

Hoopsters Sneak Past Tusculum, Third-Ranked Tenn. Wesleyan

Elk Park's Tatum scores twice at buzzer

by Christian Malone

The men's basketball team upped their record to 6-12 with back-to-back down-to-the-wire one-point victories over Tusculum and Tennessee Wesleyan in the screaming atmosphere of McAlister Gymnasium last week.

On January 26th, the guys won a thriller 79-78 on a Luke Tatum lay-in at the buzzer. The Cavaliers outplayed Tusculum, but couldn't put the visitors away, as they came back to take the lead 78-77 with three seconds remaining.

Aron Gabriel then airballed a desperation three-pointer. But, in shades of North Carolina State's last-second victory in the 1983 Final Four, Tatum grabbed the airball and put in a lay-up as the buzzer sounded.

The Montreat bench emptied and mobbed their hero. Tatum quipped, "I

was just in the right place at the right time. When I saw it was going to be an airball, I just positioned myself to grab the rebound and lay it in."

Last Thursday night, it was Tennessee Wesleyan on the short end of a one-point game, 71-70. Montreat trailed most of the night, but Tatum came through again, this time with a three-pointer that gave Montreat a 66-65 lead with 2:59 to play.

From there, the Cavaliers held off the opposition to improve to 5-7 in the TVAC. Forward Jason Baker led the Cavaliers with 19 points, while Tyrone Jones added 15, and Tatum 10.

A pumped-up Gabriel said after the game, "We've been in a number of close games this season. It's good to see us being able to make the key plays at the key moments."

Has MC lost its Dance Fever?

by Christi Waddell

Where were you Friday, January nineteenth, between 9:00pm and 1:00am? Well, chances are you were not at the Back to School Dance. The dances recently have been scarcely attended.

Groups come in and out periodically, but few stay. Queen Musengwa stated, "Ninety people or more showed up for the last dance; they just came in and out the entire evening."

Students give many reasons for not attending. Sophomore baseball player, Sven Berg admits, "Because I'm just wasting my time trying to pick up girls that don't want me." Transfer student, Michele Mims snickers, "If there were cages to dance in, more students would show up."

Other students have different reasons. Sophomore basketball player, Tyrone Jones states, "They are not well advertised, and my peers don't attend." Junior, Bethany Bailey agrees, "I never know when we are having a dance."

Dave Sperry, Student Activities Director, disagrees. He has put announce-

ments on the white dry erase boards in Belk Campus Center, and the monthly calendars have the special events.

Dances are coordinated and are not inexpensive. "The music alone for the last dance was \$350.00," stated Dave Sperry.

There have been some complaints from students about the music. Senior, baseball player, Chris Hoyle remarked, "The music isn't consistent." Reacting to the cost of the dance, Senior Jodie Carriker complains, "You would think the songs people requested would be played at that cost, but they are not."

The Student Activities Committee also spent money on food, but they already had the decorations left over from a previous dance.

Dave Sperry states, "If you really want to make the dances more fun, get involved."

The Student Activities Committee has meetings in the private dining room in the cafeteria during dinner, in which you can voice your complaints, suggestions, or encouragements.

Jubilee '96 Just Around the Corner

Nesbitt Organizes Return to Pittsburgh

by Queen Musengwa

Tom Oxenreider is looking forward to squeezing students in the van to Pittsburgh on February 23 for the Jubilee Conference '96.

Jubilee is a unique conference for Christian college students, explained Director of Career Development Tom

Oxenreider. This conference hosts as many as 2000 people.

Oxenreider vocalized that the purpose of Jubilee is to help students to understand what it means to serve Christ with their whole life, particularly as students. Mark Wright agreed, stating, "The purpose of Jubilee Conference is to teach

Jones Predicts Championship Despite 6-13 Record

by Shazette Davis

The Lady Cavs' current record is 6-13. Although the team has suffered several harsh loses, they still try to keep their spirits up.

MaeKrisha Jones commented, "We try hard, but right now we are in a slump and frustrated." "We're trying our best. We never get down even when we don't win a game," concedes Jennifer Hobbs.

Elisha Perkins responded, "We need to be more aggressive and get into better shape. We have good outside play, but we need to improve on rebounding and our ability to run the court." "We don't have enough players, they have either quit or are injured," replied Gina Granger.

"I predict that we will win the tournament championships and make it to the finals," voiced Jones. Michelle Moore concludes, "We should get better as we learn team work."

The Lady Cavs lost their Tuesday night home game to Milligan by twelve points.

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Christians that they could serve Christ no matter what their occupation is."

In charge of planning and organizing the trip is Amanda Nesbitt, who specified that the Jubilee Conference is there to teach students to integrate their Christian faith to life on campus. "It's an opportunity to see other college students and get out of Montreat," encouraging Nesbitt.

Rebecca Long admired Jubilee Conference '95, "It despoils misconceptions that you can't be a light in what is many times believed to be 'secular' job market. Go if you would like a fresh look on how you could impact the world." Long also has an interview with the organization that puts on the conference, "The Coalition For Christian Outreach."