

1972-1973 MEMPHIS BASKETBALL STATE GUIDE UNIVERSITY



"Defending Missouri Valley Conference Champions"



1972-73

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE
December		
Sat. 2	— Missouri Western	Mid-South Coliseum
Tue. 5	— Louisiana State	Baton Rouge, La.
Thu. 7	— South Florida	Mid-South Coliseum
Sat. 9	— Marquette	Milwaukee, Wis.
Tue. 12	— Texas	Mid-South Coliseum
Sat. 16	— Navy	Mid-South Coliseum
Wed. 20	— California (Santa Barbara)	Mid-South Coliseum
Sat. 23	— Arkansas	Little Rock, Ark.
Tue. 26	— Cornell	Mid-South Coliseum
Sat. 30	— Vanderbilt	Nashville, Tenn.
January		
Thu. 4	— *Drake	Des Moines, Iowa
Sat. 6	— *Bradley	Peoria, Ill.
Wed. 10	— Florida Tech	Mid-South Coliseum
Sat. 13	— *St. Louis	Mid-South Coliseum
Sat. 20	— St. Joseph's (Ind.)	Mid-South Coliseum
Thu. 25	— *Louisville	Mid-South Coliseum
Sat. 27	— *New Mexico State	Mid-South Coliseum
February		
Thu. 1	— *Drake	Mid-South Coliseum
Sat. 3	— *Bradley	Mid-South Coliseum
Thu. 8	— *Louisville	Louisville, Ky.
Sat. 10	— *Tulsa	Tulsa, Oklahoma
Thu. 15	— *Wichita State	Mid-South Coliseum
Sat. 17	— *West Texas State	Mid-South Coliseum
Thu. 22	— *North Texas State	Denton, Tex.
Sat. 24	— *New Mexico State	Las Cruces, N.M.
March		
Sat. 3	— *St. Louis	St. Louis, Mo.

Home games will be played in the Mid-South Coliseum, capacity 11,600.
(Tip-off, 8 p.m.) *MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE GAMES

FRONT COVER: Standing behind Memphis State's Missouri Valley Conference Championship Trophy (L to R) are, fittingly, three of the main reasons behind the title: Larry Finch, Player of the Year and leading MVC scorer in 1971-72; Ronnie Robinson, the season's top rebounder and the Conference's field goal percentage leader; and MVC Coach of the Year, Gene Bartow. Finch and Robinson, both unanimous selections to the All-Conference teams for the past two seasons and both pre-season All-America picks, are expected to become the MVC's leading scorer and rebounder respectively this year.

DEDICATION



Robinson

Never before in Memphis State basketball history have two individuals deserved and dominated the sport as have Larry Finch and Ronnie Robinson. It seems like only yesterday when the flashy, confident — but by no means, cocky — duo stepped out of their Melrose High School uniforms and became MSU Tigers. Nobody really knew what to expect from Larry and Ronnie. Three things were sure, though, both were talented, both would improve and both were determined. Nobody had a inkling, however, that they would do the things they have done.



Finch

Of course, there were those individuals dotted throughout Larry and Ronnie's past who made a contribution—some little something which made Finch and Robinson not only into two super ball players, but into two top-flight individuals. None of the individuals, though, deserve as much credit as their mothers, Mrs. Mabel Finch and Mrs. Naomi Robinson. It might be old fashioned and trite to talk about motherhood, but in these cases it is worth every bit of the space. The manner in which these two ladies have sacrificed and contributed to their sons' careers is worthy of high honor.

Because Larry Finch and Ronnie Robinson have contributed greatly to Memphis State's basketball tradition, and whereas this is their last year of college eligibility, we dedicate this guide to them. In a larger sense, however, we dedicate this guide to two people in their lives who gave of themselves in order that their two sons might have an opportunity to reach for the stars. Therefore, we dedicate this guide not only to Larry and Ronnie, but to their mothers—Mrs. Finch and Mrs. Robinson. May the four of them always walk among success. Memphis State is proud to call them, Friend!

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"MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS...."

By Bill Grogan
Sports Information Director

When Kerry Mills and Andrew Sterling got together back in 1904 and came up with the song "Meet Me In St. Louis, Louis," little did they know that the phrase would become so important—not only to St. Louis, to Broadway, and to Hollywood—but to Memphis State's 1972-73 basketball outlook.

Seldom does a team's prospectus dare to step out as boldly as does this one. For that matter, though, seldom does a team, a program and a city, as talented, as dedicated to one aim, and as enthusiastic as these come along. **MEMPHIS STATE'S CHANCES IN 1972-73 ARE AS GOOD AS ANY OF THE MAJOR TEAM'S IN THE NATION WITH BUT POSSIBLY ONE EXCEPTION.** Only Coach Wooden and his UCLA Bruins appear, on paper, to be possibly stronger than the Tigers. And both, might just find each other at the NCAA finals in St. Louis.

"MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS, LOUIS" SONG-MOVIE INFO

Ironically, the song, officially adopted as the theme song for the 1904 Louisiana Purchase Exposition, better known as the St. Louis World's Fair, was actually born in a bar.

Here's the way it happened: Andrew Sterling (the lyric man) and musician Kerry Mills were in a St. Louis bar on a fall night in 1904. Back then, there happened to be a popular alcoholic drink called a "Louis," and as if fate would have it that night, the bartender's name was "Louis." When Mills wanted a refill, he yelled: "Another Louis, Louis."

The repetition of the names amused Sterling to no end. Reminded of the eminence of the upcoming Fair, he felt strongly moved to somehow in some way put together a piece about the fair.

Sterling, in a manner of days, wrote a set of lyrics which Mills bought for \$200 and set to music. The song became the hit of the Fair.

Forty years later (in 1944), "Meet Me In St. Louis," became a movie. Starring Judy Garland, Margaret O'Brien, Mary Astor, June Lockhart, Marjorie "Ma Kettle" Main, and others, the movie and its title song were instant hits once again.

After retiring for six years, the song-movie came back, still once more, this time in the guise of a Warner Brothers' flick, titled: "By The Light Of The Silvery Moon," (1953). Leon Ames was the star.

Thus, in 1972, some seven decades after its origin, "Meet Me In St. Louis. . . ." does rideth again. Like in 1904, this time its for a star-studded performance; this time its use is inspired by the prospects of "as talented a Memphis State basketball team as there has ever been." This time, the "Fair" will take place in the Arena on March 24-26. And prospects are that when the season's over, and the thousands upon thousands of basketball frenzied fans and the likes swamp on the Gateway City, Memphis State'll be there!

Already picked in the pre-season publications in almost everybody's top ten, Memphis State and Coach of the Year in the Missouri Valley Conference last year Gene Bartow, find themselves in a precarious position. But late this summer, the decision was made—there would be no hedging this year, no hesitation!

**THUS: "MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS, WOODEN, BEAT YOUR BRUINS THERE!
MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS, WOODEN, MEMPHIS STATE'LL BE THERE!"**

More than likely, the material found in the following pages will undoubtedly be used by opposing coaches for ammunition, but as has been said before, "words and locker rooms never have beaten a great team. . . ." And from outward appearances, Memphis State has all the makings of what it takes.

The Tigers, who finished last year ranked 13th in the national polls and who are unanimously favored to repeat as Missouri Valley Conference champions, feature two of the finest players in the nation in guard Larry Finch and "big-man" Ronnie Robinson.



**Larry & Ronnie
return one more time**

Finch, who was voted the conference's Player of the Year last year, winning out over All-America Jim Price of Louisville (who Larry outscored and outplayed in three face to face meetings), is primed for a super senior season. The leading conference scorer with an average of 25.9 points a game (highest since Chet Walker's days in the MVC), Finch has been called "the best collegiate guard I have ever seen,"

by Bartow and has received considerable praise from such coaches as Al McGuire and Maury John. He is an All-America.

Whereas most teams can only boast of one player in that class, Memphis State boasts still another, in long-time junior high, senior high, and now college teammate Ronnie Robinson. Nicknamed "Big Cat," Robinson, at 6-9, 210-pounds, has already broken nearly all of the rebound marks at MSU and is close to making his mark nationally in both the rebounding department and in field goal accuracy. Last year, Ronnie averaged 13.3 rebounds per game and shot an amazing .609 (ninth best in the nation) from the floor. In 54 career games, "Big Cat" has claimed 10 or more rebounds in 42 games. His career shooting percentage stands at .604, and the word is already out that Ronnie has spent the entire summer working on putting the ball on the floor and has improved considerably.

That, in itself would justify great prospects for any basketball team. But there's more. In this case, the more is Memphis State's Larry "Dr. K" Kenon, a 6-9 junior college, first-team All-America selection from Amarillo (Texas) Junior College. Kenon, who will start at a forward spot and play both the high and low posts, averaged 27.6 points and 25.1 rebounds a game at Amarillo. "He can do it!" explains Finch.

The other forward position is expected to be a battle between Wes Westfall, Kenny Andrews and Billy Buford, all juniors.

Westfall, 6-8, averaged 20 points and 15 rebounds a game for Trinidad State (Colo.) Junior College where he broke Spencer Haywood's rebounding records and was an honorable mention All-America selection.

Andrews, a 6-6 letterman, was a key reserve last season and has sparkled in pre-season drills. He is a good outside shooter, an aggressive defender, intelligent and always seems to be at the right place at the right time. He is a crowd pleaser.

Billy Buford is 6-7, strong, extremely quick and a second-team All-America.



Bartow optimistic!

Laurie and Doug McKinney, who split playing time at the position last season. Their play last year, during the stretch drive where Memphis State won 15 of their last 16 games, was a key reason for the Tigers success. Both are quick, hustle a lot, handle the ball well and play good defense.

Adding stamina to the situation are two fine sophomore guards, Jim Liss and Shannon Kennedy, last year's frosh scoring leaders. Kennedy was the leading scorer with an average of 25.8 points, but does lack some quickness; while Liss—a darkhorse favorite of many—averaged 23.7 points and has all the tools needed to win the job.

When you add blue-chip freshmen guards Bill Cook (6-5) and Clarence Jones (6-6) to the picture, it's easy to see why Bartow enjoys the problem. Cook is the city's leading Prep League scorer of all time and a unanimous High School All-America along with Jones. Cook averaged 34.2 points a game at White Station High School in Memphis; whereas Jones, the quickest freshman guard MSU has ever had, poured in an average of 25.7 points per game at Mount Olive High in Seale, Ala.

Still another freshman which may see action, but by no means at the guard spot, is 6-10 John Washington from Columbus, Ga. Highly sought-after, John is the Tiger's big man of the future and will play a lot. Washington's his name.

Other varsity players who will add to a much strengthened bench this year are 6-4 senior-guard Jerry "assist minded" Tetzlaff, an excellent passer and; 6-6 sophomore forward Larry Trosper, a former high school standout.

Sitting out this season is 6-6, 205-pound Steve Christ, who is recovering from a six-month bout with hepatitis. Christ, a valuable reserve last year, will be redshirted and should help next season. 6-10 center Charles DuVall, who transferred to Memphis State from Morehead (Miss.) J.C. in 1970, will assist with the freshman team. Doctors told him that he should pass up this year due to the condition of both of his legs which have been broken.



Juniors—quite a team themselves

junior college transfer from Paducah (Ky) Junior College. Last year, Buford led his team to the tournaments averaging 23 points and more than 10 rebounds per game.

The other guard spot is expected to be the biggest battle on the team, and Coach Bartow is delighted—any coach would be if he had the talent vying for the position.

Going into the season the two leading candidates appear to be Bill

It's not difficult to say why the people of Memphis have gone completely 'mad' over the Tigers' chances this year. But Bartow, who has coached for 17 years and has had but one losing season, is well aware that "big trees fall hard and fast," and has so warned the team. "Whatever happens, though, this is, by far, the best and most talented team I have ever coached anywhere," says Bartow, who coached

Puerto Rico to a fifth place finish in the 1972 Olympics. "I have a feeling that this is going to be a real pleasant season."

