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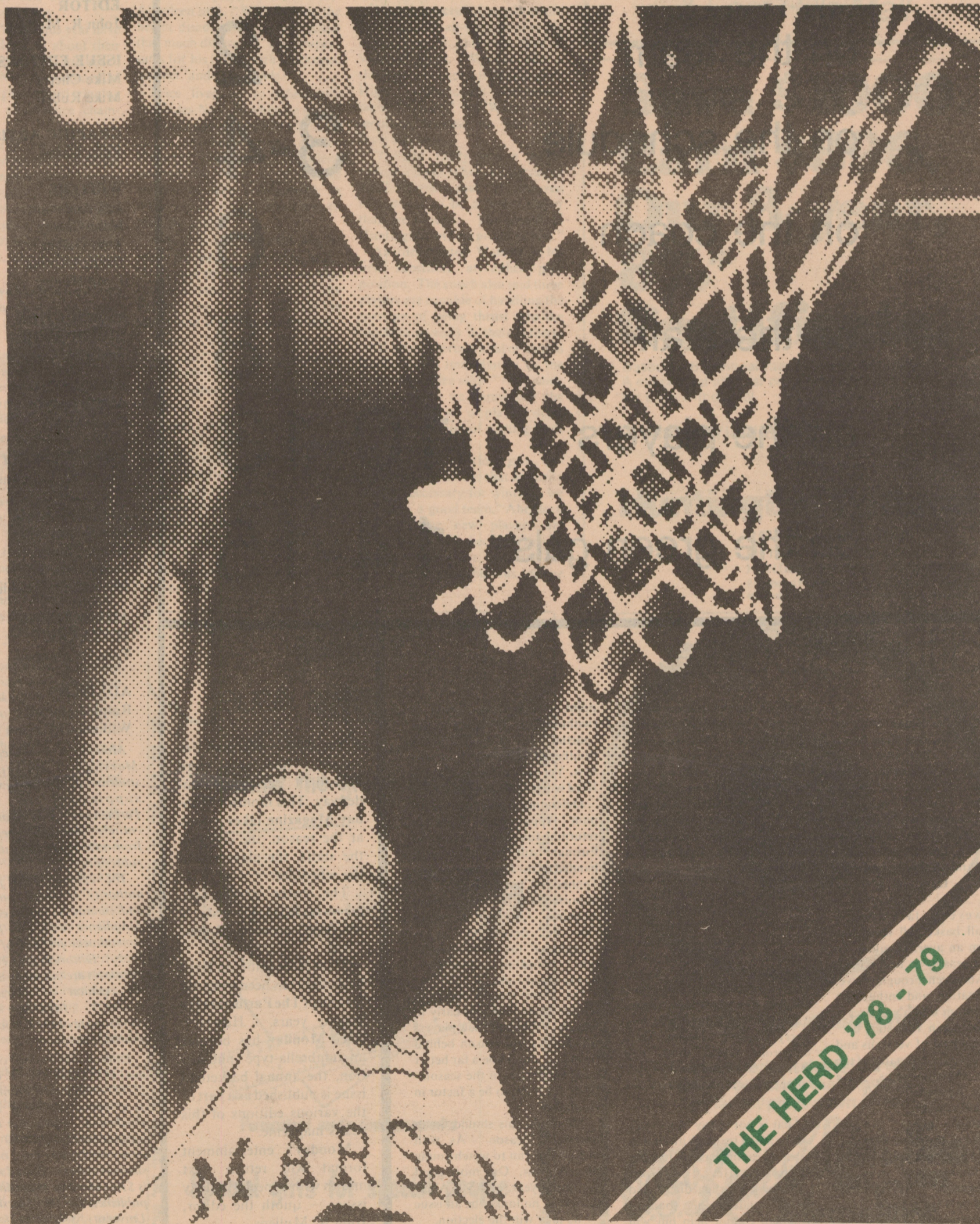
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editor's space

Stu Aberdeen.

That name means more to people in this area than financial security. The man is so well known and popular that he has become an issue in recent elections. This 5'5" man has become famous in a field where people under six feet tall usually are staring into an opponent's navel. And all this by leading a basketball team to a 14-15 record.

However, last year's Marshall basketball team was far from an average squad. In his first season as head coach here, Aberdeen brought drive, determination, and enthusiasm to a program which was decaying faster than Interstate 64. He led a blend of veterans and youth to within one game of the NCAA championships. He brought basketball back to basketball country.

Saturday, phase two of Aberdeen's program began. Recordwise, there will not be much improvement over his initial season. Nevertheless, this will be a team to see.

Unfortunately, Marshall lost three starters from last season's

team. To make matters worse, there was not sufficient depth to replace them. Thus, Aberdeen and his coaching staff scoured the East in search of reinforcements. When all the recruiting was done, Aberdeen came up with something like this: six of the top seven players will either be freshmen or sophomores.

Youth will eventually be served, but not immediately. In George Washington and Robert Price, Aberdeen brought to West Virginia two of New York City's finest. As the first two substitutes Aberdeen has two more freshmen, James Campbell and hometown boy Larry Watson. Despite their numerous assets, until they mature, Marshall cannot yet compete for the Southern Conference title.

That is not to say Marshall's will be a bad team. With Bunny Gibson heaving baskets in from Barboursville and Ken Labanowski's ruggedness and desire under the boards, Marshall cannot help but win some games. And sophomore

point guard Greg White is (without fear of being called "partial") one of the best in the Southern Conference, if not the best. Yet early in the season, the Herd will pay the price of youth.

Defending conference champion Appalachian State is returning four of its starters and Furman still has the head-banded terror Jonathan Moore. Tennessee-Chattanooga has imported a 6'11" recruit from Alabama. At best, Marshall can be described as a "darkhorse" for the conference title. Third or fourth place seems about right.

Yet there remain the conference championships early in March. By then the new players will have a full season behind them and should be a far better team than early in the season. Look for them to be a factor in Roanoke.

All in all, this should be an interesting season. As with babies, it is fun to watch young players grow. One more good recruiting year, and Stu Aberdeen may no longer be an issue he may win the election.

By MIKE CHERRY

this issue

The 1978-79 Marshall University Thundering Herd basketball season is underway. This month's **Monday Magazine** takes a look at the season, the coaches, the staffs, the players, and the schedules.

The cover photograph, taken by Mike Kennedy, is of Herd member Robert Price.

A special edition on Herd basketball has been a regular feature of **The Parthenon** for several years. However, since **Monday** has become an umbrella-type publication, the annual basketball issue is published as a part of the various editions of this year's magazine.

Monday's entertainment format will return next month with a special holiday issue. — quoth the editor, John R. Mullens

Young squad paces HERD

By MIKE CHERRY

Whether the Marshall coaching staff likes it or not, this season, youth will have its day.

Most of Stu's men this year have just finished thinking about their first car and when they will reach drinking age. Now Aberdeen must turn their thoughts toward winning the Southern Conference championship.

Aberdeen and his staff have seven freshmen on their 13 player squad, including 6-11 Ron Gilmore who was a red-shirt last season. Of the top seven players, six are either freshmen or sophomores. The only senior on the squad is captain Bunny Gibson, who is the old man at 22.

There are two freshmen and two sophomores in the starting lineup in addition to Gibson. The freshmen are left wing George Washington and low post Robert Price. The two sophomores are high post Ken Labanowski and point guard Greg White, who is a returning starter.

The two reserves that will see the most action are freshmen James Campbell and Larry Watson. "I don't know of any team in the country that will depend on young men as heavily as ours," Aberdeen said.

"One of the first days of practice I looked out and saw four freshmen and a sophomore out on the floor playing together," Aberdeen said. "I hadn't really thought about it up to that point. I'll say this—these kids can play."

