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Marshall University  
Huntington, W.Va. 25701  
Monday, Feb. 20, 1978



## Collision course

By JODY JIVIDEN

"Let's play ball — WVU-Marshall."

So read thousands of bumper stickers seen constantly for the last few years in even the remotest corner of the Mountain State.

The stickers implored the state's only two universities, Marshall and West Virginia, to engage in various athletic endeavors, particularly basketball.

And, lo and behold, they may have worked.

Because tonight at 7 p.m., barring an outbreak of the black plague or a nuclear holocaust, the two institutions will square-off in a jam-packed WVU Coliseum and actually play — BASKETBALL!

And, it's about time.

The last time these teams met on the hardwood, Herbert Hoover was President, the country was in the early stages of the Great Depression, Babe Ruth was swatting New York Yankee home runs, and neither Herd head coach Stu Aberdeen or the Mountaineers' head honcho, Joedy Gardner, had been born.

For what it's worth, the Mountaineers won that last contest 36-22 in (aargh) 1931. WVU also won the two other match-ups, 48-35 in 1930 and 44-22 in 1929.

Indeed, it is difficult to believe that 47 years have come and gone in this basketball-crazed state without these two teams ever playing.

To say the competition is a natural rivalry is grossly understating the matter. Calling it "just a game" is simply ridiculous.

Despite the fact that many of the players, most of whom aren't West Virginians, won't be very conscious of the enormous amount of "hoopla" shrouding

the contest, nearly everyone in the crowd will be.

Especially the students, who, frankly, may have more at stake tonight than anybody else. Because it is the students, the vast majority of whom are state natives, from the losing school who must return home to face the "I told you so's" of their acquaintances from that "other place."

The players, with a few exceptions, will go home to Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Ohio, or where ever, and talk of other instances that they consider season highlights.

But, to most students, tonight is THE GAME. A victory could salve the wounds of all the other disappointments suffered during the season.

And, a win would provide the most highly-coveted prize of all — bragging rights until, and if, the next game is played.

Which prompts THE QUESTION. To whom will those bragging rights belong?

The Mountaineers' homecourt advantage in a game as emotionally charged as this is negligible.

At first glance, it appears West Virginia may have an edge. In 6-7 senior center Maurice Robinson and 6-1 sophomore guard Lowes Moore, the Mountaineers seem to have the game's two best players.

Robinson, a former Welch all-stater, rebounded from a bout with the flu in time to score 28 points Feb. 11 in WVU's 13th loss of the year, a narrow 74-73 defeat at the Coliseum to nationally-ranked Syracuse.

West Virginia had won seven games at press time, while Marshall was 12-12.

Moore, scoring 20-plus points a game, poured in a record-setting 40 points in the Mountaineers' 103-82 loss to Notre

Dame at South Bend, Ind. The outburst is the most points ever scored against the Fighting Irish at home.

However, after Robinson and Moore, the quality of WVU's lineup becomes questionable and Marshall's chances begin looking better.

Despite 6-2 right wing Bunny Gibson's occasional sensationalism, the Thundering Herd has a better-balanced scoring attack than West Virginia.

Both 6-4 left wing Greg Young and 6-7 high post Harley Major score regularly. And, 6-1 freshman point guard Greg White does not miss many open jump shots, which are the only kind he'll attempt.

Depth-wise, the Herd has a definite advantage. It proved that in its 88-71 rout of Virginia Military Institute Feb. 13 when "substitutes" Ken Labanowski,

Frank Steele and Charley Novak combined for 53 points. Starters Young and Gibson missed the VMI contest with stomach disorders.

In a game that promises to be a run-and-gun, race-horse affair, with little or no effective defense played, depth will be a critical factor.

It will probably be the factor, along with superior foul-shooting ability, that provides Marshall with a four-point victory in this one.

It will surprise no one if the winning team, or both squads for that matter, tally more than 100 points.

But, respecting a predictor's right to conservatism: Marshall 94, West Virginia 90.

Whether MU wins or loses, though, it's going to be fun.

I think.

### Herd fans clustered at one end of court

Seating for Marshall basketball fans at the West Virginia University game tonight at Morgantown will be mostly in the upper level on one end of the court, according to Joe W. Wortham, MU athletic ticket manager.

Some of the seats for the game will be on the end in the lower level with a few on the front row. But, none of the seats Marshall received will be on the sidelines, Wortham said.

Marshall received 1,600 tickets for the game. Approximately 200 of those were used to fulfill university requirements for

tickets for the families of Herd officials, the Green Gals and employees in the president's office.