And now in the words of the players themselves, the time has arrived to hush up and "DO IT!"

1972-73 VARSITY NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.	Hometown
*10	Bill Laurie	G	5-10	Jr.	Versailles, Missouri
*11	Jerry Tetzlaff	G	6-4	Sr.	South Bend, Indiana
12	Shannon Kennedy	G	6-3	So.	Muncie, Indiana
15	Jim Liss	G	6-2	So.	Crown Point, Indiana
#20	Billy Buford	F	6-7	<u>Jr.</u>	Glasgow, Kentucky
**21	Larry Finch	G	6-2	Sr.	Memphis, Tennessee
23	Larry Trosper	F	6-6	So.	Ripley, Tennessee
*24	Ken Andrews	F	6-6	Jr.	Puxico, Missouri
**33	Ronnie Robinson	C	6-8	Sr.	Memphis, Tennessee
#35	Larry Kenon	F-C	6-9	Jr.	Birmingham, Alabama
**40	Doug McKinney	G	6-0	Sr.	Fairfield, Ohio
#42	West Westfall	F-C	6-8	Jr.	St. Louis, Missouri

* Letter Won

Junior College Transfer

FRESHMAN NUMERICAL BASKETBALL ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown
10	Rickey Fayne	G	6-1	184	Memphis, Tenn.
*11	Ed DeSchepper	G	6-2	185	Kansas City, Mo.
*15	David Kimmel	F	6-7	210	Dallas, Texas
*20	Clarence Jones	G-F	6-6	182	Fort Mitchell, Ala.
*23	John Washington	C	6-10	207	Columbus, Ga.
*24	John Tunstall	F-G	6-7	187	Memphis, Tenn.
*33	Ed Wilson	F-C	6-6	220	Memphis, Tenn.
40	Roland Harrison	G	6-1	160	Memphis, Tenn.
*43	Bill Cook	G	6-5	200	Memphis, Tenn.

*Scholarship Basketball Player

PRE-SEASON 1972-73 AP POLL

1. UCLA (36) (30-0)	720
2. Florida State (27-6)	520
3. Maryland (27-5)	509
4. Minnesota (18-7)	349
5. Marquette (25-4)	296
6. Long Beach St. (25-4)	269
7. SW Louisiana (25-4)	227
8. North Carolina St. (16-10)	188
9. Penn (25-3)	186
10. Ohio State (18-6)	166
11. MEMPHIS STATE (21-7)	164
12. Brigham Young (21-5)	132
13. Kentucky (21-7)	116½
14. Tennessee (19-6)	95
15. Houston (20-7)	92½
16. South Carolina (24-5)	83
17. Kansas State (19-9)	77
18. Oral Roberts (26-2)	73
19. Michigan (14-10)	67
20. (tie) Louisville (26-5)	57
Southern California (16-10)	57

PRE-SEASON 1972-73 UPI POLL

1. UCLA (33)	330
2. Florida St.	281
3. Maryland	179
4. Minnesota	174
5. Marquette	109
6. Ohio St.	78
7. Kentucky	74
8. Long Beach St.	73
9. Pennsylvania	66
10. North Carolina St.	59
11. Houston	54
12. North Carolina	44
13. Southwestern Louisiana	40
14. MEMPHIS STATE	36
15. (tie) Brigham Young	31
(tie) Kansas State	31
17. Southern California	28
18. Providence	19
19. Oral Roberts	18
20. Texas-El Paso	17

A LOOK AT THE FUTURE

1973-74

at HAWAII

VANDERBILT

SUGAR BOWL CLASSIC

(MSU, N. Carolina State,
LSU-NO, Villanova)

FLORIDA STATE

1974-75

at UCLA

GATOR BOWL CLASSIC

(MSU, Penn State, Temple, Jacksonville)

FLORIDA STATE

HAWAII

These games are over and above the Missouri Valley Conference games, the "best basketball in the land."

Memphis State is indeed fortunate to have as its chief photographer Gil Michael, Director of Photo Services. Without Gil and his staff, this brochure would practically be pictureless. Gil is a die-hard Tiger fan, who enjoys his work. Thanks Gil.





THE MID-SOUTH COLISEUM

Home of the Fighting Tigers

MSU's cage home is one of the most beautiful, functional and versatile public facilities ever constructed in the Mid-South. Built by both the City and County governments, the 11,600-seat building (which can seat as many as 14,250 for events other than basketball) was opened in 1964. Memphis State's 82-73 victory over Texas A&M, before some 9,000 fans, was the first basketball game ever played in the Coliseum.

In addition to the two end-line bleachers, the Coliseum features 9,081 permanent, theater-styled, upholstered seats, 10 fully equipped concession stands, and three major patron entrances.

PRESS-RADIO-TV FACILITIES

The press section at the Coliseum is located at floor-level on the south side of the court. Radio and television booths are on the north side of the arena. A lounge for working newsmen is on the lower east concourse.

REQUESTS

Press, radio, and television credentials may be obtained through the Memphis State Sports Information Office. Requests should be directed to Bill Grogan, Sports Information Director. (Phone 901-321-1336)

1973 TOURNEY FIRST TIME IN ST. LOUIS

Several "firsts" will mark the 1973 National Collegiate Basketball Tournament finals, the most notable of which is the site itself. For the first time in history, St. Louis will host the tourney, March 24 and 26, in The Arena.

The 1973 classic also will mark a change in the setup for the semi-final and final games from Thursday-Saturday to Saturday afternoon and Monday evening sessions.

And for the first time, the "twain" shall meet in the semi-finals, with departure from the traditional East-West final game alignment. The new rotating pairings will pit the East regional champ against the Midwest's best and West against Mideast in 1973. (See page 95.)



THE UNIVERSITY

During its six decades of service to the Mid-South area, Memphis State University has grown from a rural teachers college to a nationally respected institution offering major study in 82 different areas.

More than 21,000 students are enrolled for courses on our highly developed campus and they represent almost every state in the United States as well as more than 45 foreign countries. Degrees ranging from the associate of arts in nursing to the doctor of philosophy are available.

Memphis State University is comprised of a College of Arts and Sciences, a College of Business Administration, a College of Education, the Herff College of Engineering, the School of Law, the Graduate School and the Division of Continuing Studies.

With a total land area of 1,100 acres, the University extends to four separate locations. A 640-acre forest farm houses biology field stations and a retreat area for conferences to the northwest, while Chucalissa Indian Village, a local tourist attraction and archaeological field site, is located in southwest Shelby County. The University also operates the Memphis Speech and Hearing Center in the mid-town medical center. The main campus, now in the heart of the city, comprises 150 acres.

Memphis State was founded in 1909 as West Tennessee State Normal School. It became West Tennessee State Teachers College in 1925 and Memphis State College in 1941. University status was granted by the legislature in 1957.

BASKETBALL SECRETARY



The courteous and helpful voice you reach when calling the Memphis State basketball office is Mrs. Lillian Raffety, who serves as the secretary and receptionist for basketball and spring sports.

Mrs. Raffety joined the MSU staff in 1963 as a secretary under public information director Charles Holmes with additional duties in the athletic department. She later served as a ticket office assistant under the late Mrs. Ruby Puddephatt before becoming secretary for basketball, spring sports and sports information director George Wine in 1965.

A native of Atchison, Kansas; she has been married to Mr. Earl Raffety for 37 years and is the mother of two sons and two daughters and has an eight-year old grandson.

MEMPHIS STATE DIRECTORY

Acting President.....	Dr. John W. Richardson, Jr. (Murray State)
Chairman, Athletic Committee.....	Dr. A. Ford Haynes (Tennessee, 1941)
Athletic Director.....	Billy J. Murphy (Mississippi State, 1947)
Asst. to the Athletic Director.....	Ruffner Murray (VPI, 1937)
Athletic Business Manager.....	Gabe Hawkins (Mississippi State, 1940)
Athletic Ticket Manager.....	J. W. Patrick (Mississippi State, 1942)
Sports Information Director.....	Bill Grogan (Memphis State, 1967)
Graduate Assistant.....	Norman McCoy (Memphis State, 1971)
Academic Advisor.....	Dr. Bill Marking (Memphis State, 1966)
Trainer.....	Gene Smith (Sterling College, 1949)
Team Physician.....	Dr. Clifton Wooley (Tennessee, 1939)

COACHING STAFF

Basketball Coach.....	Gene Bartow (N.E. Missouri St., 1953)
Assistant.....	LeRoy Hunt (Central Missouri State, 1957)
Assistant.....	Wayne Yates (Memphis State, 1961)
Graduate Assistant.....	Ed Young (Valparaiso, 1970)
Football Coach.....	Fred Pancoast (Tampa, 1952)
Chief Offensive Assistant.....	Lindy Infante (Florida, 1964)
Chief Defensive Assistant.....	Lamar Leachman (Tennessee, 1957)
Assistant.....	Murray Armstrong (Tennessee, 1961)
Assistant.....	John Cobb (Memphis State, 1951)
Assistant.....	Hal Dyer (Florida State, 1963)
Assistant.....	Frank Emanuel (Tennessee, 1968)
Assistant.....	Pete Mitchell (Southern Univ., 1956)
Assistant.....	Bill Turnbow (Texas Tech, 1961)
Assistant.....	Charles Whittemore (Georgia, 1970)
Assistant Freshman Coach with Varsity Duties.....	Tracy Clemmons (Memphis State, 1971)
Graduate Assistant.....	Frank Downing (Lafayette, 1951)
Graduate Assistant.....	Tom DeHart (Memphis State, 1966)
Graduate Assistant.....	Paul Gowen (Memphis State, 1972)
Equipment Manager.....	John Cothorn (Memphis State, 1970)
Director of Personnel and Admin. Asst.....	Jim Hoggatt (Memphis St., 1953)
Recruiter.....	Fred Mangum (Memphis State, 1961)
Baseball Coach.....	Bobby Kilpatrick (Mississippi, 1960)
Golf Coach.....	Jim Cook (Memphis State, 1969)
Gymnastics Coach.....	Ray Jauch (Indiana State, 1971)
Tennis Coach.....	Tom Buford (Southwestern, 1957)
Track Coach.....	Glenn Hays (Southwestern, 1962)

OFFICE STAFF

Athletic Director's Office.....	Mrs. Joyce Wiuff
Basketball and Spring Sports.....	Mrs. Lillian Raffety
Football Office.....	Mrs. Martha Millrany, Mrs. Christina Beale
Business Office.....	Mrs. Arlene Glass
Ticket Office.....	Mrs. Jean Branch, Mrs. Sandy Phillips, Miss Cindy Cole
	Mrs. Martha Short, Miss Elaine Savori
Sports Information Office.....	Mrs. Linda Cox

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Basketball Office.....	321-1346
Coach Gene Bartow (Home).....	683-6137
Sports Information Office.....	321-1331
Bill Grogan, SID (Home).....	327-3703
Athletic Business-Ticket Office.....	321-1331
Mid-South Coliseum Office.....	274-3982

CHANCELLOR HUMPHREYS



Dr. Cecil C. Humphreys, Memphis State University's sixth president, has begun a new career as the first chancellor of the state university and community college system of Tennessee.

Appointed to the position by Governor Winfield Dunn this fall, Dr. Humphreys assumed the responsibility of unifying six state universities and nine community colleges under the jurisdiction of the Board of Regents.

The state-wide educational system includes a total enrollment of 62,626 students; a faculty of 3,561; supporting personnel numbering 3,695; \$104,317,211 in annual budgeted expenditures; \$56,392,000 in state appropriations; \$255,858,38 in capital outlay investments and student aid amounting to \$4,129,646.

When Dr. Humphreys became president of Memphis State in 1960, enrollment was less than 5,000. This year more than 21,000 students are enrolled and campus facilities are now valued at over \$72 million.

His first association with MSU was in 1937 as a history instructor. He served as coordinator of public relations, athletic director, director of the graduate school and assistant to the president.