All things considered, White and Labanowski have one full season of college basketball behind them and should not be susceptible to the failings of youth. Aberdeen is concerned with the development of his four freshmen recruits: Washington, Price, Campbell, and Watson.

"In the exuberance of youth they'll make a few mistakes," Aberdeen said. "We have just got to be patient with them. We have here a solid building for a basketball program."

Washington, an 18-year-old from the Bronx, N.Y., was the first recruit to sign with Aberdeen last year. "Washington is a powerful type of player who can perform offensively in all three dimensions: inside, outside and passing.

"The man has a full range of skills," Aberdeen continued. "He has nowhere near reached his potential. He'll be one of the finest players in the Southern Conference before he's through his career here."

About the only thing higher than Robert Price's leaps are Aberdeen's expectations of him. Price, an 18-year-old from Brooklyn, N.Y., will be filling the shoes of 6-11 Danny Hall, who graduated last year. Aberdeen feels that Price, despite his 6-7 size, will be an adequate replacement.

"You should really only measure height when players are in the air," Aberdeen said. "With Robert, the height disadvantage doesn't make that much difference. He compensates for his height with quickness, instinct, and sure hands."

Price lived up to Aberdeen's accolades Nov. 20 when he scored 22 points and grabbed 10 rebounds in an exhibition game against Western Ontario. Aberdeen referred to Price as a second coming of Ken Labanowski, in other words, a man who loves to play the game.

"The fans will enjoy the way he plays the game," Aberdeen said. "He is not the type of player who stands around and waits for the ball to come to him. He has the agility and will to go get the ball."

James Campbell will be the "sixth man" this season, according to Aberdeen. This means he will be the first substitute of the bench for the Herd.

"James will be called on in a number of situations this year," Aberdeen said in reference to the 18-year-old from Memphis, Tenn. "He is a big man in our plans. He will have to perform well for us in order to have a good season."

Campbell did have a good season last year. He was class AAA player of the year in Tennessee and averaged 17 points a

game for state champion Melrose High School.

The other recruit, Larry Watson, also received all-state honors his senior year, in this case here in West Virginia. Watson was a three-year starter for Huntington High. Despite his credentials, many "experts" felt Watson was recruited because he was from Huntington.

"I knew Larry was a major college player when we recruited him," Aberdeen said. "He has even turned out to be a better player than we thought. The people of Huntington will be proud of him."

Aberdeen listed Watson as his first substitute at either post position. The coach also said these players are capable of handling the pressure of being thrust into the spotlight so early in their careers.

"It takes a certain kind of man to want to step immediately to the front," Aberdeen said. "They came here because we threw out the challenge. A lot of players don't want the pressure of starting right out of high school.

"When these kids gain experience and achieve that maturity that is necessary for winning, we will have a good team," Aberdeen said. "The new players are progressing well because they're willing. With these new men, we now have a great nucleus for the future."

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A 26-game schedule, including 14 Southern Conference games, awaits the MU Thundering Herd basketball team.

Here is a look at the 1978-79 opponents.

MORRIS HARVEY, Saturday, Jan. 6, Away

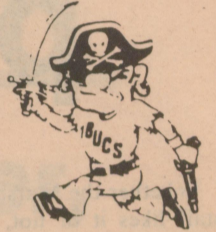
Revenge is the big word for this game. The Golden Eagles surprised the Herd 74-71 last year at the field house. Coach Rich Meckfessel returns two regulars off last year's 17-13 team. Emil Boatwright (6-2 guard) and Rich Semeta (6-4 forward) are the mainstays. Boatwright, a native of Logan, averaged 13.7 points per game, and Semeta had a 10.4 norm.



MOREHEAD STATE, Monday, Nov. 27, Home, Monday, Jan. 29, Away

New head coach Wayne Martin returns three regulars from a 4-19 season. The Fighting Eagles are led by All-American candidate Herbie Stamper (6-3 guard), who averaged 24.6 points per game as a junior. Other returning starters include Butch Kelley (6-8 center, 12.1 average) and Brad Lamaster (6-3 guard, 11.6 average).

The Herd was victorious over Morehead on two occasions last season by scores of 87-81 and 85-79.

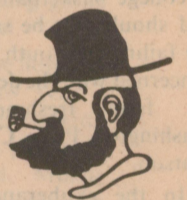


EAST TENNESSEE STATE, Saturday, Dec. 2, Home

The Herd and the Buccaneers will both get their Southern Conference season underway, and for ETSU it will be its first league game ever. New head coach Jim Hallihan has all three frontcourt starters back from an 18-9 squad that finished 10-4 in the Ohio Valley Conference. Jim Smith (6-5 forward, 15.3), Scott Place (6-5 forward, 12.6) and D.C. Smith (6-7 center, 10.6) are all back.

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY, Wednesday, Dec. 6, Away, (possibly in West Virginia Classic second round, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 29-30)

Gale Catlett, a 1963 graduate of WVU returns to rebuild a 12-16 team at his alma mater. The Mountaineers finished 3-7 in the Eastern Athletic Association. Despite the geographical closeness between WVU and MU, the schools have met only four times on the basketball court. The Mounties have won all four of those games, including an 80-73 decision last year. Three starters return for WVU. Lowes Moore (6-1, 21.4) and Joe Fryz (6-2) are back at the guard positions. And 6-11 center Junius Lewis (9.8) is back.



APPALACHIAN STATE, Saturday, Dec. 9, Away, Saturday, Jan. 27, Home

Four starters return from last year's regular season SC champions. The Mountaineers finished 15-13 on the season and 9-3 within the conference. Darryl Robinson (6-4 guard, 17.9), Renaldo Lawrence (6-4 forward, 16.4), Walter Anderson (5-11 guard, 13.2) and Mel Hubbard (6-8 center, 9.6) are back.

OHIO WESLEYAN, Monday, Dec. 11, Home

The Battling Bishops of coach Frank Shannon have their top five scorers from last year's 15-11 squad that went 6-6 in Ohio Athletic Conference action. Mike Kinnaird (6-5 center, 14.8), Pete Workman (6-0 guard, 13.6) and Geron Tate (6-5 forward, 10.0) are returning double-digit scorers.

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FURMAN, Saturday, Dec. 16, Home, Saturday, Feb. 17, Away
 All-SC selection Jonathan Moore heads a list of three returning regulars from the conference tournament champions. The 6-8 center averaged 18.3 points per game last year while leading the Purple Paladins to a 19-11 record and a 7-5 mark in the league. Other top players back for new head coach Eddie Holbrook include Al Daniel (6-4 forward, 17.3) and Rich McKinney (6-8 forward, 4.9). Furman also brought in several top recruits including 6-11 center Kelvin Smith, a pair of 6-3 guards in Ron White and Mel Daniel, 6-8 center Reggie Small and 6-4 forward William Hanks.

DETROIT, Monday, Dec. 18, Away

Titan coach Dave Gaines returns two starters from last year's 25-4 team. Terry Duerod (6-2 guard, 17.2), Jeff Whitlow (6-6 forward, 5.0), Wil McCormick (6-0 guard, 6.4) and Kevin Smith (6-2 guard, 8.0) are listed as the top mainstays.

Detroit has six members that were not on the team last year. Only one of the newcomers is listed under 6-6. The Titans defeated an upset-minded Thundering Herd by a 89-84 score at the field house last season.



RIO GRANDE, Friday, Dec. 22, Home

Seven times the Redmen have tried to beat Marshall and seven times they have failed. Coach Arthur Lanham has three regulars back from a 21-7 squad. They also went 12-2 in Mid-Ohio Conference play. Greg James (6-4 forward, 14.5), Mark Swain (6-0 guard, 14.4) and Dale Royse (6-0 guard, 4.8) return for 78-79. The two teams have not met on the court since 1945 when the Herd was victorious by an 89-36 score.

DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY, Friday, Dec. 29, First Round Opponent in West Virginia Classic in Morgantown

The Dukes have two regulars back from an 11-17 season. They finished with a so-so 6-6 record in the Eastern Athletic Association but coasted through the post season conference tournament to receive an NCAA tournament birth.

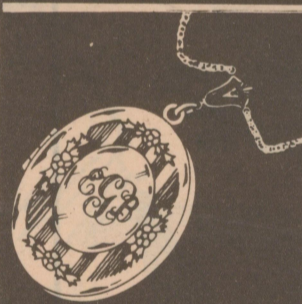
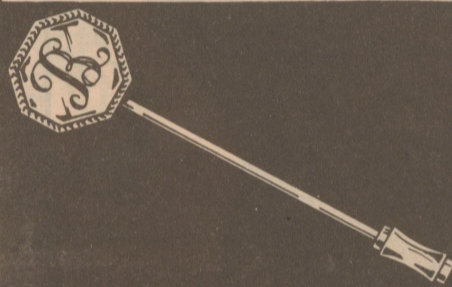
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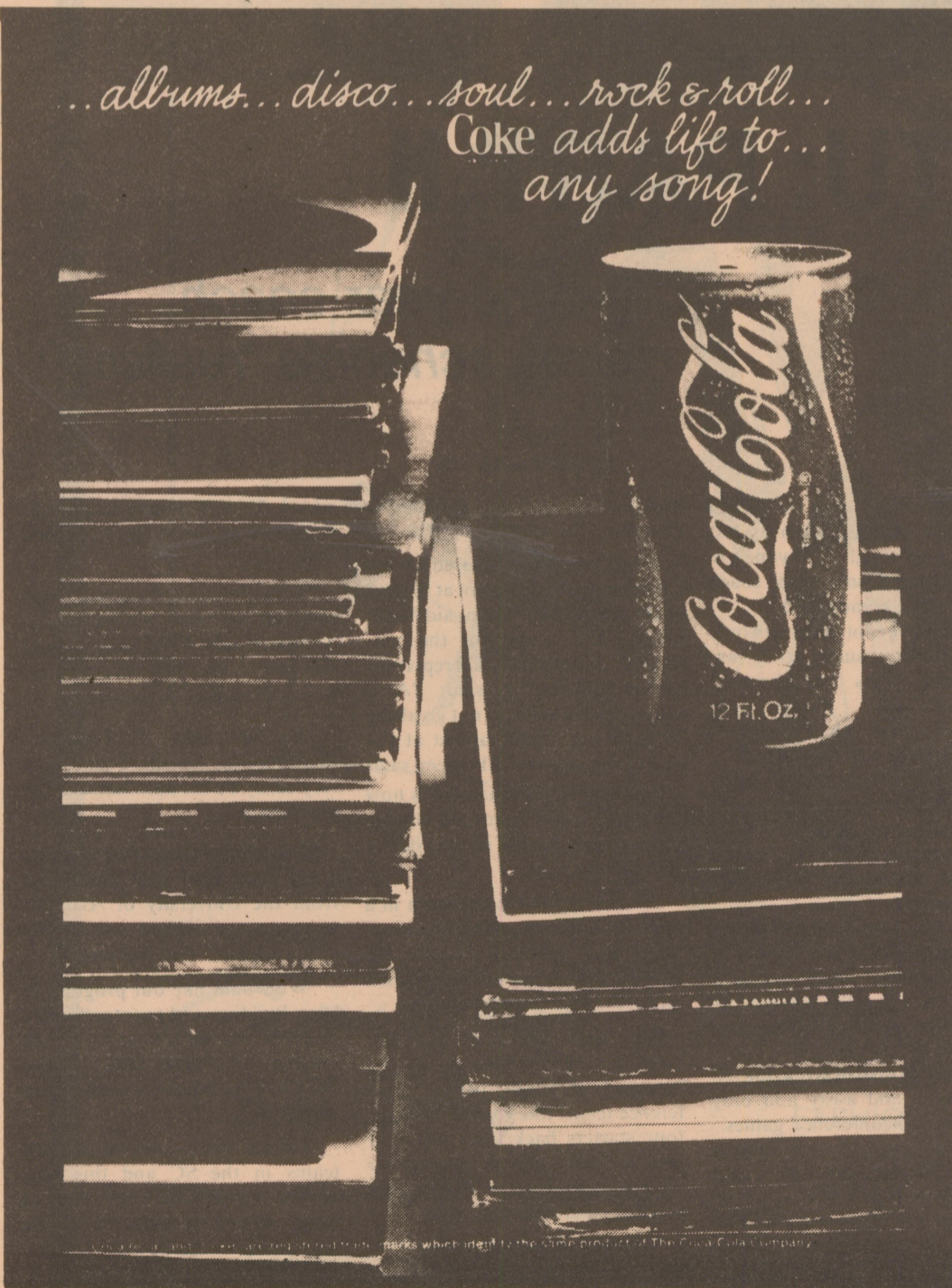
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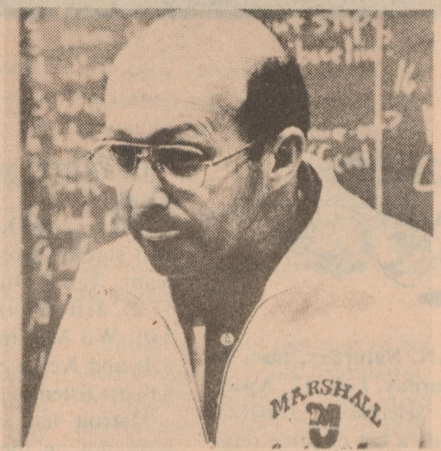
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STU: PART II

Second-year coach terms schedule 'realistic'

By TOM GALVIN

Although this year's basketball schedule is not as tough as last year's it is as tough as anyone's in the Southern Conference, coach Stu Aberdeen commented.

"I don't have a lot of control over the schedule; usually they are formulated years in advance," Aberdeen said. "Last year, Marshall had the toughest schedule in the SC," he added.

"You play what's there," Aberdeen said. "Our people want us to play good teams, right now we're playing a higher level of basketball, it's good competitive basketball," Aberdeen said.

"This year I think Marshall will be competitive. We won't be snowed under because we're young. I feel that the schedule we have is very realistic," Aberdeen said.

This year Marshall is playing SC teams home and away and only have nine nonconference games. "When you belong to a conference you have to play everyone twice," Aberdeen said.

"This is one of the reasons why you play in a conference," Aberdeen said. "The school's have basic

philosophies and many things in common," he added.

When asked if he favored having a conference tournament at the end of the season, Aberdeen said he did not. "If a team wins the conference, that team should represent that conference," he said. "As a coach I personally do not go along with having a tournament at the end of the season," Aberdeen said.

The way the tournament is now operating, eight teams are eligible to represent the SC in the NCAA tournament.

Even if the last place team in a conference does well in the tournament and possibly defeats the leading team, that last-place team will represent the conference.

This year Aberdeen said Appalachian State University has the "greatest stability" of the conference teams this year. "ASU has four starters back from last year and they have played together for the past four years with the same coach," Aberdeen said.

"Furman University probably has the best talent," Aberdeen

added, "but they may have some problems adjusting to their new head coach."

"We're in much the same situation as we were in last year," Aberdeen said. "We have a lot of new players and they have to adjust to our program," he added.

The University of Tennessee Chattanooga, Aberdeen said "may very easily be the dark horse in the conference."

