burst into a three game winning streak, following a series of seven losses. Gaining confidence from their first win of the season against Warren Wilson, the Cavs stole a victory from Tusculum College, formerly undefeated in the Tennessee Virginia Athletic Conference, last Saturday, December 4, on the home court.

The Tusculum Pioneers' record, before meeting up with the Cavaliers, was 2-0 in the conference and 3-4 overall. The Lady Cavs were down by one with six or seven seconds left in overtime when Shelly Thompson, a 5'3 guard, went to the foul line. Scoring both points, the victory went to the Cavs with a final score of 95-94.

Amy Baker scored the most points of the game with 32. The team broke a

school record for three-pointers, with a total of 13, of which Baker made 8. Thompson followed close behind with 26 points, including four three-pointers. Jennifer Hobbs also added 18 points, along with seven rebounds, and shooting eight for eight at the foul line. Shon Snipes, the only senior on the team, contributed nine points, including a three-pointer, and an outstanding 12 rebounds. Christy Woody also contributed with seven rebounds.

Last year was the first time M-AC had competed against Tusculum in the conference. The first time they faced each other on the court, Tusculum triumphed rather easily, according to Coach Dana Bostic, on home turf. This season, however, they were forced to play catch-up the whole game.

Again the Lady Cavs narrowly triumphed, this time against the Brevard Tornados last Tuesday, December 7. During the first half, the opposing teams traded points, and the teams appeared evenly matched. At halftime, the Cavs were in the lead 42-33. The half-time song *Wipeout* foreshadowed the victory that seemed inevitable.

The odds flip-flopped during the second half, as the Tornados became increasingly aggressive and began trapping M-AC's players in defensive blockades. Brevard then gained the lead. With approximately six seconds remaining in the game, the score was tied when Thompson was fouled. This painted a familiar scenario. Thompson once again, successfully handling the pressure, swished the ball through the

net to win the game 81-80.

Baker was again the lead scorer with 24 points, followed by Thompson with 14, and Snipes with 10. Amy Harkleroad achieved five offensive, and four defensive, rebounds.

The Tornado's star player, #33, had a total of 30 points. And #54 had a total of 12 rebounds, seven defensive and five offensive. However, during the first half alone, Montreat shot 66.67% of their three-pointers, compared to 33.33% by the Tornados.

The Cavs will face Bluefield College at home tomorrow afternoon at two. Coach Bostic expects a competitive, but successful, game. The opposition's player to watch for is Janice McAlexander, #44, who stands 6'2", and is their best post player.

McMahan, Kitsteiner, and Reardon Lead in Relief Effort...

Fire Destroys Men's Dorm at Lee College

By Cara Weiss

Many M-AC students showed examples of their servant hearts by contributing items to aid fire victims. A men's dormitory at Lee College, located in Cleveland, Tennessee was recently destroyed by a blazing fire. Everything in the dorm was annihilated and victims were left with nothing.

M-AC students started a drive to help with the relief effort, headed by M-AC student leaders Carol McMahan, Elizabeth Kitsteiner, and Jeff Reardon.

According to McMahan, the drive began about two weeks ago, and continued over a period of two more weeks. Items collected were mailed right before Thanksgiving Break. Personal items, such as toiletries, made up a large majority of the contents of the care package. Others contributed articles of clothing, as well as hairdryers.

Cardboard boxes were placed in the lobbies of each dorm on campus. Contributors were encouraged to submit donated items in the provided containers.

In regard to the assistance M-AC instituted, senior Tracey Morrison re-

sponded, "I think we showed our fruit of the Spirit by helping out." Morrison's roommate, Penny Chenault, agreed, "It was very beneficial to the other college."

McMahan expressed, "I really appreciate the effort that people made. It was really encouraging to see people's generosity. I'd just like to thank everyone on behalf of SGA and SCA."

Willcox and Spencer Relieve Exam Pressure

By Jennifer Moore

Students will have the opportunity to stuff their faces after a exhausting night of studying. Cafeteria Manager Jack Spencer, along with Associate for Student Activities Cary Willcox, will be sponsoring two separate exam breaks this coming week.

The first break will be on December 17 at midnight. Students will be provided with a full breakfast buffet in Howerton Cafeteria. The breakfast buffet will consist of everything imaginable. A sample of the food to be provided is: eggs, pancakes, waffles, bacon, sausage, and hashbrowns. This buffet will be free to all students, including off-campus students.

Willcox predicted, "I expect a big turnout. From the students I have talked to, I think it will be a good turn out. It will save the students on campus who tend to go out during exams."

Many students agree with Willcox and feel this exam break will be very beneficial. Student Jennie Hinman contributed, "I definitely feel it's a good alternative to having to go off campus to study, especially for those who don't have cars."

Basketball player Jason Baker supplied, "I think it's really awesome. I like the time it's being held this year better than in the years past because by 12am everyone will be fried and will be pulling their hair out, so it will be a great stress reliever."

Off-Campus student David Caldwell commented, "Free food is always a good thing. Off-Campus students will be benefited because people will already be studying and they will be able to go and eat together and relax."

The second exam break will be held on Sunday at 10pm, in the Howerton Dining Hall. This exam break will consist of ice cream and all the fixings. This break is open to all students.

Willcox commented on the intention of the exam breaks: "The purpose is to enhance breaks so that students don't have to go off campus to study and pay money."

Willcox also forecasted that the ice cream social, though not expected to attract as big of a crowd because many students will have already left, will be just as successful as the first study break.

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