Originally from Paris, Tenn., Dr. Humphreys played football at the University of Tennessee, where he received his bachelor's and master's degree, and was selected to the **Sports Illustrated** Silver Anniversary All-America team in 1960. He earned the doctoral degree at New York University.

During World War II, he was a member of the Underwater Demolition Team for the U. S. Navy. His career also includes a period as a special agent for the FBI during World War II.

While establishing Memphis State as one of Tennessee's outstanding institutions of higher education, Dr. Humphreys also established himself as a highly-respected community leader. He is the recipient of numerous local and national awards and honors, and in 1970 was selected as one of the 10 most influential citizens of the City of Memphis in a survey conducted by the Memphis **Commercial Appeal**.

Dr. Humphreys is married to the former Florence Van Natta of Memphis and they have two sons, Robert Hunter Humphreys and Cecil C. Humphreys Jr.

DR. JOHN W. RICHARDSON, JR.

Acting President



Dr. John W. Richardson Jr. postponed his retirement several months to assume the presidency of Memphis State in an acting capacity when Dr. Cecil C. Humphreys became chancellor of the state university and community college system this fall.

Having begun his service to the youth of Tennessee as principal of Puryear High School in Henry County in 1931, Dr. Richardson has been credited for the dramatic upgrading of graduate study at Memphis State. When he was named dean in 1960, the fledgling graduate school had only 300 students. This year that enrollment totals more than 2,500 students from 45 states and 30 foreign countries.

Born in Springville, Tenn., Dr. Richardson was educated in the public schools of Henry County and graduated from Grove High School in Paris. He did his undergraduate work at Murray State College in Kentucky, completed his master's degree at Duke University in Durham, N.C., and earned his doctorate at New York University.

He has had teaching experience in four West Tennessee counties, having served as both elementary and high school principal in Henry County and as high school principal in Benton, Obion and Lauderdale Counties. He left the principalship of Ripley High School to join the State Department of Education as regional supervisor of high schools in West Tennessee, and while in that position taught several quarters at Memphis State.

Shortly thereafter he was named acting director of the Division of High Schools with the state agency and in 1950 became assistant secretary of the Tennessee Education Association.

Dr. Richardson, who also holds a professorship, taught in the College of Education until the summer of 1966.

Dr. Richardson and his wife, Myrtle, live at 5300 Sycamore Grove Lane. Mrs. Richardson formerly served as director of placement and certification at Memphis State from 1959 to 1969.

BILLY J. MURPHY—ATHLETIC DIRECTOR



A.D. and MSU's new mascot

Billy J. Murphy, who compiled one of the nation's winningest coaching records as Memphis State's head football coach for 14 seasons, decided last spring to take on an even bigger challenge than the one which brought him to the university and devote his full time efforts to the duties of athletic director, a position he had jointly held since 1966.

One of the most respected figures in the southern athletic community, his record as Athletic Director has been just as impressive as it was on the gridiron. In addition to establishing Memphis State as a southern football power, Murphy has been influential in guiding the Tigers out of the independent status into the Missouri Valley Conference; has maintained a "self-supporting" athletic program and budget; and has recently added some of the "nation's finest" athletic facilities. Under his guidance, the football, basketball, baseball, track, golf,

tennis, gymnastics, and, more recently, swimming programs have become some of the nation's finest. In Memphis State's short tenure in the MVC, the school has won three football championships, four-of-four gymnastic titles, and has claimed the "all-sports" honor two years in succession. As he did in football, Coach Murphy has helped to develop an overall solid, sound, and a winning athletic program for Memphis State.

As football coach, he guided the Tigers to three conference titles, a 28-9 victory in the 1971 Pasadena Bowl—the Tiger's first appearance in a major bowl—and was voted MVC Coach-of-the-year three out of the four years in the conference. His 14-year record of 91-44-1 at Memphis State was, at the close of the 1971 season, ranked among the nation's top 15 coaches in won-loss percentages.

In the 1960s, Murphy-coached teams compiled a 70-25-1 record, the 11th best in the nation, and were fifth in scoring, ninth in rushing and 14th in both total offense and scoring defense. In 1963, five years after he arrived on the scene with the challenge of establishing "a major football program at Memphis State," Murphy coached the Tigers to one of the nation's few undefeated seasons, and was named Coach of the Year by a national publication.

Before coming to Memphis State, Murphy spent coaching stints at Mississippi State and Minnesota under Murray Warmath.

Coach Murphy is a graduate of Mississippi State where he starred as a tailback in 1941, 1942, and 1946. A former Marine Lieutenant in the Pacific Theater from 1943 to 1945, Coach Murphy returned to Mississippi State following active duty and captained the Bulldogs to a fine season and was named to the All-SEC team.

A native of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, Coach Murphy and his lovely wife, the former Elizabeth Parrish of Starkville, have two children Mike (20) and Libby (16).

"... all the attendant problems of our athletic program today call for my giving full-time as athletic director. Just as I have tried to do my best at all times during the past 14 years, I will continue to put the success of the Memphis State University athletic program first in my career."

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS



Dr. A. Ford Haynes
Chairman



Dr. Bill Marking
Student Athlete
Academic Coordinator

The governing body of the athletic program at Memphis State is the athletic committee. Its duties fall primarily into three categories: determining the overall athletic policy, overseeing the athletic budget and recommending and approving athletic staff changes.

The committee has recently made major recommendations, after review and consultation with the athletic director about the expansion of MSU's athletic program. Future plans call for the forming of various study committees to compile information to be used in making further recommendations about the athletic program.

Dr. A. Ford Haynes, Chairman of the Department of Secondary Education, is the current chairman of the committee. Dr. Haynes replaced Dean R. M. Robison, who retired in the summer of 1971 after his 25 year chairmanship of the committee. Dean Robison served on the athletic committee for 28 years.

Dr. Haynes is serving in his tenth year on the committee and his second as chairman. He feels that athletics are a vital part of the overall University program. "Those who participate in the programs are called on to develop skills which will carry them through life," says Haynes. "In addition, athletics offer the public a means of recreation and entertainment through 'big time' competition."

Dr. Haynes has taken steps to insure even more improvement in the committee's policy-making role and its sound and sincere relationship with the athletic department. As chairman of the committee, Dr. Haynes also serves as the University's faculty representative at Missouri Valley Conference and NCAA meetings.

Members of the committee, who are appointed annually by the president, and who have served for the past several years, are: Dr. W. Elzie Danley, Dean of the University College; Dr. Thomas S. Fry, Professor of Civil Engineering; Dr. Ralph W. Williams, Director of Graduate Studies; Dr. John Corbet, Associate Professor of Geography; Dr. J. Lasley Dameron, Associate Professor of English; Mr. Lamar Newport, Director of Off-Campus Facilities, and Mr. Allen Hammond, of the Student Aid Department. In addition two MSU students are appointed each year by Dr. Humphreys.

With the expansion of both the athletic program and the university has come the need for an individual charged with advising and aiding all athletes in various academic matters.

Dr. Bill Marking, a 1966 graduate of Memphis State who received his Doctor of Science Education degree from MSU in January of 1971, is charged with this responsibility in addition to several other duties. As advisor, Dr. Marking's duties include the supervision of admission, registration, and academic advising of all MSU athletes.

In addition, Dr. Marking serves as a liaison between the athletic department and the administration of the university, as well as being the Executive Secretary of the University Committee on Athletics.

Dr. Marking is also a key officer and worker in the Inner-M Club, Memphis State's varsity lettermen's club.



COACH GENE BARTOW

Of all the great basketball coaches in Memphis State's history, Gene Bartow, the man who in two years took the Tigers from the bottom of the Missouri Valley Conference to the championship, has to be ranked at the top of the list.

Not even during the heretofore "glory days," of MSU basketball — the late 1950s and early 1960s — has as much excitement, enthusiasm and fanaticism been displayed as is being displayed in 1972-73. Those "glory days" are now being overshadowed by Coach Bartow and his new version of the Tigers.

Widely respected throughout the basketball world, and literally admir-

ed, adored, and cherished by the city of Memphis, Bartow has been awarded and honored by virtually every civic club in the city. His awards don't stop there however. Basketball publications, and basketball coaches have presented the 42-year old Missourian with many of his most prestigious awards.

Selected unanimously as the 1971-72 Coach of the Year in the MVC, Bartow carried away two of the most coveted awards Memphis presented annually in the city of Memphis—the Memphis Area Chamber of Commerce's Mid-South All-Sports Amateur award and the Memphis Press Club's prestigious Headliner Award. In addition to these awards, Bartow was presented the Mayor's Meritorious Service Award, only the second one presented in the last six years, and countless other awards by the Civitan Club, Downtown Optimist Club, and the Rotary Club among others.

A 42-year old native of Browning, Mo., he and his wife are the parents of two sons and a 3-year old daughter. (See picture on the next page).

Bartow has been in the coaching profession for 17 years and has been in college basketball for 11 seasons. In two seasons at Memphis State, he has guided the Tigers to an overall 39-15 mark, a conference championship, a top-ten ranking, an appearance in the NIT, and almost a unanimous pre-season top ten selection this year.

According to one major basketball magazine, "Memphis State is on their way to being a super power — possibly the UCLA of the South and Bartow's the reason why."

In his 17 years as a coach, he has had only one losing season (his 13th, at Valparaiso, 11-15) and has an overall record (including high school) of 323-144, for a winning percentage of .692.

His high school record of 145-39, compiled while coaching at Shelbina and St. Charles High School in Missouri, speaks for itself.

His college record now stands at 178-107. The majority of those wins came in his six years as the head coach at Valparaiso (Ind.) University. Those years resulted in a 93-69 record, quite a few upset wins over big-name basketball powers, and a 1967 team which went all the way to the NCAA College Division basketball tournament. He helped build Valparaiso into a collegiate basketball powerhouse, as he is at MSU.

Bartow, widely sought after as a speaker, makes approximately five speeches a week and is on several city-wide, religious, and social committees. He is widely respected in the community as well as in basketball circles.

At the fall meetings of the Conference Basketball Coaches, Bartow was elected by his peers as the spokesman for the group.

The past two seasons, Coach Bartow, in addition to the many awards listed above, was voted one of the five most outstanding coaches in the nation by **Basketball Weekly**, and received votes for the Associated Press Coach-of-the-Year award both seasons.

During the summer of 1971, Bartow coached the Puerto Rican national basketball team to a second-place, silver-medal finish in the Pan American games. This past August, Bartow carried his Puerto Rican cagers to the Munich Olympics, and once again was successful, finishing fifth in a field of 16 international teams.

In addition to winning basketball games, Bartow has worked long and hard with athletic director Billy Murphy to insure Memphis State's continued rise to the top of college basketball. Scheduling, recruiting, and all have never been better at MSU, and Bartow is the main reason.

THE BARTOW FAMILY



Coach Bartow with his family (L to R)—son Murray, 11, wife Ruth, the former Ruth Huffine of Galt, Mo., daughter Beth, 3, and son Mark, 16.

FINAL 1971-72 SEASON POLLS TELL STORY!

