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## Stu Aberdeen— one wild and crazy coach



The nerve-racking, foot-stomping, hand-clapping, wheelin'-dealin', lightning-quick tempo of Marshall basketball is reflected by the emotions of Coach Stu Aberdeen.

Parthenon photographer Ed Pasley captured some of the demonstrative coach's dynamic personality during Saturday's game against Western Carolina, a critical 80-68 victory for the Thundering Herd in Memorial Field House.

Cites personal differences

# Liebig suspended by Aberdeen



Tom Liebig  
Suspended

By JEFF ANDERSON  
Interchange Editor

Citing what he calls a "personal difference of judgment," Tom Liebig was suspended Tuesday from the Thundering Herd basketball team for the remainder of the season.

Liebig said that a "lot of little things" built up and caused differences in judgment between Coach Stu Aberdeen and himself.

"Our personalities just conflicted," Liebig said. "His style of coaching is fine, but our per-

sonalities just didn't allow us to get along."

A difference in the coaching systems of Aberdeen and former coach Bob Daniels, who recruited the 6-7, 210 pound Westlake, Ohio, junior also caused the split with the team, Liebig said.

"It was a simple matter of me being recruited by one coach who had a system that I like, and a new coach coming in with a new system that I didn't like," Liebig said. "The new system had two different personalities in conflict."

Aberdeen said the suspension is for the remaining three games this season. "It was a result of an accumulation of a lot of little things. As far as the tournament is concerned, we'll review the situation next week," Aberdeen said.

Liebig said that Aberdeen was stricter in off-the-court rules than Daniels had been.

"Daniels respected you as a man, he let you take care of yourself," Liebig said. "Stu is in charge of you the whole time you

are here. Both on and off the court."

Liebig cited a lack of playing time as another cause of his discontent. "Under Daniels, I had a different view of where I would be playing," Liebig said. "I know that I'm good enough to play anywhere else, but now it's too late to transfer."

The Marshall basketball guide lists Liebig as "One of two experienced players returning at the high post... begins 1978-79 in back up role at high post position

However, Liebig says that his possible future on the squad has already been determined by Aberdeen. "Stu has already outlined to me that I'd not be playing anyway." I just don't know if I can go through a whole year not playing."

What does the future hold for Tom Liebig? "I really don't know if I am going to continue with the team next season or not," Liebig said. "I am going to wait until after the season and talk it over with coach Aberdeen."

# Marshall devastates Keydets by 88-66

By MIKE CHERRY  
Sports Editor

VMI never even had a chance to repeat its successful strategy Wednesday as Marshall moved a step closer to fourth place in the Southern Conference with an 88-66 victory against the Keydets in Lexington, Va.

Nine days ago, VMI stalled the last 15 minutes in Memorial Field House and escaped from Huntington with a 63-58 upset. However, at home, the Keydets

never had a chance to go into their slowdown game as the Herd jumped out to a 4-0 lead, never trailing in the game.

George Washington and Bunny Gibson led a balanced Marshall attack in which six players scored in double figures. Washington was the top scorer with 20, followed by Gibson (18), Robert Price (15), Ken Labanowski (13), Greg White (10) and Larry Watson (10).

## Basketball final tonight

After a series of elimination games, the intramural basketball tournament has dwindled its field to two teams.

The Rebels, independent division champs, and the Black United Students (BUS) II, the social division champs, will meet today at 9:05 p.m. in Gullickson Hall to determine the school championship.

BUS II entered the final game by defeating the dorm champ, the

Hodges Invaders, 52-49 on Tuesday. The Rebels, who won the independent championship on Feb. 8, received a bye into the final.

In other intramural news, the intramural office is now taking registration for the following recreational activities: badminton doubles, four-on-four volleyball and hocker. Hocker is a combination of basketball, volleyball and soccer.

Andy Kolesar led VMI with 12, all in the second half.

Washington and Gibson did most of their damage in the second half, scoring 16 and 14, respectively. In the first half, Price's 11 points, Labanowski's nine and White's eight took up the slack.

The Marshall University swim team will begin defending its championship title today at the Southern Conference meet at Furman, in Greenville, S.C.

The meet will run for three days. Today the teams will be competing in the 500 yard freestyle, 200 yard individual medley, 50 yard freestyle, 400 yard medley relay and will begin the one meter diving trials.

On Friday the meet will compete in the 400 yard individual medley, 200 yard freestyle, 100 yard butterfly, 100 yard backstroke, 100 yard breaststroke.

Marshall led after the first half, 41-34.

"The difference between the last game and this one was that we controlled the tempo this time," Marshall coach Stu Aberdeen said. "It was a dog-eat-dog game, the kind you can expect

from a military school. We had control of the game, yet with five or six minutes to go it could have gone either way."

For the night, Marshall shot 52 percent from the field, 62 percent in the second half. The Herd outrebounded the Keydets 48-31.

The win gives Marshall a 5-6 conference record (11-13 overall), which ties it for fourth place in the conference with Western Carolina. VMI continues to rot in the conference cellar with a 2-7 record (12-12 overall).

# Swimmers to defend title

800 yard freestyle relay and begin the three-meter diving trials.

The final day of the meet will hold the 1650 yard freestyle, 100 yard freestyle, 200 yard butterfly, 200 yard backstroke, 200 yard breaststroke, 400 yard freestyle relay events, and the finals of the three meter diving event.

The MU team will be taking 17 swimmers and two divers, which will just meet the maximum limit of 18 members allowed at the conference, (divers only count as half a member.)

Coach Bob Saunders said he plans to use a "shock approach" by going after the events the first

day very hard and "knocking the pins out from under the other teams."

The two divers will be a big help this year. Last year the Marshall team gave up 80 to 90 points by not having divers, according to Saunders.

The Citadel and Appalachian State will be tough competitors at the meet. The pool, will slow down the times, since it is a shallow pool, Saunders said. The MU team competed at the Furman pool two years ago at the Southern Conference meet, placing second.

Saunders said his biggest concern is trying to keep the team healthy, but said they look good and should hold out through Saturday.

The last practice before leaving for the conference meet was a light one, according to Saunders, probably the lightest since September.

The MU team will be attempting to win its second consecutive Southern Conference championship.

"It feels good to go into the meet as the favorite instead of the underdogs," said Saunders.

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