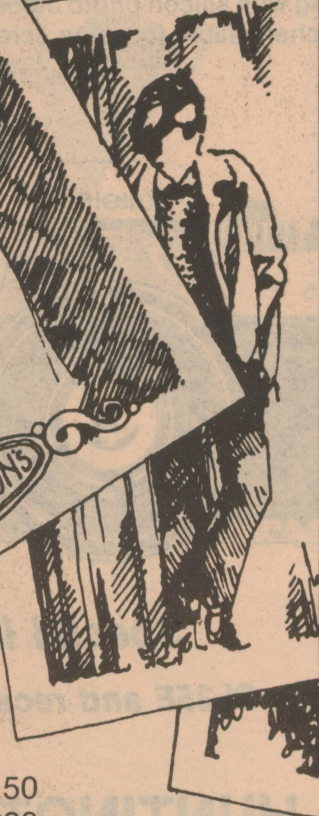
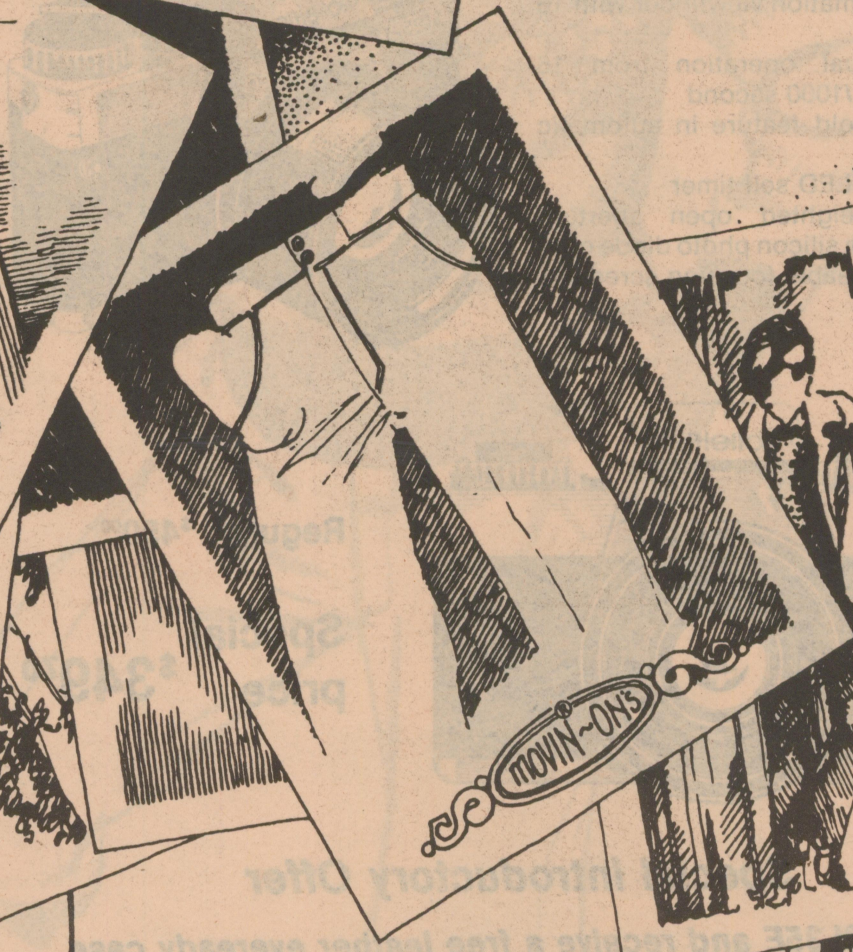
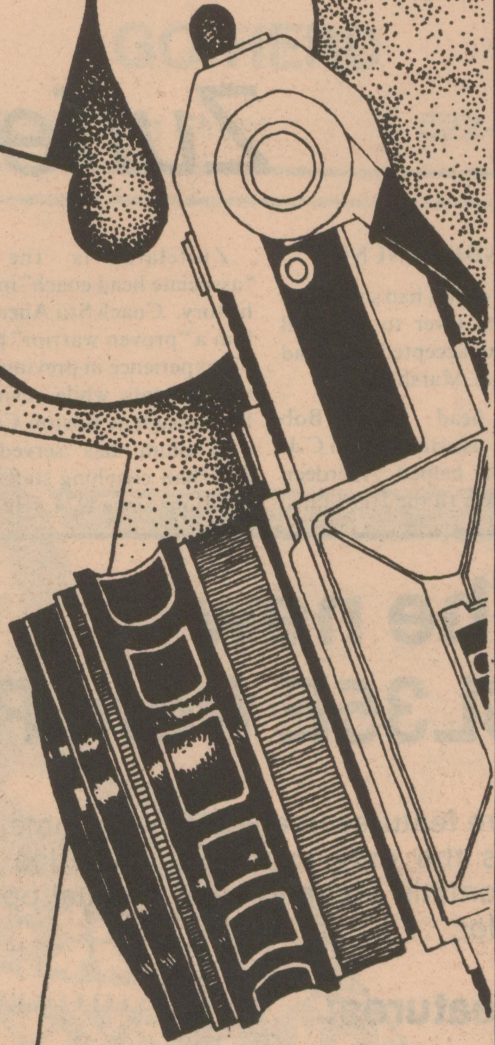
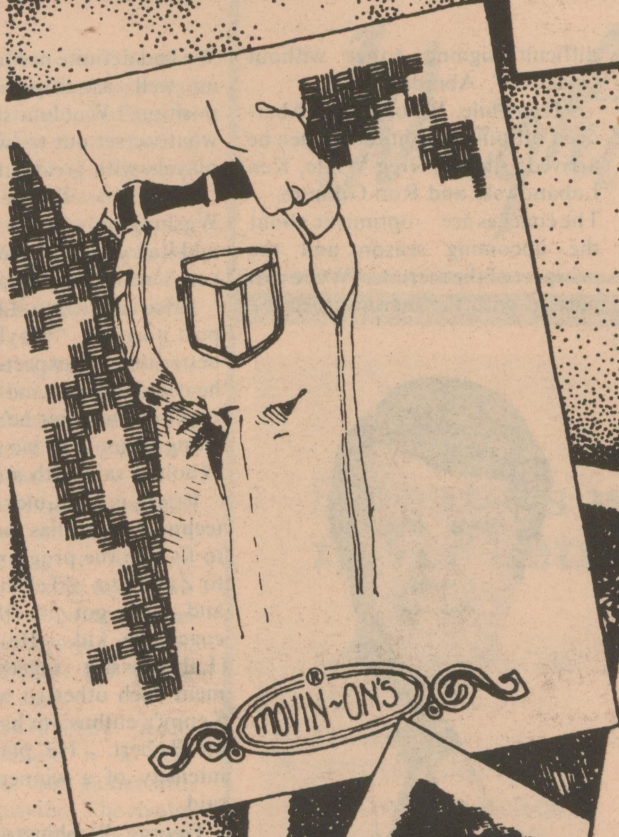
"UT-Chattanooga this year has a big pivot man who transferred from the University of Alabama two years ago and had to sit out last year's season," Aberdeen said.

"We would like our program to keep building and eventually play more of the bigger teams in the country," Aberdeen said. "We're not there yet but we're working up to it."

"I think there are a lot of good teams in the SC and this year anyone can win the whole bowl of wax," Aberdeen said. "It will be interesting to see how things turn out," he said.

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Stu's crew

Zuffelato, Woollum help restore

By SANDE GENUNG

Stu Aberdeen has had some help restoring Herd fever to the field house since he accepted the head coaching job at Marshall.

Associate head coach Bob Zuffelato and assistant coach C.J. Woollum have helped Aberdeen return that fever to the Herd fans.

Zuffelato is the second "associate head coach" in Marshall history. Coach Stu Aberdeen calls him a "proven warrior" because of his experience in previous national tournaments while serving as the head coach at Boston College.

Woollum has served on the Marshall coaching staff in several positions since 1974. He has given

Aberdeen's recruiting program a shot in the arm with two good years.

Both Zuffelato and Woollum are instrumental in Aberdeen's recruiting program. Coach Zuffelato was extremely important in recruiting Robert Price and George Washington, according to Aberdeen. "It would have been

difficult signing either without Coach Z," Aberdeen said.