(Both AP and UPI polls were taken before all tournament play was completed)

UPI's LIST

1. UCLA (34) (26-0)	340
2. North Carolina (23-4)	279
3. Penn (24-2)	247
4. Louisville (24-3)	197
5. South Carolina (23-4)	193
6. Long Beach State (24-3)	187
7. Marquette (25-2)	127
8. SW Louisiana (24-3)	67
9. Brigham Young (21-5)	50
10. Florida State (21-5)	35
11. Maryland (23-5)	25
12. Minnesota (17-6)	23
13. MEMPHIS STATE (21-6)	17
14. Kentucky (21-6)	13
15. Villanova (19-7)	12
16. Kansas State (18-8)	11
17. Texas El Paso (20-6)	9
18. Marshall (23-4)	8
19. (tie) Missouri (21-5)	7
Weber State (17-9)	7

AP's LIST

1. UCLA (30) (26-0)	600
2. North Carolina (23-4)	483
3. Penn (24-2)	468
4. Louisville (24-3)	398
5. Long Beach State (24-3)	330
6. So. Carolina (23-4)	286
7. Marquette (25-2)	268
8. SW Louisiana (24-3)	221
9. Brigham Young (21-5)	153
10. Florida State (23-5)	133
11. Minnesota (17-6)	101
12. Marshall (23-4)	88
13. MEMPHIS STATE (21-6)	78
14. Maryland (23-5)	76
15. Villanova (19-7)	56
16. Oral Roberts (25-1)	50
17. Indiana (17-7)	42
18. Kentucky (21-6)	30
19. Ohio State (18-6)	27
20. Virginia (21-6)	21

LEROY HUNT

Assistant Basketball Coach

Leroy Hunt begins his third year as Freshman basketball coach, varsity assistant, and chief scout for Coach Bartow. He, too, has recruiting duties in addition to other responsibilities. A native of Windsor, Mo., Hunt received his bachelor's degree from Central Missouri State in 1957 and received his master's in 1960 from the same school. This season marks his 15th year in the coaching profession (nine as a head coach, six as an assistant).



LEROY HUNT

He compiled a high school coaching record of 136-66 while coaching at Wellington and Warrensburg, Mo. High Schools. In one four-year period his teams won 77 games and lost only 18. His 1965 team won the district play-off and finished with a 22-2 record.

Following the 1966-67 season, he returned to his alma mater for three years as assistant coach before joining the MSU staff. In recognition of his professional ability and accomplishments and service to his community, country and profession, Coach Hunt was selected to appear in the 1967 edition of Outstanding Young Men of America. In 1970, he took a freshman squad with only five scholarship athletes and guided them to a 9-6 record.

Coach Hunt is one of the most knowledgeable basketball coaches when it comes to zone defense and helped devise MSU's 1-2-2 zone last year which helped the Tigers to the conference title and a 21-7 record.



WAYNE YATES

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Assistant Basketball Coach

Wayne Yates, a star performer for the Tigers in the early 1960's begins his third year as assistant coach. A native of Little Rock, Arkansas, Yates is considered one of the greatest centers ever to play at MSU.

At Memphis State for the past two seasons, Yates has had various duties, but has been chiefly responsible for all basketball recruiting. Coach Bartow, on countless occasions, has praised Yates' recruiting style and

has credited him for the highly successful scouting results last season.

In his two varsity years at Memphis State, Yates led the team in both scoring and rebounding each season. His 23 rebounds in a single game was a school record until the 1970-71 season. He made the All-Tournament team at the Sugar Bowl Tournament in 1961 and was voted the Most Valuable Player to perform at the Palestra in Philadelphia the same year. Yates received All-America honors in 1961 as he was named to the New York Times 15-man All-America Team and to the Saperstein All-America Team.

Following his collegiate career, Yates was the top draft choice of the Los Angeles Lakers of the National Basketball Association. He played several seasons with the Lakers and the Oakland Oaks (now the Virginia Squires) of the American Basketball Association.

THE MEMPHIS STATE TIGERS



From top (L to R):
Larry Finch
Ronnie Robinson



Doug McKinney
Jerry Teltzloff
Ken Andrews



Billy Buford
Larry Kenon
Bill Laurie
Wes Westfall



Shannon Kennedy
Jim Liss
Larry Trosper
Clarence Jones

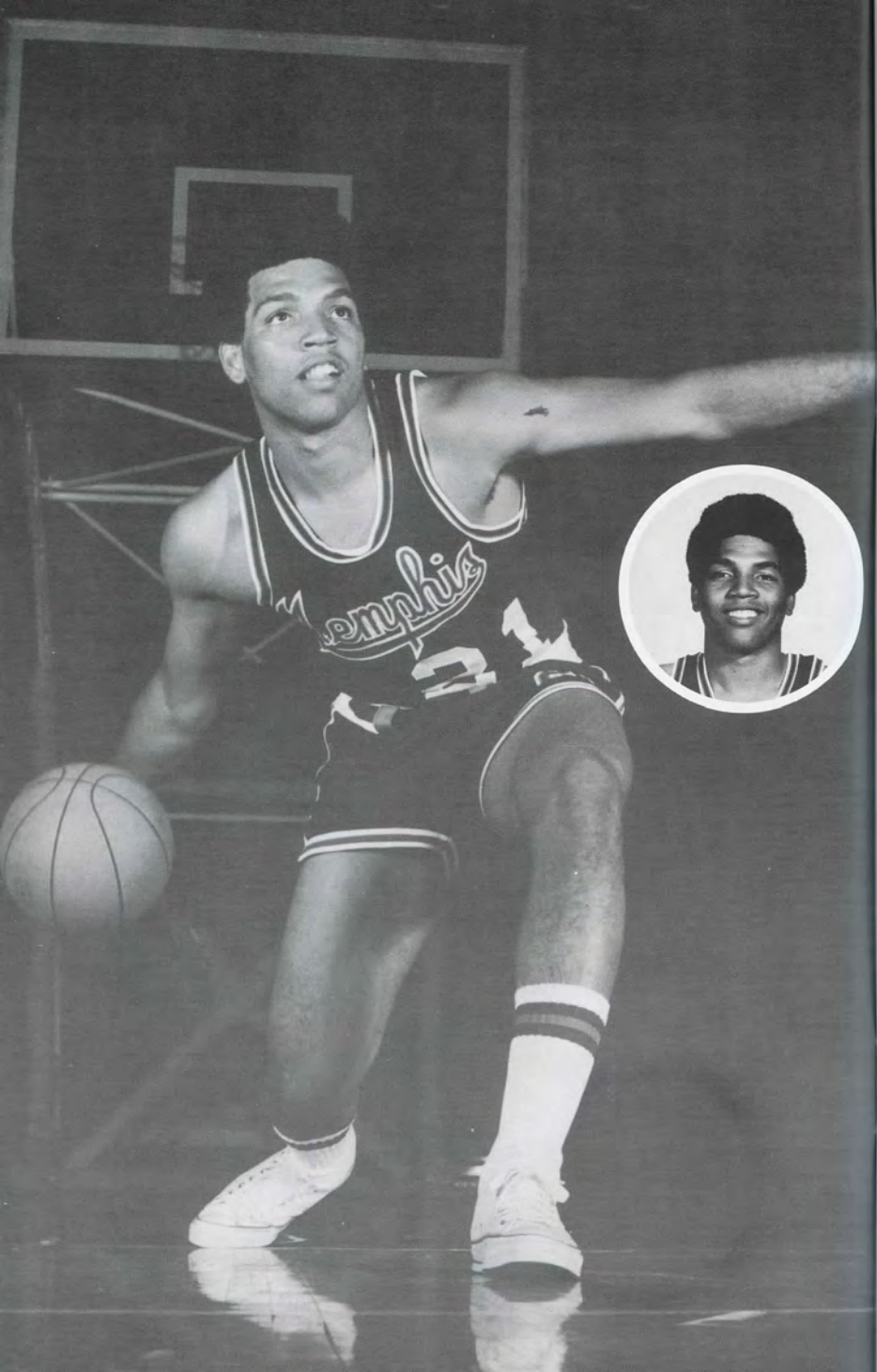


Bill Cook
John Washington
Ed Wilson



Ed Deschepper
John Tunstall





ALL MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE "Player of the Year"

G—6-2—185—Senior—Memphis, Tenn.

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Larry Finch

What else is left for Larry Finch to accomplish at MSU?

A. Break the school record, which apparently he will, needing only 263 points to break Mike Butler's three-year mark of 1,409. And if he can score 707 points he would break Forest Arnold's four-year mark of 1,854. (Considering that Larry scored 669

points last year, that record could also fall.)

B. Win a national championship

which Larry and his teammates so desperately want.

C. Gain All-America honors which he certainly deserves. (See center spread.)

Without doubt, though, of all the players to play at Memphis State, none has been as loved by the fans and as feared by the opponents as has Larry Finch. His gentlemanly manner off the court, and his super performances on the floor have made him literally the "talk of southern basketball."

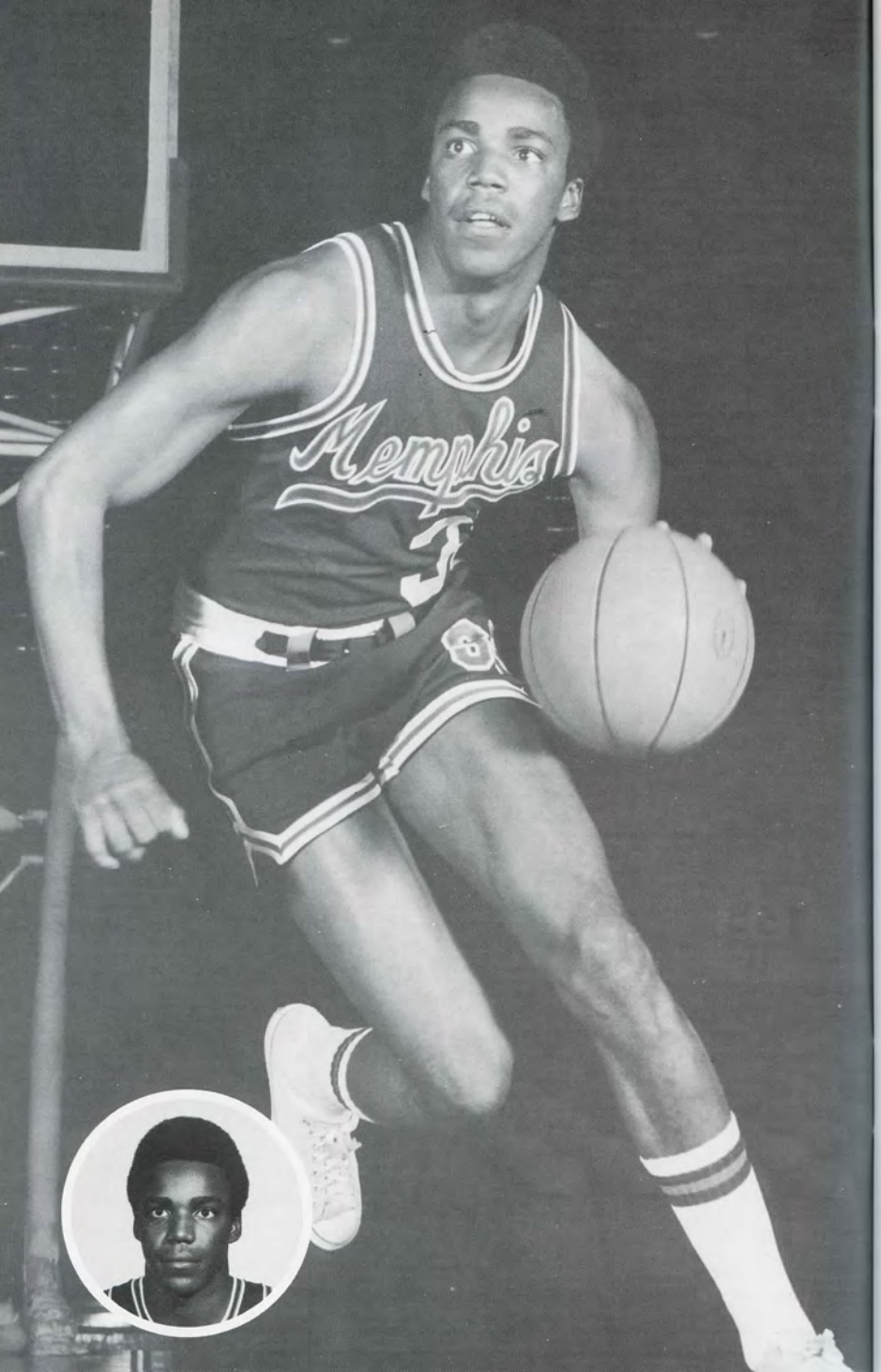
In his first two years at Memphis State, Larry has led his team in scoring twice, won the conference scoring crown as a junior, been named to the All-Missouri Valley Conference team twice, been named "Sophomore of the Year" in 1970-71, been named "Player of the Year" last year, and led his team to an MVC Championship and a berth in the National Invitation Tournament in New York.