The remaining 1,400 tickets were divided equally between Marshall students and the public. Student tickets were sold in one day, Wortham said.

The public tickets took two or three days to sell because written requests had to be filled first, Wortham noted.

According to press reports, 5,000 tickets went to WVU students, 3,000 to season ticket holders and the remaining 4,000 to the public.

# Mountaineers 'playing well,' Gardner says

By JODY JIVIDEN

West Virginia University's basketball team is "playing very well right now," according to head coach Joedy Gardner.

The Mountaineers, assured of their first losing season with Gardner as coach, are 7-13 at press time. Gardner, an assistant coach at WVU when the Mountaineers finished second in the country in 1959, said the season has gone about as he expected.

"We're a very young, inexperienced team," he said, adding the Mountaineers have improved as the year has progressed.

WVU starts two seniors, one junior and two sophomores.

Gardner said he expects "tremendous enthusiasm, at least initially" for the West Virginia-Marshall game.

He said he could not remember any WVU-MU controversy when he played for the Mountaineers from 1954-58. He was on West Virginia teams that featured the likes of Jerry West and Willie Akers, now head coach at Logan High School.

Gardner, a Pennsylvania native, said the Moun-

tainers have been hindered by the flu and too many road games.

WVU has played 11 of its 20 games away from home.

"The flu has really hurt us badly this year," Gardner said.

The Mountaineers' lost to Pittsburgh 87-76 Feb. 8 at Morgantown without 6-7 senior center Maurice Robinson, who was ill.

WVU rebounded well at home Feb. 11, losing to nationally-ranked Syracuse, 74-73. Robinson had 28 against the Orangemen.

"Maurice has been playing very well lately," Gardner said of the former Welch all-stater, who slumped badly early this season after averaging 15.5 points a game last year.

Robinson and 6-6 forward Sid Bostick are the only starters returning from last season's 18-11 team.

"Lately, Bostick has been playing like the 'Sid of old'," Gardner said of the Jeanette, Pa., native, who's noted for his defensive play.

Other Mountaineer starters include a pair of sophomore guards, 6-1 Lowes Moore and 6-2 Joe Fryz, and 6-11 junior forward Junius Lewis.

## Stu's wife avid basketball fan

By LEE ANN WELCH

Jumping, cheering and clapping her hands, that's how you see Lynn Aberdeen in Herd Heaven.

She's head coach Stu Aberdeen's wife and an original member of "Stu's Crew," but not the Lambda Chi Alpha branch.

Mrs. Aberdeen has been through a lot these past years as the wife of a basketball coach, and she talks freely about it with a little coaxing.

During the season, she said she doesn't get to see him too much, but she's fairly used to it. "It's always been like this."

During basketball season, she said Aberdeen doesn't get home until around midnight. "Now that I'm not teaching full time I usually wait up for him," Mrs. Aberdeen said. She taught five years as a substitute and for seven years on a full-time basis.

When the season is finished, she still doesn't see much of her husband.

"Recruiting begins on the road," she said. The only time they (the coaching staff) come home is on the weekends to meet with each other and "drop off their dirty laundry," she said with a smile.

The hectic life has not really affected the family too much, Mrs. Aberdeen said. "Most of the moving was when the children were very young."

The move to Huntington was probably the most difficult for the children, she added. They are older and had friends in Tennessee they had been with for many years.

At MU, Mrs. Aberdeen teaches communications in the Community College and she said this helps her emotional state before games. "I get butterflies before a game," she said.

"During the day, I think about

the team, how they are doing in school, practice, if they're sick," she said. "I need something to keep me occupied, that's why I'm glad I teach."

During basketball games, she's just as energetic as her husband, jumping up from the bleachers (she sits on the front row about mid-court) and cheering the players on.

To hear Mrs. Aberdeen, one may think she's a cheerleader, clapping her hands and yelling "go, go, go" or "defense, defense."

"I don't watch him on the bench," Mrs. Aberdeen said, "at least not that I notice. I get so caught up in the game I just don't notice what he does."

She said she isn't a sideline coach. "I don't know the technical aspects of the game," she said. "I don't know the plays, just the fundamentals."

Another part of Lynn Aberdeen is the relationship she and her husband have with the team members.

"In Nova Scotia (where Aberdeen coached before going to UT), we were very close to campus," she said, noting that players often stop by to visit.