Meanwhile, Woollum got Aberdeen off on the right foot, when he arrived, signing Greg White, Ken Labanowski and Ron Gilmore. The coaches are optimistic about the upcoming season and the prospect of the recruits. "We're real pleased with the recruiting class.

We had definite needs, we replaced as well as improved at each position," Woollum said. "We did what we set out to, we got quality players with great futures here."

Robert Price, George Washington, James Campbell, and Larry Watson are pupils in this year's recruiting class.

Price is slated to start at the low-post position. "Maybe he's even better than we expected. We knew he could come in and fill the inside requirements, but he's coming along faster than we expected," Woollum said with a smile.

Price is a quick learner of techniques and has the enthusiasm to fit into the program, according to Zuffelato. "Tell him one time and he's got it. He's a very coachable kid. He and Kenny (Labanowski) together complement each other so well. I think Kenny's enthusiasm has rubbed off on Robert. He plays with the intensity of a winner," Zuffelato said.

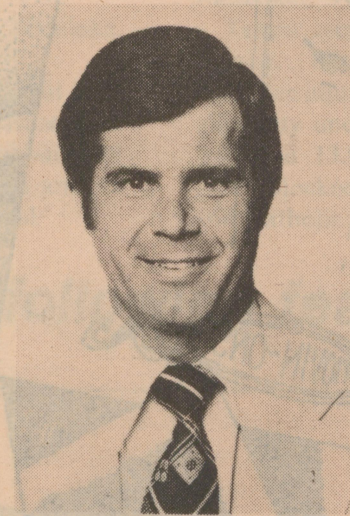
George Washington comes to Marshall with a reputation of being an aggressive player. So far, the coaches like what they see. "He has tremendous physical ability that is required of a left winger. He'll get better and better with experience," Woollum said.

Larry Watson gives the Herd some hometown flavor. The coaches said this gave Watson a case of the "butterflies" before the exhibition game with Western Ontario.

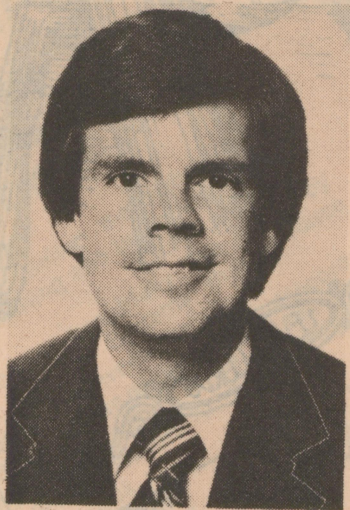
"The hometown fans expect a lot from Larry," Zuffelato said. "As the year goes on he'll be more relaxed. We already see steady improvement. He does things, most fans don't see, very well. He sees the game very well. He passes, boxes out and outlets the ball very well."

Woollum said the coaching staff is very pleased with Watson's progress.

"The community takes its own for granted. Larry has performed better than we expected him to at this stage. It is important for him to make a major contribution this year if we're to be successful," Woollum explained.



Bob Zuffelato
Associate Coach



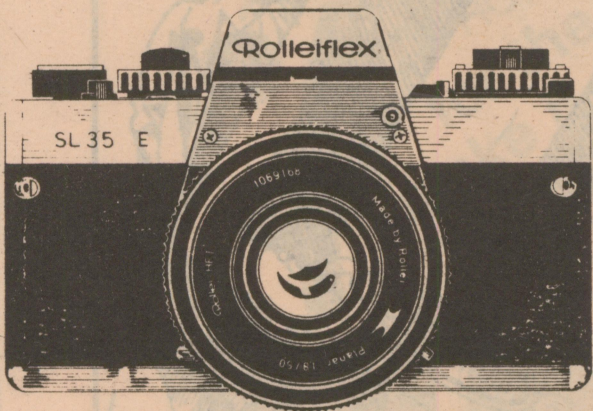
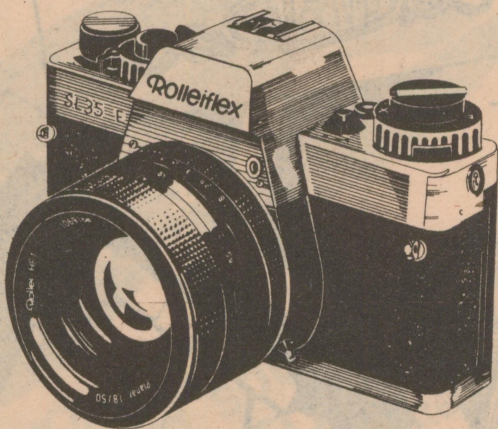
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James Campbell was tabbed "Mr. Basketball" in Tennessee and good things are expected of him by the coaches. "He comes from a successful high school program," Woolum said. "He's slated to start at the right wing-spot when Bunny graduates. James has that great shooting ability that is the number one prerequisite for the right-wing position."

"James is one of the best two or three best athletes on the floor. He is a tremendous competitor. He could be successful in any sport," Zuffelato explained.

The recruits will have to mature quickly because of the Herd's schedule, according to Woolum and Zuffelato. "It's an intelligent schedule. We're going to be challenged by everyone. It'll be good competition for our young team," Zuffelato said.

Woolum said the non-conference schedule is a very strong, including road games with Detroit and Louisville. The rivalry with West Virginia University will be beneficial for both schools, according to Woolum.

The Southern Conference race will be a tough one, but both Woolum and Zuffelato say Furman will be the team to beat. "They didn't lose a great deal and what they lost, they more than replaced," Woolum said.

Furman has some key players back and they had a good recruiting year, according to Zuffelato.

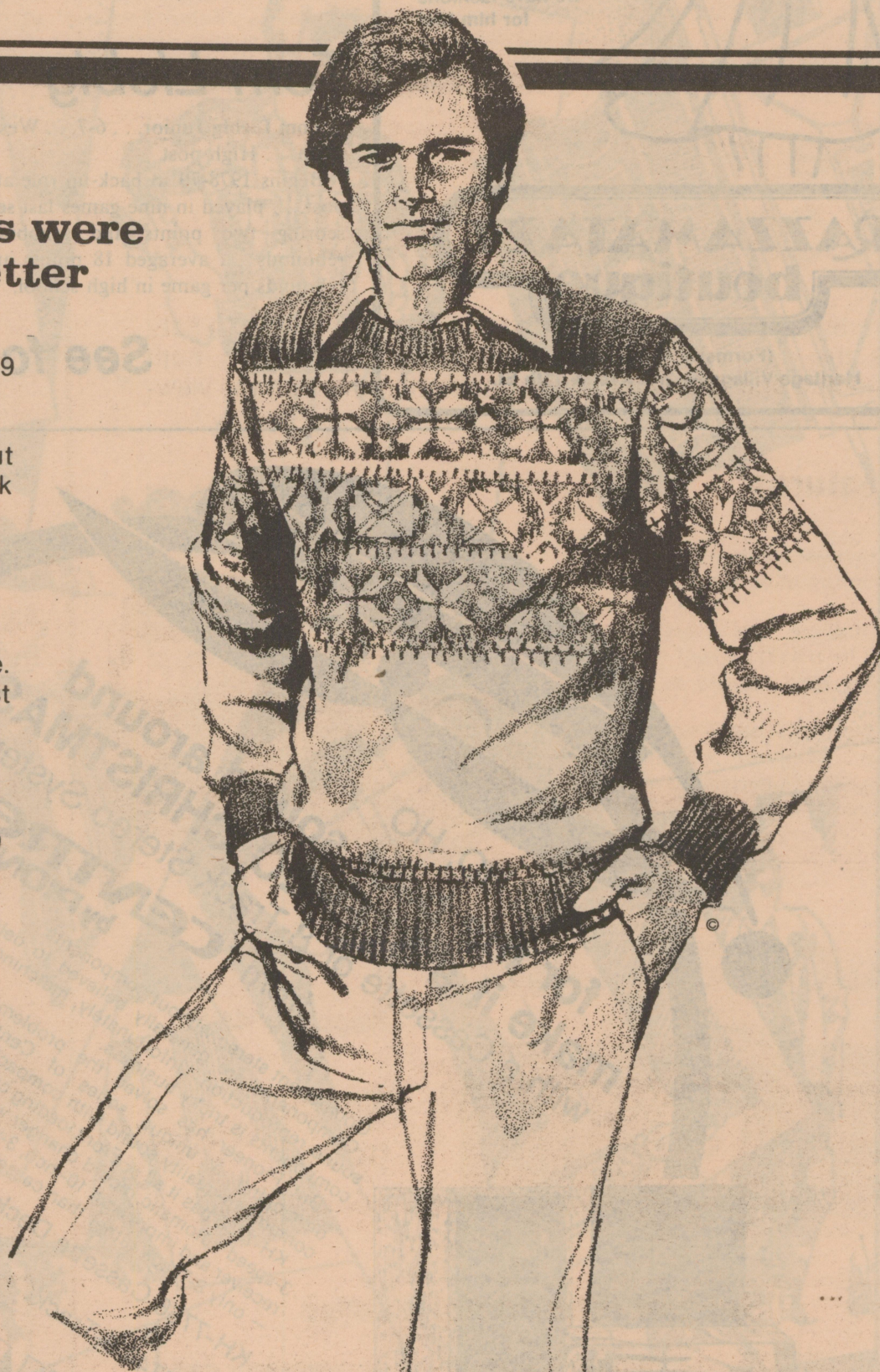
Appalachian State and UT-Chattanooga will provide some stiff competition for the Herd. Zuffelato said Appalachian has a good nucleus returning and they recruited a lot of guards. "UT-Chattanooga got a top kid from Alabama that will shore up its post position in its pressure-oriented offense," Zuffelato explained.