The 6-2, 185-pound Memphian averaged 23.9 points against all opponents last season and 25.9 against the toughest opposition in the nation—those teams of the Missouri Valley Conference itself.

In addition, he hit 187 of 223 free throws for a percentage of .839 which ranked him ninth in the nation. He was held under double figures only once last season (the second time in his career) against San Francisco when he missed much of the game in foul trouble and was able to score only six points. He was instrumental in pulling the Tigers out of three very close games (a one-point victory at Tulsa and home wins over Wichita State, two points, and Drake, one point). Larry broke the one season scoring mark of 629 points (Larry scored 669 points) set by Win Wilfong (1956-57) and broke Wilfong's record of 217 field goals in a season (1955-56) by popping the nets for 241 two-pointers. Larry, unanimous selection to the All-Vanderbilt Classic Tournament team, was also voted the most valuable player of the prestigious tournament. Several pre-season magazines and polls list Larry as an All-America candidate and several are predicting an even rosier future for Larry beyond the college level. What else!

VARSITY TOTALS

Year	G	Pts	Rebs	PF	HG
Sophomore (1970-71)	26	479	96	78	34, vs Bradley
Junior (1971-72)	28	669	72	90	33, vs Missouri-Rolla
Totals	54	1148	168	168	34, vs Bradley



ALL MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE

C—6-8—220—Senior—Memphis, Tenn.

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Ronnie Robinson

Ronnie had another banner year last season and was unanimously named to the All-Missouri Valley Conference for the second time. Moved to center from forward, Ronnie adapted to the new position well and is expected to have a "bang-bang" year as MSU's starting center this fall. Always a good percentage shooter from outside as his two seasons of 60%-plus field goal percentage indicates, Ronnie worked long and hard this summer and has additionally improved his game by learning to put the ball on the floor.

Last year, Ronnie hit 79 of 129 from the field in conference play for a .612 percentage and, for the season, hit 170 of 279 in all games for a .609 average. On the boards, his average of 13.3 per game (372 in 28 games), placed him third in the conference, while he pulled down 171 rebounds in 14 conference games for a 12.3 average (4th best in the conference). Ronnie also finished third in scoring with a 15.8 average in all contests and had a conference scoring average of 14.9 which also placed him third in scoring. "Big Cat" as he is called by teammates was a unanimous selection to the All-Tourney teams at both the Vanderbilt and Sun Bowl Classics. Ronnie tied the school rebound record for a single season last year of 372 set by Win Wilfong in 1956-57.

Ronnie averaged 12.1 points and 14.2 rebounds as a sophomore and was named to the All-MVC team. He set the school single game rebounding mark that same season when he pulled down 28 against Tulsa. That same night he scored his career high of 30 points.

Super things are expected from Ronnie this year, who, along with teammate Larry Finch, comprise two of the main reasons why MSU is a national factor this year. Major: Secondary Education. Born: March 9, 1951. Ronnie is a bachelor. (See center spread.)

VARSITY TOTALS

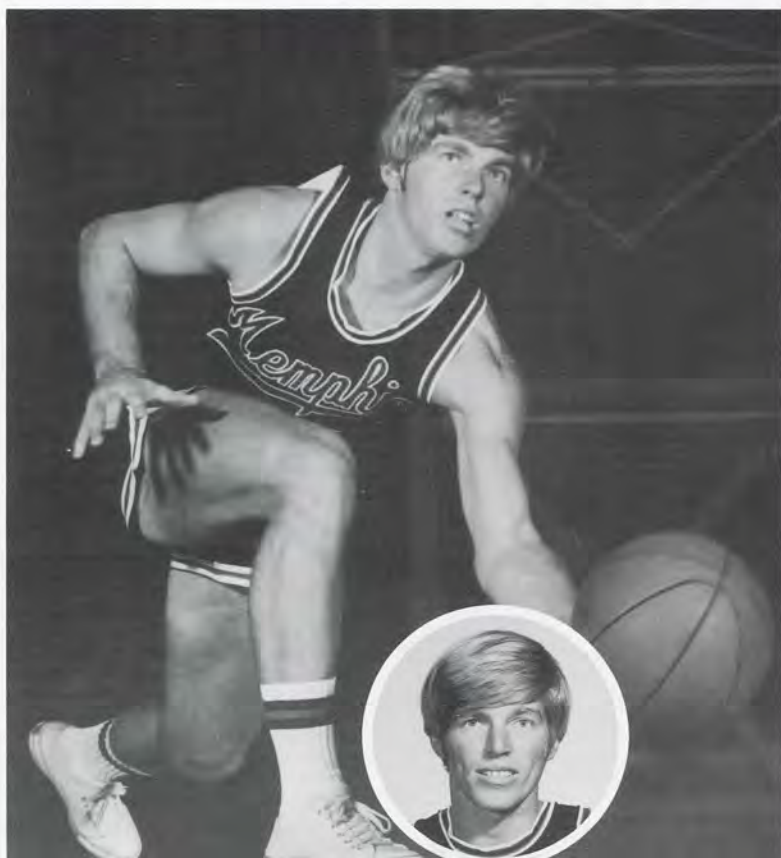
Year	G	Pts	Rebs	PF	HG
Sophomore (1970-71)	26	315	369	90	30, vs Tulsa
Junior (1971-72)	28	443	372	92	29, vs South Alabama
Totals	54	758	741	182	30, vs Tulsa

40. DOUG McKINNEY

G—6-0—180—Senior—Fairfield, Ohio

Doug is the "Charlie Hustle" of MSU basketball. He is always going full speed whether on offense or defense. One of the best defensive guards and hard-nosed competitors to ever wear the Tiger uniform, McKinney split the guard position with Bill Laurie last season and will again be battling for a starting berth this season. If he can completely recover from a knee injury he suffered against Louisville in the playoff game last season which required post season surgery, McKinney could be of great value to the team. Doug also saw reserve duty as a sophomore. He holds the school record at Fairfield High for most points scored in a game at 41 and in a season at 500. Major: Education. Born: October 11, 1949. Doug is a bachelor.

Year	G	MSU VARSITY TOTALS			
		Pts	Rebs	Pf	HG
Sophomore (1970-71)	17	69	14	22	17, vs California (Davis)
Junior (1971-72)	26	131	29	52	12, vs Marquette Vanderbilt MacMurray (Ill.) College
Career Totals	43	200	43	74	17, vs California (Davis)



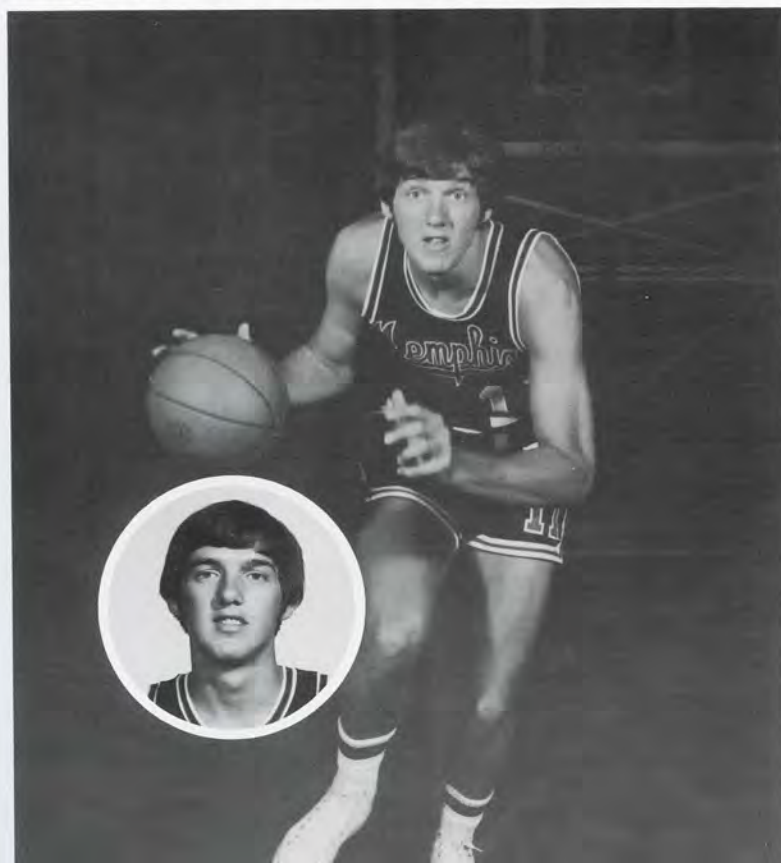
11. JERRY TETZLAFF

G—6-4—205—Senior—South Bend, Ind.

Jerry saw action as a reserve guard last season and is expected to serve in the same capacity this year. He scored 30 points in 18 games including a high game of nine against MacMurray (Ill.) College. Jerry transferred to MSU from Ellsworth (Iowa) Junior College where he was a starter on the National Junior College Tournament championship team. He averaged 17 points and 10 assists as a sophomore and set the school assist record. He also set a school record by hitting 21 consecutive free throws. He prepped at Andrew Jackson High where he set a school record by scoring 41 points in a game. From a large family, Jerry has eight sisters and five brothers. Major: Physical Education. Born: February 7, 1951. Jerry is married.

MSU VARSITY TOTALS

Year	G	Pts	Rebs	Pf	HG
Junior (1971-72)	18	30	12	29	9, vs MacMurray (Ill.) College

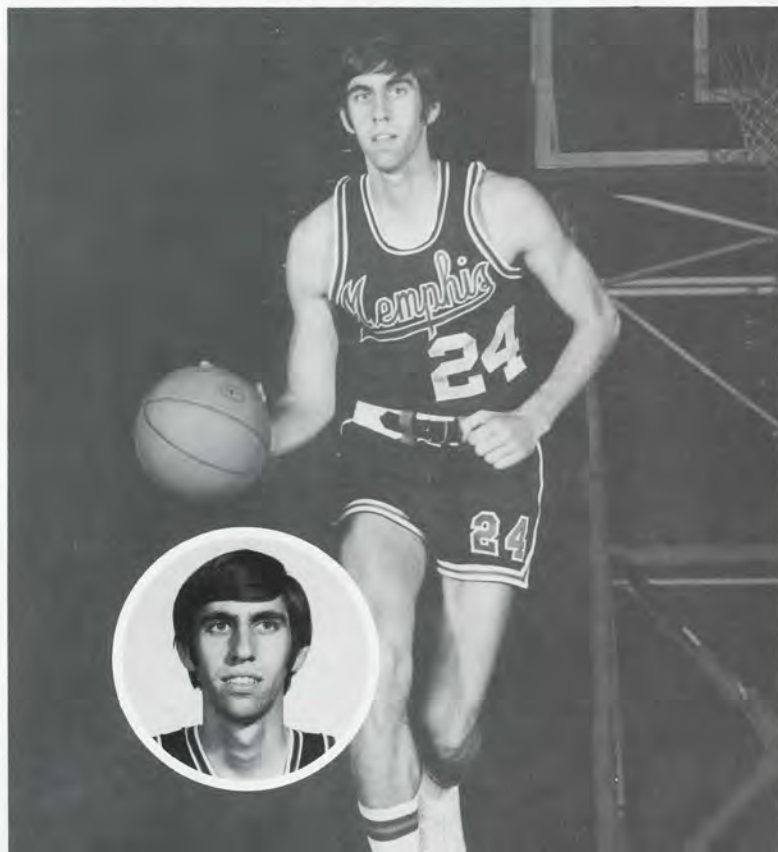


24. KEN ANDREWS

F—6-6—195—Junior—Puxico, Mo.