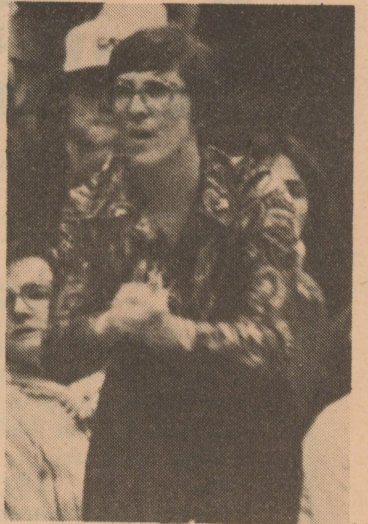
"Coach would be out recruiting and the players knew I was there with small children," Mrs. Aberdeen said, "and the players would

call and come over to talk or watch television."

When the Aberdeens went to Tennessee, they lived 15-20 miles away from campus and "unless they had a car, it would be difficult for them to drop by," she said.

"Here, we hope the players will feel free to come to us," she said. "The freshmen players have already been over, and we plan to have the others over when we can fit it in."

"All the players know, we've told them they are welcome to come to us anytime," she said.



Mrs. Stu Aberdeen  
Vocal MU fan

## MU band to complete scenario

Greg White is spinning the basketball between his legs.

The band is ripping into "Sweet Georgia Brown."

The crowd is making whoopie and acknowledging every Marshall move enthusiastically.

The scene above is reminiscent of any home game the Herd had this year. But tonight the scenario

will shift to Morgantown.

All the bits and pieces will be there the players, the crowd and even the band.

The band is making its first trip to a road game today by busing to West Virginia University to add its own special ingredient to the proceedings.

The athletic department planned

the trip as a "thank you" gesture for the band's services this year, said Joe McMullen, Director of Athletics. He also said the band has done an outstanding job all year.

Forty members and the majorette corps will leave Huntington this afternoon stay in Morgantown after the game for the festivities, according to band director Richard W. Lempke. He said the band would return tonight.

The exact location of the band in the WVU Coliseum is not certain, but Lempke said it would be placed near the Thundering Herd on the main floor.

The bands of both schools will alternate entertaining the crowd, said Lempke, and both will try to help the other out.

Funding for the trip came from the athletic department, but McMullen said the money was just from a general fund and was not included in the budget. The athletic department will pay for the bus and one meal for each band member.

## Monday night class? Little relief in sight

If Mondays are normally bad for you it may be worse today if you are a Marshall University basketball fan and have a night class.

An informal poll was taken Tuesday to see if any instructors had arranged to have class early or cancel it so students could watch the game between MU and West Virginia University on television at 7 p.m.

Of all the instructors contacted, only one had made arrangements. He had changed his class, which normally meets from 6:30 to 9 p.m., to meet from 5 to 7 p.m.

His students had asked him Monday if they could meet earlier.

Most of the instructors contacted thought it was a good idea to hold their classes earlier in the evening, but said it would be almost impossible to inform students of the change.

One professor said he heard from another professor that some instructors told their students that nothing significant would occur in class Monday night or Tuesday morning.

Whether the classes Monday night are significant or not only the students can decide. They must make the final decision to attend or watch the game.

One thing is for sure, the students in the class that was moved ahead won't have to make that decision.

Welcome back to the Big Green.