Even though some fans are not familiar with Zuffelato and Woolum, Coach Aberdeen knows he has guys he can count on when the pressure's on.

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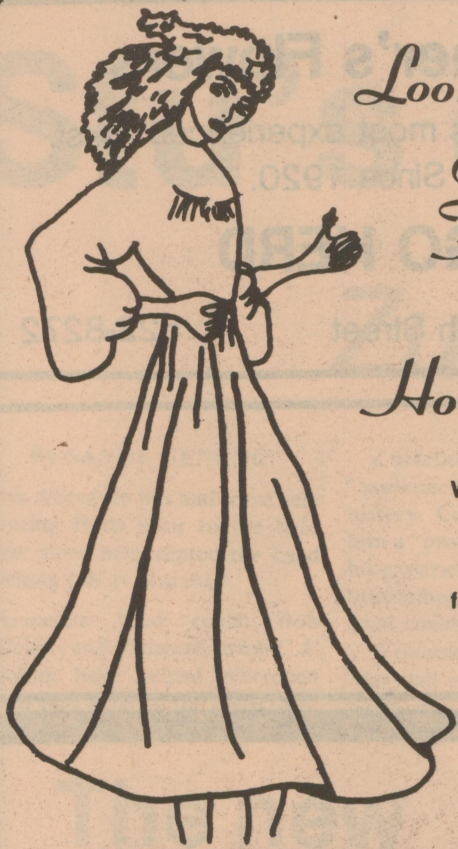
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By SANDE GENUNG

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His aggressive "Charlie Hustle" play made him a favorite with Herd fans. The Herd coaches attribute his intensity to a desire for the game. "The only thing you have to talk about with Kenny is improving his technique. He's always out there willing to work," Assistant Coach Bob Zuffelato said. "He's a gym rat like some of the others on the team."

In Labanowski's freshman year he averaged 9.9 points and six rebounds each time he took the floor. He accomplished this in just over twenty minutes playing time each game.

"He was a workman for us. We came to expect a certain number of points and rebounds each game. We just think him playing full time will be a key to our success," Assistant Coach C.J. Woolum said.

Labanowski was named, along with teammate Greg White, to the Southern Conference All-Freshman team.

Labanowski is no exception to the goal oriented atmosphere surrounding Coach Aberdeen and the Thundering Herd. "I want to help Marshall win and be competitive and whatever I can do to help out the team. I'd also like to be one of the leading rebounders in the conference," Labanowski said.

Labanowski feels the freshman recruits will help the Herd tremendously. "Sure they'll help us, but they're quick and they're mature. Besides, we'll be playing together for a few more years," Labanowski explained.

Labanowski has nothing but praise for Coach Aberdeen.

"I respect him very much. I think he's what we need to win," Labanowski said.

Labanowski has been nursing a shoulder injury since the beginning of practice. During practice he wore a harness on his shoulder. When he took the floor for the Western Ontario exhibition, he wore the harness to prevent further injury. Needless to say, Western Ontario went away impressed. In just 24 minutes of playing time Labanowski poured in 22 points and hauled down 11 rebounds.

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Hard work means success—Gibson

By JEFF ANDERSON
Hard work!
 That's the key to success, according to Carlos "Bunny" Gibson (team captain and lone senior) for the '78-'79 Thundering Herd basketball team.

Gibson has a lot of accomplishments to show for his hard work. Last season, the 6-2 right wing from Morganfield, Ky., broke the all time NCAA free-throw percentage, hitting on 84 of 89 attempts from the line for .944 percent. Bunny also holds six Marshall records, including most consecutive free throws in a career (52); most consecutive free throws in a single season (37); most points in a single game (50); most field goals in a single game (22) and

season field goal percentage (.605).

As team captain, and lone senior on the squad, Bunny feels he has certain obligations toward his team. "I have a moral responsibility to my teammates to provide leadership. That means I have to dress right, go to classes and set the example for my teammates to follow," Bunny said.

"There is certain amount of pressure involved in being the team leader. But I have had that kind of pressure all of my life. People only respect those people who dress right and are leaders. That is the role I was made for, and I have built myself up for this role."

However, Bunny said the pressure placed upon him by the fans and his teammates does not affect his play. "If you are afraid of pressure, you will mess up. You can't be afraid. I'm glad to accept the challenge," Bunny said. "The harder you work, the more you can expect to get out of anything. Everything rides on how hard you work. If I don't work hard in practice, I can't expect much out of my performances."

Bunny continued to stress the importance of hard work. "I can't emphasize work enough. That is the key to success in anything. The bigger the price you pay, the more you can expect back. Good things come to those who work, and work hard."

Does a person who has played basketball all of his life ever get tired of it? According to Bunny, the answer is no. "I don't have time to get tired of it. I'm usually on the court more than I am off of it. If I ever got tired of it, it wouldn't be fun anymore, and that's what keeps me going. I love it."

Bunny also said that part of his success is due to his teammates. "My teammates don't have to give me the ball. I can't shoot if they don't give me the ball. Greg (White) is an excellent assist man, and I rely on him for a lot of my points. There is a lot of things I couldn't do without him."

Gibson said that more than anything else, he wants to set an example for young children to follow. "I want to be an idol for some kid that has picked the wrong person to idolize. Little kids thrill me. It is much more exciting for me to give my autograph to little kids than to older people. I would do anything to help little kids."

"My idol when I was in high school was a player from the University of Kentucky named Larry Johnson. I couldn't understand why anyone would want to work as hard as he did. But he was great because he worked hard. That's the key."