Ken, known to teammates as "Buffalo", was the top reserve on the front line last season. He gained much experience and got better every game. This season he is one of five players battling for the other front-line starting berth with Ronnie Robinson and Larry Kenon. Ken averaged 2.9 points a game but was a ball hawk on the point of the MSU 1-2-2 defense and seemed to have a knack of always coming up with a loose ball. He was very effective against Marquette and Louisville. Ken played forward for the first time as a freshman after spending his high school career on the post. Ken averaged 15.9 points and 12.1 rebounds as a freshman. He was an all-stater at Puxico High where he played for former MSU star Gene Wilfong. Major: Business. Born: April 9, 1952. Ken is a bachelor.

Year	G	MSU VARSITY TOTALS			
		Pts	Rebs	Pf	HG
Sophomore (1971-72)	26	76	51	24	12, vs Tulsa

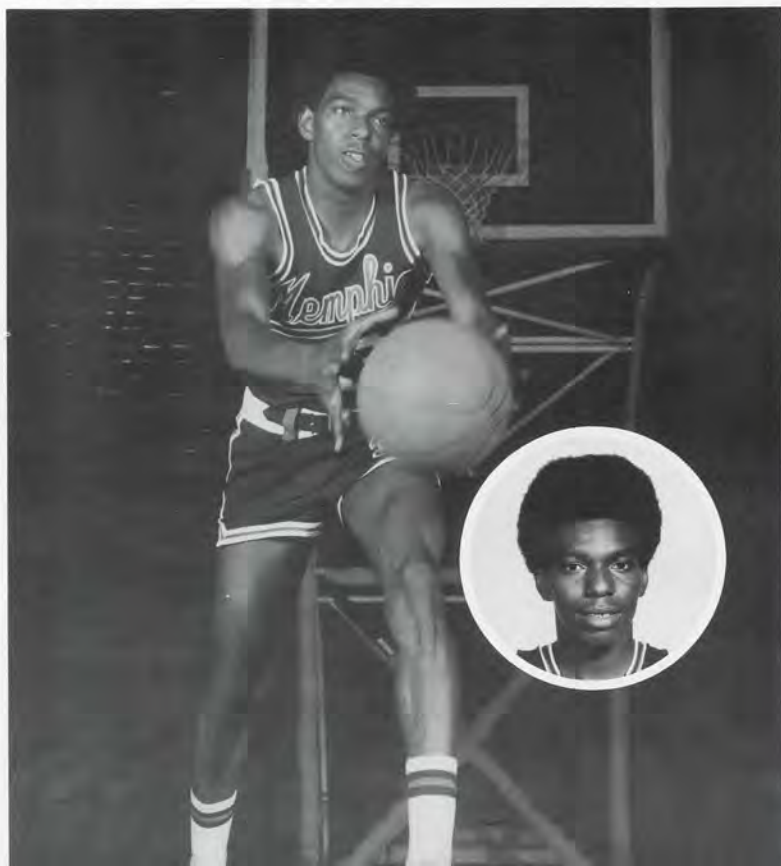


35. LARRY KENON

F-C—6-9—205—Junior—Birmingham, Ala.

Everyone knows "Dr. J" but have you met our "Dr. K"? Dr. J of course is professional basketball's All-Star forward Julius Erving and "Dr. K" is junior college transfer Larry Kenon who handles the ball, leaps and displays many of the same devastating moves of the former Massachusetts' collegian cage star. Needless to say, Larry will step into one of the forward positions vacated by the graduation of Fred Horton and Don Holcomb. Already those who have seen Kenon play before, and those who watched him during pre-season practice, say he could very well average 20 points and 15 rebounds a game. His talent is unlimited as is his future.

Larry transferred to MSU from Amarillo (Texas) Junior College where he averaged 27.6 points and 25.1 rebounds per game last season. He earned first team Junior College All-America honors and set school single game records of 53 points and 37 rebounds. He is a graduate of Ullman High School in Birmingham, Alabama. Major: Physical Education. Born: December 15, 1951. Larry is a bachelor.



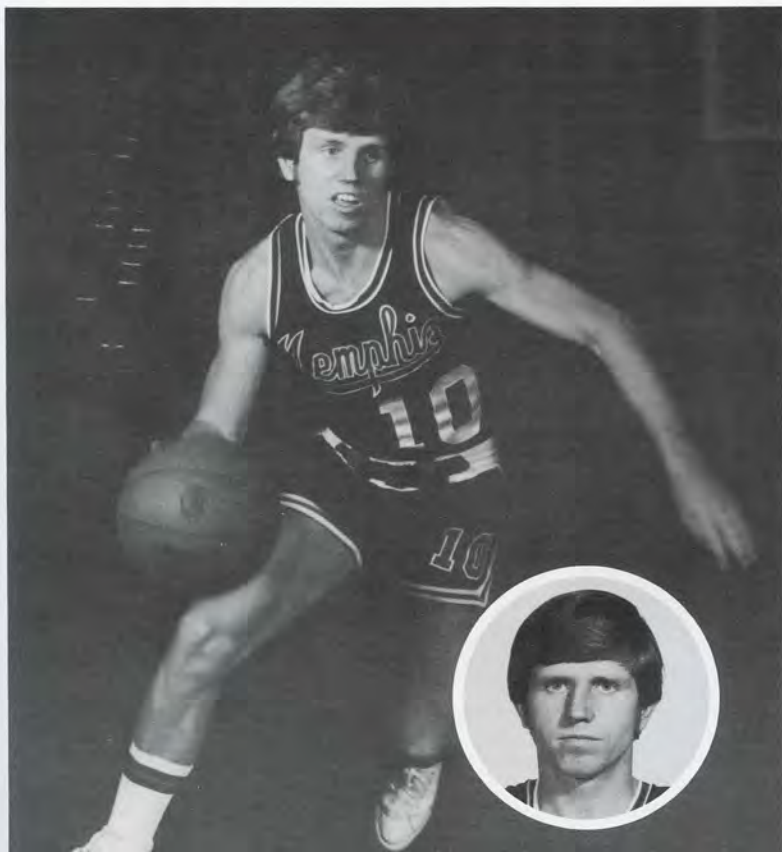
10. BILL LAURIE

G—5-10—160—Junior—Versailles, Mo.

Bill started 19 games at guard last season as he split playing time with Doug McKinney at the guard spot opposite Larry Finch. He did an outstanding job of running the offense and was a ball hawk on defense. He will have a battle on his hands to hold his starting berth this season but Bill will probably win the victory. He averaged 4.3 points per game last season but did not shoot very much. He usually made big baskets when they were most needed. As a freshman Bill averaged 23.5 points to lead his freshman team in scoring. He set the single game scoring mark of 56 points while at Versailles High. Major: Physical Education. Born: July 2, 1952. Bill is a bachelor.

MSU VARSITY TOTALS

Year	G	Pts	Rebs	Pf	HG
Sophomore (1971-72)	28	120	56	45	16, vs North Texas State



42. WES WESTFALL

F—6-8—205—Junior—St. Louis, Mo.

Wes has all the tools to become an outstanding player in the Missouri Valley Conference. A good shooter, an excellent rebounder and an aggressive defender, he could have the inside track in the five-man battle for the other starting berth up front with Ronnie Robinson and Larry Kenon. Wes transferred to MSU from Trinidad (Colo.) State Junior College where he averaged 23.5 points and 18.5 rebounds last season. He broke all of the rebounding records set by Spencer Haywood at the school and was twice an honorable mention, Junior College, All-America selection. Wes holds the school's single-game rebounding record of 37, and broke the Dodge City Classic scoring record with 90 points in three games. Wes was a three sport letterman at Sumner High in St. Louis. Major: Physical Education. Born: July 16, 1951. Wes is a bachelor.

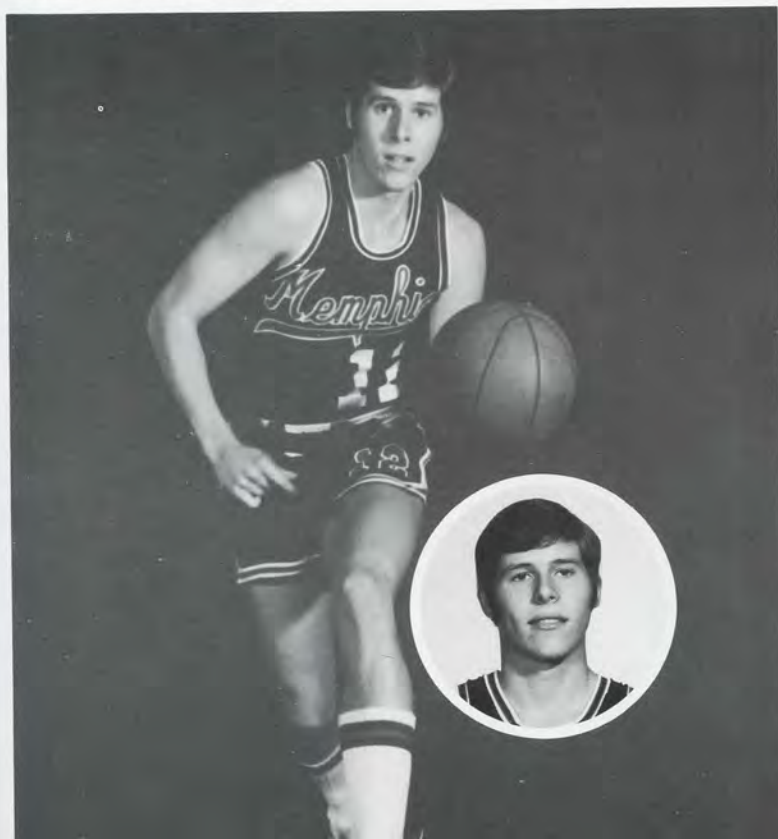


12. SHANNON KENNEDY

G—6-3—165—Sophomore—Muncie, Ind.

Shannon is one of the best percentage shooting guards to come to MSU in recent years. With the tools to become an outstanding player in the Missouri Valley Conference, Shannon will be a key reserve on this year's squad and will see a lot of action.

Shannon averaged 25.8 points to lead the freshmen in scoring last season. He had a game high of 51 points. A two-time all-stater from Burris High, he became only the second player in the school's history to score 1,000 career points. He is a member of the National Honor Society in high school. Major: Pre-Law. Born: November 16, 1952. Shannon is a bachelor.

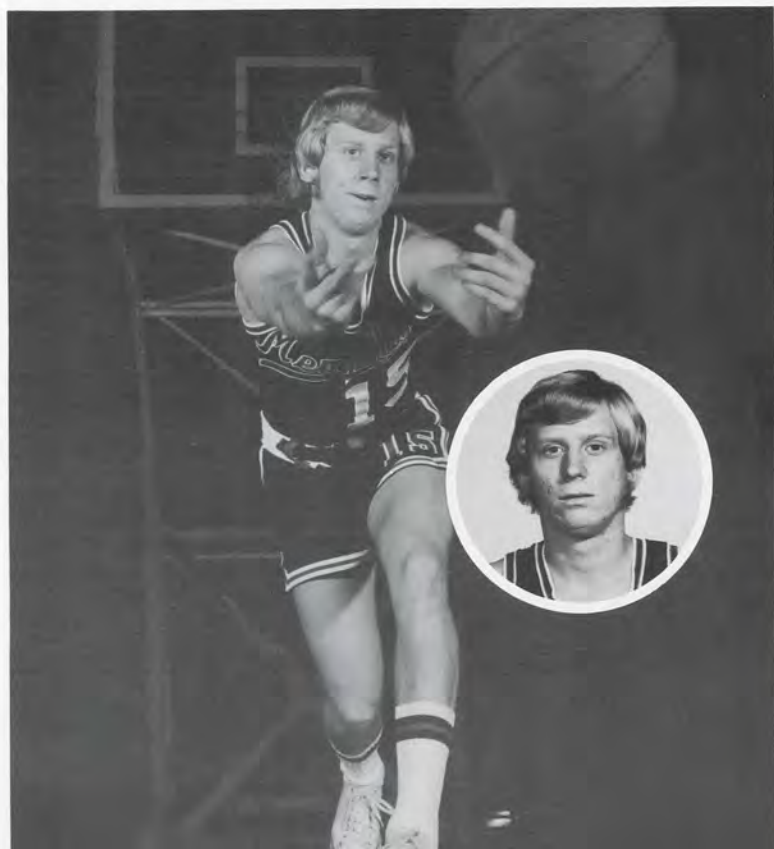


15. JIM LISS

G—6-2—165—Sophomore—Crown Point, Ind.