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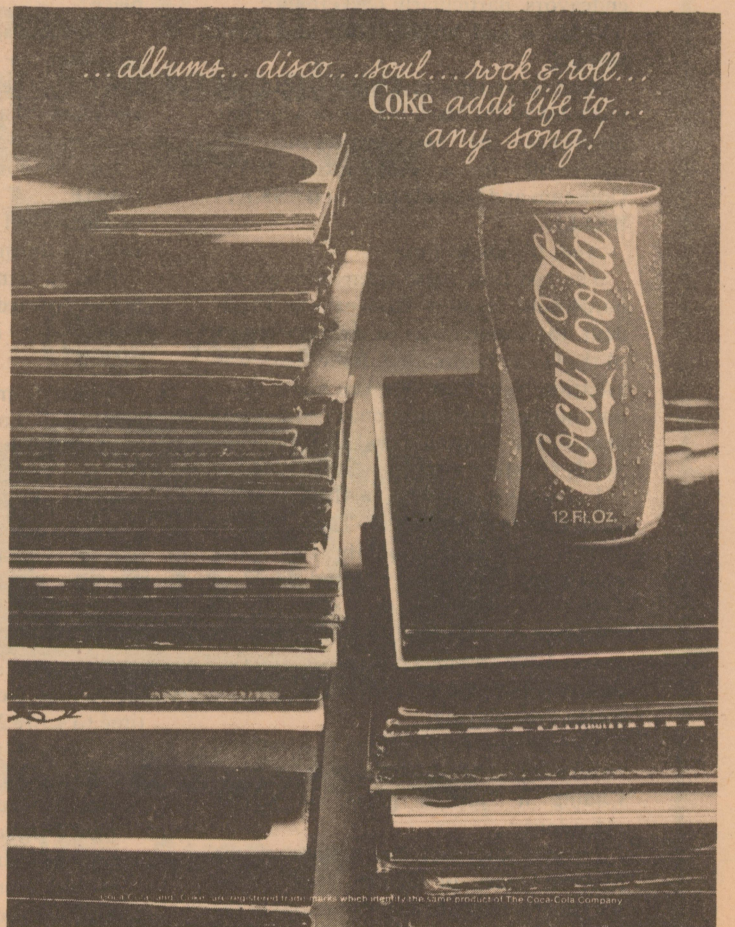
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NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BIRTH DATE	EXP.	CL.	HOMETOWN
Greg White	PG	6-1	165	3/ 3/59	---	Fr.	Mullens, W. Va.
Jeff Oplinger	PG	6-1	165	2/ 7/59	---	Fr.	Parkersburg, W.
Pat Burtis	PG	6-1	165	3/17/58	1L	So.	Hamilton, O.
Charlie Novak	RW	6-2	170	4/27/55	2L	Sr.	Goshen, N.Y.
Ken Labanowski	HP	6-7	215	5/13/59	---	Fr.	East Norwich, N.Y.
Bill Dewese	RW	6-0	170	7/25/59	---	Fr.	Mullens, W. Va.
Mike Anderson	LW	6-2	185	11/23/56	1L	Jr.	Mullens, W. Va.
Carlos Gibson	RW	6-2	178	3/27/56	1L	Jr.	Morganfield, Ky.
Greg Young	LW	6-4	185	12/25/54	1L	Sr.	Brooklyn, N.Y.
Barry Hamler	LW	6-3	185	4/20/57	1L	So.	Big Stone Gap, Va.
Tom Liebig	HP	6-7	210	10/ 3/58	1L	So.	Westlake, O.
Mike Marz	LP	6-9	235	12/ 3/56	2L	Sr.	Clinton, Md.
Harley Major	HP	6-7	205	12/ 1/54	1L	Sr.	Warren, O.
Ron Gilmore	LP	6-10	210	7/30/59	---	Fr.	Paterson, N.J.
Danny Hall	LP	6-10	225	9/26/56	1L	Sr.	Betsy Lane, Ky.

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Age	Hometown
David Allara	F	6-5	190	Jr.	21	laeger, WV
Sid Bostick***	F	6-6	190	Sr.	22	Jeannette, PA
Joe Fryz*	G	6-2	160	So.	19	Coraopolis, PA
Donnie Gipson	F	6-8	200	Fr.	18	Aliquippa, PA
John Goots	G	6-3	165	So.	19	Elkins, WV
Victor Herbert	G	6-5	195	Fr.	18	Logan, WV
Dennis Hosey	F	6-6	190	So.	19	Midland, PA
Jes Hutson**	G	6-0	175	Sr.	24	Uniontown, PA
Junius Lewis**	C	6-11	225	Jr.	20	Richmond, VA
Lowes Moore*	G	6-1	170	So.	19	Mt. Vernon, NY
Greg Nance	F	6-8	205	Fr.	18	Washington, DC
Dana Perno**	G	6-2	175	Jr.	20	Uniontown, PA
Tommy Roberts*	F	6-6	190	Sr.	22	Swissvale, PA
Maurice Robinson**	CF	6-7	215	Sr.	21	Welch, WV

\*Denotes Number of Letters Won

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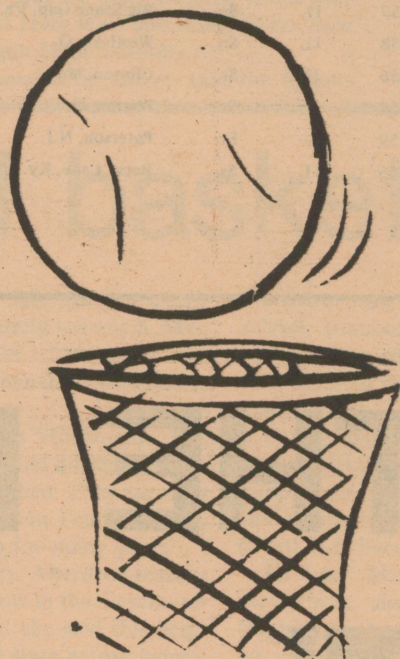
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