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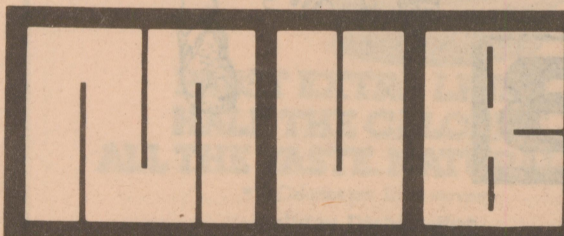
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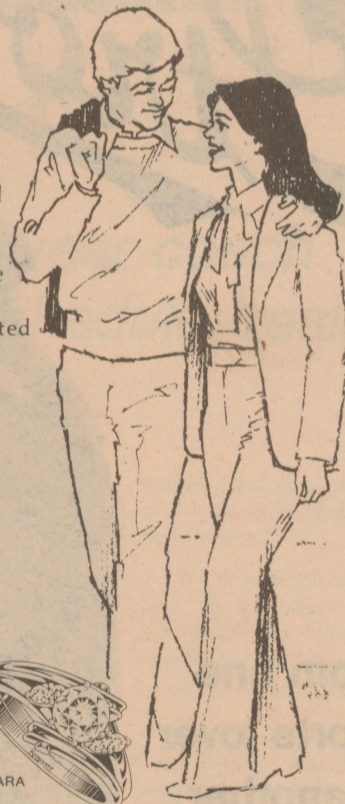


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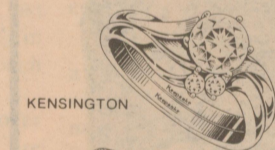
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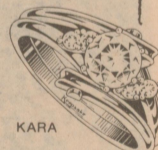
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Missing only 25 minutes last year, White has bigger plans this season

By SANDE GENUNG

A point guard must be able to take the deposit to the bank without dropping any along the way. Stu Aberdeen.

If that's the case, the Thundering Herd must have some savings left from last year. Greg White only committed 2.6 turnovers per game last year. White only missed 25 minutes of playing time the entire season.

It was an impressive freshman year for the point guard from Mullens. White dished out 198 assists (second in the Southern Conference to Davidson's Chris Dodds). He tied Mike D'Antoni's Marshall assist record twice with 16 assists against Davidson and UT-Chattanooga.

White provided clutch free-throw shooting in wins over Morehead, The Citadel and Furman. He averaged seven points a game, while scoring in double figures 10 times during the season.

White played a full game in 18 of 19 Herd outings last season. Greg White was named to the Southern Conference all-freshman team with teammate Ken Labanowski to cap his first year as the Thundering Herd point guard.

The soft-spoken point guard still has goals as he enters his sophomore campaign. "The goals I have set for the season are team goals, but I would like personally to have another good year," White said. "I would like to score a little more than last year and provide more of a leadership role."

White said he thinks Aberdeen's recruits are excellent prospects. "The recruits are excellent people and basketball players. They're coming along really fast in practice because that's the way coach Aberdeen works them," White said. "I think they're excellent

talents. Just give them a few games under their belts."

White said he thinks the Herd will be a faster team this year. "We'll be able to run a lot more this year because we'll have five people that can get down the floor, but I feel team-wise we'll be the same type team this year," White explained.

"I think we have a good schedule this year. The conference, the 'Louisvilles' and the 'Detroits.' We'll be paying against some really

good competition. We'll be playing against some really good players. I think this will add to our experiences as we play," White said.

"Besides Bunny (Gibson), I will have more experience than any other starter starting. The real leadership is in Bunny. I just have to handle the ball consistently without mistakes," White said.

It was a busy summer for Greg White. He worked two to three hours a day improving his

shooting. White attended basketball camps at Notre Dame, Maryland, Wake Forest and Kentucky, putting on his ball handling show.

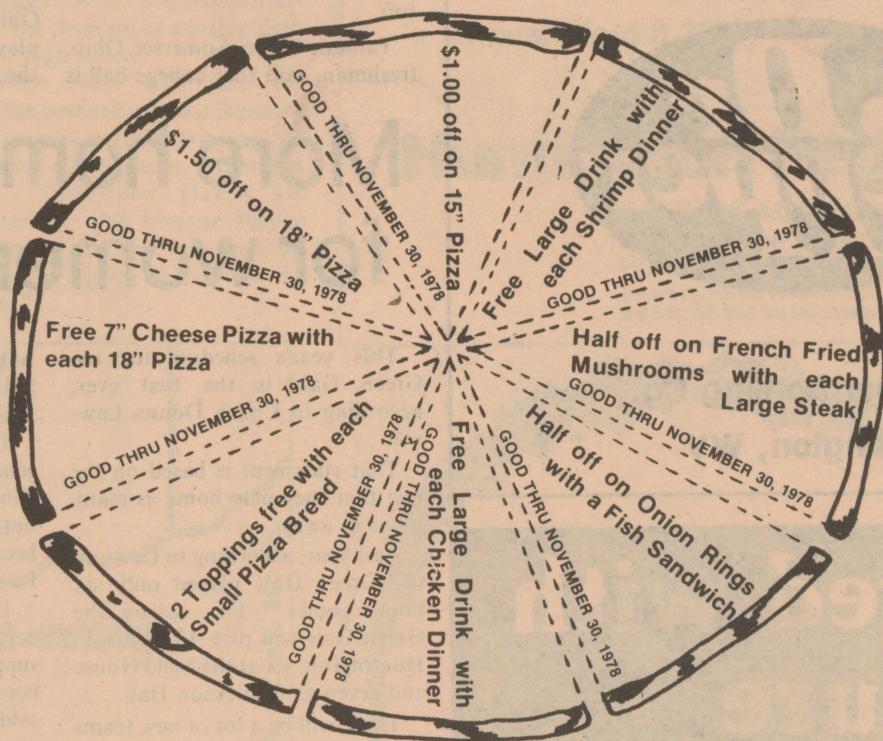
"I went to all the camps in the state and put on the show, played six to seven hours a day and really enjoyed it," White said with a smile.

Thundering Herd fans only can hope that Greg White will make an even bigger deposit in the basketball account this year.



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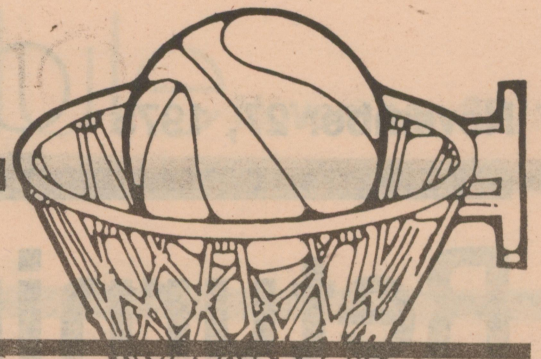
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THE GREEN GALS

College ball tougher, young players contend

By LYNN HOBBS

High school and college basketball play differ, and the Green Gals have noticed the discrepancies already — even though they have not played an official game yet.

The Green Gals played last Monday in an exhibition against the Western Ontario women's team at Memorial Field House, winning 72-68.

Of approximately 24 girls, most are freshmen.

Peggy Freeman, Louisville, Ky., freshman, said she has noticed that basketball is played a lot quicker in college than high school. She said she noticed that the girls are taller too.

Tammie Green, Somerset, Ohio, freshman, said that college ball is

more serious and that the quality of the players are better.

According to coach Donna Lawson, the freshmen are becoming more aggressive, as they should. But that could lead to serious foul trouble in a place where the officials call a close game. Lawson said she hopes if the girls notice this they can adapt their game accordingly. But some officials keep the game under control and still let them play.

Lawson also said the six footers (there are three on the team which is a first) have never played against other players of their own height. Now they're beginning to open up their eyes and they're being tested.

Sandra Fullen, Springfield, Ohio, freshman, is one of the players who has especially noticed the height difference. Fullen said

that she has only played against six footers twice (Fullen is six foot). Here at MU, she said, she will be playing against girls that are 6-2, 6-3, or taller. Fullen said she will have to get used to that.