Jim is a good shooter, plays good defense and is exceptionally quick. He is definitely a candidate for the starting guard spot opposite Finch but he will have to beat out Doug McKinney and Bill Laurie who split the playing time at that position last season.

Jim averaged 23.7 points for last season's freshman squad including a high game of 37 points. He was a two-time all-stater at Crown Point High and led his team to a pair of conference and sectional championships during his high school career. Jim was also a member of the National Honor Society in high school. Major: Math. Born: December 8, 1952. Jim is a bachelor.

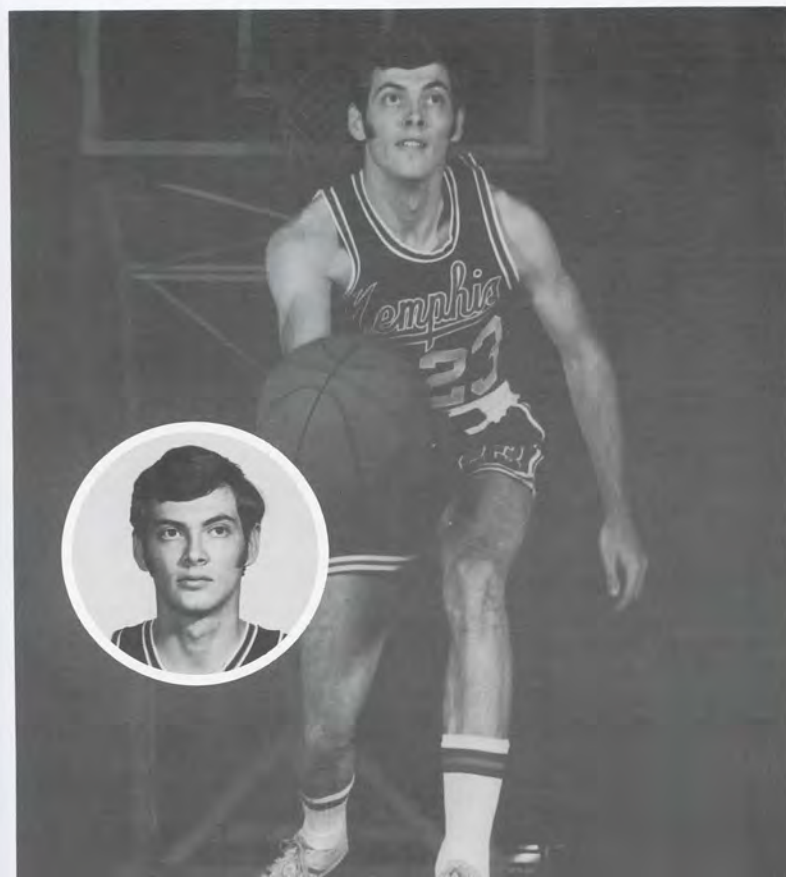


23. LARRY TROSPER

F—6-6—190—Sophomore—Ripley, Tenn.

Larry is a good jumper and rebounder and can play inside as well as outside. He is expected to see action as a reserve forward this season and will gain much-needed experience.

Larry averaged 10 points and nine rebounds for last season's freshmen but was plagued much of the season by foul trouble which was his chief weakness. He was an all-city and all-conference player at Choctaw County High; also an all-state selection during his senior season, making him a highly sought prospect. Major: Physical Education. Born May 16, 1953. Larry is married.



1972-73 FRESHMAN



1972-73 FRESHMAN TEAM: Kneeling (L to R) Head Coach LeRoy Hunt, Asst. Coach Ed Young. Standing (L to R), Manager Stuart Cohn, Ed Deschepper, Bill Cook, Ed Wilson, John Washington, John Tunstall, David Kimmel, Clarence Jones and Head Mgr. Ted Turnipseed.

1972-73 FRESHMAN SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time	Preliminary To:
DECEMBER			
Sat. 2	Shelby Community J/C	5:45	Missouri Western
Thu. 7	Phillips County Community J/C	5:45	U. of S. Florida
Tue. 12	Shelby Community J/C	5:45	U. of Texas
Wed. 13 at	Vanderbilt J/V	5:55	
Sat. 16	Navy-Memphis	5:45	Navy
JANUARY			
Wed. 10	Mississippi State J/V	5:45	Florida Tech
Sat. 13	Northeast Mississippi J/C	5:45	U. of St. Louis
Sat. 20	CBC J/V	5:45	St. Joseph College
Thu. 25	Arkansas State J/V	5:45	Louisville
Sat. 27	Southern College of Optometry	5:45	New Mexico State
FEBRUARY			
Thu. 1	U.T.-Medical Branch	5:45	Drake
Sat. 1	U.T.-Martin J/V	5:45	Bradley
Mon. 5 at	Arkansas State J/V	6:00	
Mon. 12 at	Three Rivers J/C	7:30	
Thu. 15	Navy-Memphis	5:45	Wichita State
Sat. 17	Columbia State J/C	5:45	West Texas State
Mon. 26 at	Mississippi State J/V	5:15	



CLARENCE JONES

G-F—6-6—182—Fort Mitchell, Ala.

Clarence was an all around athlete in high school lettering in football and baseball in addition to basketball. He set a school record by scoring 47 points in a single game and averaged 26 points for the season. Clarence led his football team to a 9-0 record and threw 17 touchdown passes as a senior in addition to hitting over .400 as a shortstop for the baseball team. Clarence has outstanding quickness,, is a good shooter and an aggressive defender. He can play forward equally as well as guard. Clarence is expected to see some

action with the varsity as well as the freshman team. A good student, Clarence was president of the National Honor Society at Mount Olive High. Major: Education. Born: December 14, 1953.



BILL COOK

G-F—6-5—200—Memphis, Tenn.

Bill is one of the best prepsters to come out of Memphis in recent years. An outstanding shooter, Bill set the league record by scoring 63 points in a single game. He also led the league in scoring with a 34.8 average and set a league record by scoring 2,148 points in three seasons. Bill was a three-time all-conference and all-city selection, a two-time all-state selection and was named to the All-America high school team as a senior. Although guard is his best position, Bill could see action at forward if necessary. He is expected to be a floor leader

with the freshman squad but could also see some action with the varsity this season. Major: Physical Education. Born: December 16, 1954.

AS OTHERS SEE US

Reported in the February 14, 1972, issue of Sports Illustrated, under the heading 'Here Comes The Sun'.

After the ugliness of the Minnesota-Ohio State brawl it is a pleasure to talk about Memphis State and Louisville. These Missouri Valley Conference teams got into explosive fights the past two seasons and before they met again last week at Louisville's Freedom Hall there were fears that the worst was yet to come. Louisville, on a 15-game winning streak, was ranked No. 3 in the nation by AP and UPI polls. Oncoming Memphis State was challenging for a share of the conference lead. Security police were at courtside, ready for anything.

What happened was a hard but clean game, in which Memphis upset the Cardinals, 77-69. Despite the galling defeat, the Louisville crowd was hospitable and sportsmanlike, and the players on both teams performed with discipline and control. The game was not the sensation that Minnesota-Ohio State was, but in the long run it might be the more important story.



JOHN WASHINGTON

C—6-10—207—Columbus, Ga.

John is expected to be the best big man ever to wear a Tiger uniform before he graduates. He has all the tools to be an outstanding big man. The coaches feel he is the best defensive big man they have seen for his age (he is only 17). John was all-city in basketball as a senior but was left off the more prestigious teams because he missed the biggest portion of his senior year with an injury. "Tree", as he is called because of his size, is a good leaper, has an above average shot for a big man and is learning the plays quickly. He is

expected to see some varsity action this season as a reserve center in addition to his freshman duties. Major: Education. Born: February 4, 1955.



ED WILSON

F-C—6-6—220—Memphis, Tenn.

Ed made all-city teams in both basketball and football. He is big and strong and is tough on the boards. He set a school single game rebounding record of 35 at Manassas High. Ed played center in high school but is expected to begin at forward for the freshmen. He will be shifted to center when Washington is out of the game. Ed also has a good chance of seeing some duty with the varsity this season in addition to his freshman activities. Major: Physical Education. Born: October 17, 1953.



ED DESCHEPPER

G—6-2—185—Kansas City, Mo.

Ed was a three sport letterman in high school and is expected to be a floor leader for this season's freshmen. He was a three-time all-state selection and set the city single game scoring record at 55 points. An outstanding student, Ed was a member of the National Honor Society and the student council. He was valedictorian of his class and a National Merit Scholarship semi-finalist. Major: Engineering. Born: February 11, 1954.



JOHN TUNSTALL

F-G—6-7—187—Memphis, Tenn.

John is probably the quickest player currently on scholarship. He played forward all through high school but with his quickness, long range shooting and ball-handling ability, the coaching staff may try him some at guard. An all-conference, all-city and all-state selection, John set a school single game scoring record of 45 points at Manassas High. John could see action with the varsity this season in addition to his freshman duties. "String-bean" as he is known to teammates was an honor student and made the honor roll every six weeks of his

senior year. Major: Physical Education. Born: January 2, 1954.

DAVID KIMMEL

F—6-7—210—Dallas, Texas

Davis was all-city, all-district, all-state and a second team high school All-America selection. He led his team to the regional finals as a senior. David will be making the transition from center, where he played in high school, to forward this season. He is an outstanding athlete and should have no problem adjusting. David was voted player-of-the-year in his district as a senior. He was also voted the most valuable player in the 32-team Dr. Pepper Tournament. He averaged 22 points and 17 rebounds as a senior. Major: Business. Born: August 2, 1954.



FROSH ASSISTANT COACH

EDDIE YOUNG

Eddie Young begins his first year as graduate assistant coach. He played for two years and then served as a student assistant coach for two more years under Coach Bartow at Valparaiso. Eddie is a native of Chicago and a graduate of Carl Sandburg High. He began his graduate work last fall at Long Beach State. He is working toward a masters degree in physical education and plans a coaching career following graduation.



STEVE CHRIST
C-F—6-6—205—Senior—Arcanum, Ohio

Steve will be forced to sit out this season because of a six-month bout with hepatitis over the summer. He will be redshirted this season and will play out his eligibility next year.

Steve played in the shadows of Don Holcomb the past two seasons and was a key reserve. Always ready when called upon, Steve averaged 1.7 points and 1.2 rebounds last season while playing only 74 minutes. He is big and strong and a tough competitor on the boards. He handles the ball well for a big man and has proven he can score when he gets to play. He had his career high last season when he scored eight points against MacMurray (Ill.) College. He is married and the father of one child.



CHARLES DUVALL
Student Assistant Freshman Coach

Charlie transferred to MSU last season from Morehead (Miss.) Junior College, but was forced out of action, however, by his third broken leg in as many years. This season, after extensive x-rays, doctors told him that it would be extremely dangerous for him to play again, so he will serve as a student assistant coach with the freshman team.



Ted Turnipseed

TED TURNIPSEED and DAVID STREET
Managers

Of all the people behind the scene playing a valuable role, none are more valuable than are the managers. This year, Memphis State's Varsity managerial duties will be shared by Ted Turnipseed and David Street.

Ted joins the varsity staff this year after spending last season as freshman manager and assistant to Street. A sophomore and a Special Education major, Turnipseed was a student manager for Lexington (Tenn.) High School.