Karen Klenk, Bridgeport freshman, has noticed the aggressiveness of college players. Klenk said since the other players are more aggressive, so is she. Klenk, 5-10, said in high school she thought she was tall, but here in college she will have to make up for her height.

Barbara Fannin, Winfield freshman, found out that college basketball is a lot more serious than in high school. Fannin said in high school they used to cut up a lot during practice, and although college ball is more work, she still likes it.

More home games on tap for women's cage team

This year's schedule for the Green Gals is the best ever, according to Coach Donna Lawson.

That statement is based on the fact that they play home as many times as away.

Last year, according to Lawson, the Green Gals played only six home games. This season the Green Gals will play 13 games in Huntington: six at the Field House and seven at Gullickson Hall.

There will be a lot of new teams on the schedule including Virginia Tech, Youngstown State, Rio Grande, Pitt-Johnstown, Bucknell, Gannon, Slippery Rock,

Indiana University (Pa.), Penn State, Shenago, Shippensburg, James Madison and Wesleyan.

The Green Gals have been scheduled to play the University of Cincinnati for the last two years but have been unable to make it because of snow, according to Lawson.

Two years ago it was cancelled because of the blizzard that was supposed to come, and last year because of the deep snow. Lawson said she is hoping the weather will cooperate this year.

The first game, against Virginia Tech, will be one of the toughest due to the number of freshmen.

This will be their first college basketball game.

The WVU game on February 28 is the big game of the season because it is the qualifying game for the mid-west regional.

Coach Lawson said she hopes to go to the regional this year. Lawson also said she is looking forward to the teams they play each year such as Radford, Morris Harvey and Morehead State since they are friendly rivals.

Lawson said if they come through the first half of the season in the win column, the Green Gals will have started on the right foot.

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Freshman walk-on... ...senior captain

By LYNN HOBBS

Originally a walk-on for the MU Green Gals, three-year starter Mary Lopez is back for her senior year as captain.

The 5-1 guard came to Marshall specifically for the special education department and, according to Lopez, decided to try out for the team despite the fact that she was told she was too short. She had played high school basketball for four years. Lopez said she feels the team will do well this year.

"I think the team will be better than last year overall with all the incoming freshman," Lopez said. "They are talented and we finally got the height we wanted. Before, where we had one or two girls that could play a position, we now have two, three and four girls that can play a position."

In her freshman year Lopez averaged 8.2 points per game. Her sophomore year she

averaged 7.6 and last year 12.4 points per game.

Lopez said she plays basketball for several reasons.

"When I came to MU from Parkersburg Catholic High School, which is a small school, I felt lost," she said. "Basketball became my home away from home. I knew there was always someone to turn to."

Lopez said she also uses basketball as an outlet for whatever is pinned-up in her. She says basketball is very important to her.

"It's more than two teams trying to put a ball through a hoop," Lopez said. "It teaches me to discipline myself, not only in sports but in my personal everyday life. It helps me keep my grades up. I've met a lot of people, made good friends, and traveled. It also helps me to communicate with people."

In her freshman year the Green Gals won the state championship. Lopez also was the first woman in

MU's history to win the Cam Henderson Award. It is awarded to an athlete for athletic skills and academic record.

According to Coach Donna Lawson, she feels that Lopez will produce the leadership to help the freshman.

Of all the players on the team this year, only six are returners. Approximately 16 are freshmen. Last year only 13 women comprised the entire squad.

"Even though we had a losing season, there were many rewards," Lopez said. "Those rewards are what you feel for each other. Instead of falling apart we became closer. Ten years from now I may not be able to remember my point average or how many points we beat certain teams, but I will remember and treasure the feelings I have and received from the group."

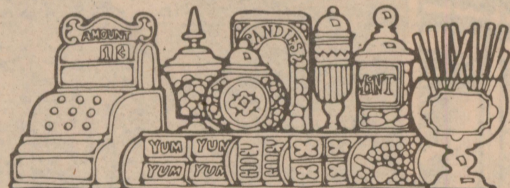


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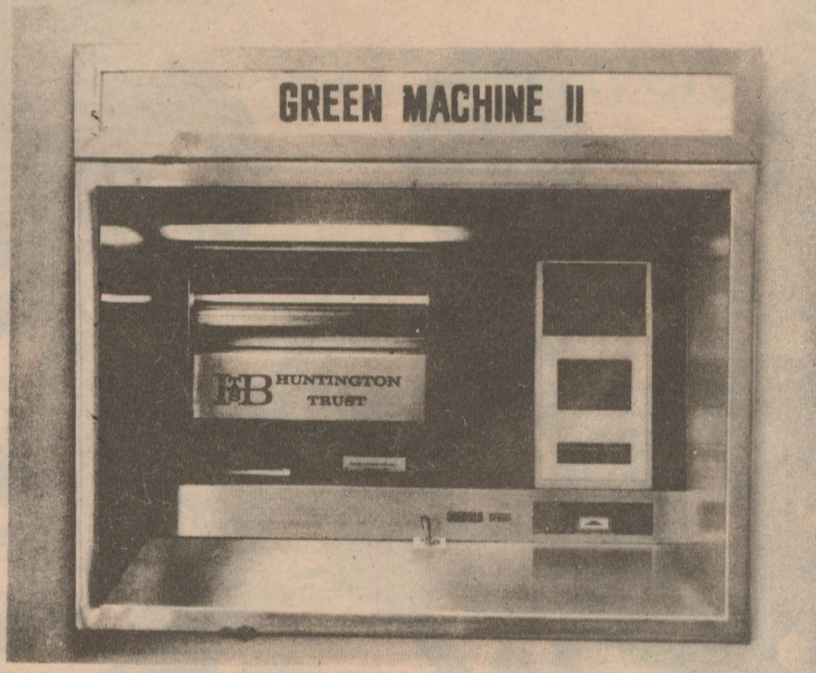
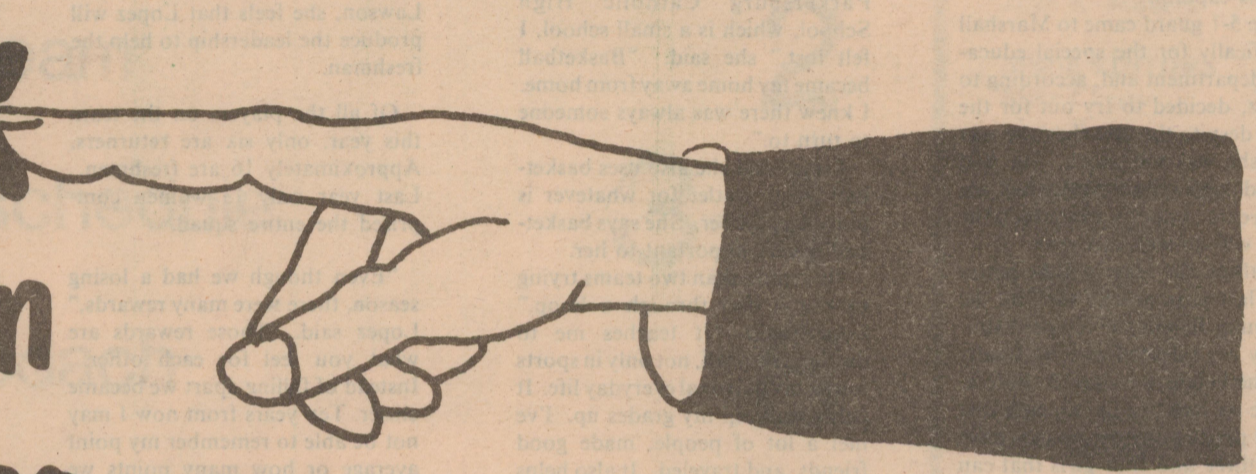


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