Returning to help Ted this year is David Street who served as the varsity's manager for the past four years.

A native of Nashville, David graduated last spring and has subsequently entered MSU's Law School.



David Street

OTHER STAFF MEMBERS



Ruffner Murray

RUFFNER MURRAY

Assistant to the Athletic Director

Ruffner Murray, a prominent Mid-South figure in both the athletic and business professions, enters his fifth year as Memphis State's full-time assistant to the athletic director.

Primarily responsible for the athletic scholarship fund and the coordinating of MSU's spring sports program, since his arrival there has been a noticeable increase in the scholarship fund and the spring

sports program is vastly improved.

Murray, who is the first full-time assistant to the A.D. the school has had, came to MSU after serving 30 years as head football coach at Memphis Central High School. During his 30 years at Central, his teams won 175 games, lost 71 and tied 11. During his coaching tenure he produced eight city championship teams, four of which won it in succession from 1952-55. In addition, Murray, who received several coaching awards and honors, produced a countless number of high school football stars who went on to become collegiate greats.

A high school football player at Central himself from 1931-33, after graduation, Murray went on to play college ball at Virginia Tech from 1933-37. He assumed the Central coaching duties in 1937.

COL. GABE C. HAWKINS, SR.

Athletic Business Manager

Gabe Hawkins, one of the busiest individuals in the Memphis State Athletic department, is beginning his eleventh year as the business manager of athletics.

In actuality, Col. Hawkins has been associated with Memphis State for approximately 16 years. Prior to his becoming business manager, he served as the commanding officer for Memphis State's Air Force ROTC detachment from 1956 to 1960. After his retirement from the U.S. Air Force in 1961, the 23-year USAF veteran joined the athletic staff.

In addition to the host of responsibilities which accompany the duties of business manager, Col. Hawkins is also charged with the supervision of the athletic department's administrative office and staff.

Since joining the department, Hawkins has helped to establish several administrative and budgetary programs, which have since been adopted for use throughout the university.

Col. Hawkins is a 1940 graduate of Mississippi State, where he received a BS degree in Aeronautical Engineering. He also holds a master's degree in Management and Finance from the Air Force Institute and Memphis State University. In addition to his duties in the athletic department, Col. Hawkins is an assistant professor technology.



Gabe Hawkins



J. W. PATRICK

Ticket Manager

A former member of the Memphis State University football coaching staff, J. W. Patrick has been the school's ticket manager since 1965.

During his four years as an assistant coach at Memphis State, during which he was primarily responsible for coaching the tackles, Coach Patrick helped produce some of the best linemen in the school's history, including All-America Harry Schuh.

A 1942 graduate of Mississippi State, Patrick had a very successful college career. He was a three-year starting guard for the Bulldogs earning All-Southeastern Conference as a sophomore in 1939. The next season, his junior year, the Bulldogs went undefeated, and, in 1941, were the conference champions.

Following graduation and three years in the Air Force, Patrick was the head football coach and athletic director at Columbia, Miss., Yazoo City, Miss., Holmes Junior College in Mississippi and later at Louisiana College.

In 1959, he returned to Mississippi State as an assistant coach. Two years later, he left Starkville and joined the Memphis State coaching staff.

BILL GROGAN

Sports Information Director

Bill Grogan, who became MSU's sports information director in August 1970 is no stranger to the Memphis athletic picture.

A 1967 graduate of the University, he was student assistant to former SID George Wine. While working in Sports Information he was responsible for all MSU statistics and helped to establish and compile the All-Time records. During this same period, Grogan was sports editor of The Tiger Rag, MSU student newspaper, wrote a weekly column for the (Memphis) Daily News, and was employed by both Memphis newspapers (The Commercial Appeal and the Press-Scimitar).

The 28-year old Grogan graduated from Kingsbury High School in 1962. He has been active on the local sports scene since high school, serving as clubhouse manager during the final season of the Memphis Chick Baseball Club; basketball, softball and baseball official for the Memphis Park Commission; official statistician for the 1965 and 1966 Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Basketball Tournaments and radio-television coordinator for the 1965 Memphis Open Golf Classic.

Prior to returning to his alma mater, Grogan was an Air Force captain based in Washington, D.C., and assigned as a Writer/Editor to the Air Force Information Office.



MEN BEHIND THE SCENES



Eugene Smith

EUGENE SMITH

Trainer

One of the most valuable men on any coaching staff is the trainer, and Memphis State University has one of the nation's finest. Eugene Smith has been with the Tigers through 12 basketball seasons after coming to MSU in 1960.

Doc, a native of Sterling, Kan., attended Sterling College, where he lettered in football, basketball and track. Following his graduation from Sterling, Smith taught and was as-

sistant coach at Bazine (Kan.) High School four years, then moved on to Indiana University for his master's degree. He received his degree in health and safety, with special emphasis in athletic training.

Smith returned to the coaching profession then, serving one year as an assistant coach at Great Bend (Kan.) High School. Palo Duro High School at Amarillo, Texas, was the next stop, where Doc served as trainer. He was at Palo Duro five years before joining the MSU staff.



Norman McCoy

NORMAN MCCOY

Assistant to

Sports Information Director

McCoy, a native Memphian, is in his seventh year with the sports information department and holds a BBA degree from MSU in marketing communications.

In addition to his duties as head statistician and office assistant, McCoy has done special assignment work for The Commercial Appeal. He has also done color commentary and special reports for local radio outlets and was in charge of statis-

tics for the 1968 and 1971 TSSAA State High School Basketball Tournaments.

He serves as the public address announcer for the MSU baseball games and has done some public address work for both high school and MSU basketball games. McCoy has done various statistical work for professional football and basketball games played in Memphis and handles the interior press box public address system for football games played at Memphis Memorial Stadium.

Prior to coming to MSU, McCoy was in charge of statistics for the entire athletic program at his alma mater, Overton High School, and also served as the school's correspondent with the Memphis Press-Scimitar.



TIGER REBOUNDERS

One of the main reasons for Memphis State's successful basketball program can be traced to the fine support the program receives from the basketball booster group, the Memphis State Rebounders. Comprised of professional and business men and women, including some of the city's most influential citizens, the group was officially organized in 1965, although existing long before that, to promote MSU basketball on a fulltime basis. This year, the group is expected to be the largest in history with a membership of more than 300.

In addition to weekly luncheons at which the basketball coaching staff appears, the Rebounders sponsor several projects, many of which are geared to aid Memphis State in its recruiting. Other programs which the Rebounders sponsor are presenting a tray of fresh fruit to all visiting opponents, several road trips with the basketball team, and a banquet honoring the team. Probably the biggest highlight of the season is the annual season-ending boat trip down the Mississippi in the famous "Memphis Queen" riverboat. Special guests at the party are the varsity and freshman squads, coaching and administrative staffs of the university, members of the media, and others.

This year for the first time, too, the Rebounders are assisting the Sports Information Office in promoting both the team and individuals nationwide, with an unusual "buddy correspondence system" with selected members of the media across the land.



Serving as officers this year on the all-important Rebounder Board are (from L to R): Jim Watson, President; Jack Wilson, Vice President; Tom Fry, Secretary; Jamie McMahan, Sergeant at Arms; Bud Davis, Vice President; Bill Abernathy, Vice President; and Leonard Darper, Chaplain. (Not pictured—David Berry, Treasurer). The three past presidents of the Rebounders, who still play a very vital role are: Mr. John Crabb (1971-72), Mr. Berry (1970-71) and Bill Dawson (1969-70).

STAT CREW



Memphis State boasts one of the finest stat crews in college basketball. Here, (L to R) Jimmy Hayslip (Scorer), Pete Wade (Minutes-play-ed), and Gerald McKinney (Re-bounds) prepare the final box score in the Tiger Press Rooms. Others on the stat crew include Charles Gillespie (play-by-play), Steve Betzelberger (Assists and turnovers), J. O. Bailey (Press Room-Ditto), Alan Kamm (runner), and Harry Friedman. Norman McCoy of the Sports Information Office is in charge of the statisticians.



Timer Claud Scott, who has kept Memphis State's basketball clock for ten years, watches intently . . . while scorer Hayslip slips a quickie at the camera. Now Jimmy!



Once again this season Fred Cook, well-known radio voice in the Mid-South, will work the public address at MSU basketball games. This will be Fred's second season. As-sisting him, and working the frosh games, will be Al Brown.

TIGER LILIES



BACK ROW (L-R): Rosie Fields, Tommye Hooker, Marcia Samuels, Rita Coeffield, Susan Smith, Renee Wintz, Judy Murphrey, Linda Bigger (Head Lily). **FRONT ROW (L-R):** Donna Riso, Wanda Edwards, Cindy Davis, Nancy Bigger, Debra Deas, Barbara Bertasi, Maricel Veciana, Marty Sosa, Tina Vergos, Carol Martin.

CHEERLEADERS



It is a well-known fact that cheerleaders at every university play an important role in the basketball program. And here at Memphis State, this has long been the case. Without them, Tiger basketball would not be what it is today. . . . From (L to R) Girls: Susan Lindsley, Linda Watson (capt.), Sherilyn Batts, and Maureen McFall. Guys: Jim Baker, Harold Reeder, Tiger Dan Cummings, (capt.); Garfield Powell, and Alan Harris. Ms. Martha Ford of the PE Department is their faculty representative.



A SALUTE TO PHYLISS "PHOTO"

The Sports Information Office is deeply indebted to Miss Phyliss Dibrell, the secretary-receptionist-photographer- and literally "Miss Everything" for Memphis State's Photo Department. Without her assistance, especially in the production of photos used in this brochure, we would have been at a loss. Miss Dibrell, who has been with Photo Services for four years, is a native of San Antonio, Texas. One of the better feature-photographers on the staff, Phyliss worked some five months on the pictures which appear in the special articles on Larry Finch and Ronnie Robinson. In addition, Phyliss is a staunch supporter of the Tigers', and has helped in the overall promotion of Finch and Robinson more than anyone. Thanks, Phyliss!

—Bill Grogan, S.I.D.

"DOING IT," WITH FINCH AND ROBINSON

(Their Lives As Seen by their Mothers, and brothers . . . and sisters . . . and. . .)

What is a mother? It has been talked about, written about, sung about, but no one has come with an answer that satisfies everyone. Everyone agrees, though, a mother is a special sort of person who takes a special pride in her child and his accomplishments.



Ron & Mom

Such is the case with Mrs. Mabel Finch and Mrs. Naomi Robinson, mothers of Memphis State University superstars, Larry Finch and Ronnie Robinson. These women, without men around to help out during most of their sons' lives, have been strong guiding forces in their sons' careers.

Although both Larry and Ronnie had played the usual backyard basketball, their careers were not officially launched until they reached the seventh grade. It was then that the boys met, and their exploits began being recorded in the Melrose High School scorebooks.

Larry's basketball career had an interesting beginning. Larry had been sick prior to the first game with an infected tooth and had not eaten for two days. His mother refused to let him attend the game, so he climbed out the window to join the team. He went on to score the winning two points.

"I was sick for two weeks," Finch remembered.

Larry, his mother claimed, was a better football player than he was a basketball player.

"It's true," she said. "Actually, though, he was too little to play either sport (from a bout with spinal meningitis in the fifth grade). I used to make him come home from practice because he was so small, but he would beg to go back. He had to convince the coaches he could play because they thought he was too little, too."

Larry convinced everyone and captured All-Memphis tight-end honors during his junior high career. But his football playing days were over soon after that.

Larry's high school coaches at Melrose grappled back and forth over who was to win him as his team's athletic prize. It soon became apparent that Larry would have to choose between football and basketball.

"Coach Sails (assistant basketball coach at Melrose) and Coach



Larry with Mother



**Golden Sundry owner
N. Rooks sold 'em cookies . . .**



They study together too!



**Two stars with
high school trophy
& Coach Sails**

Mitchell (then Melrose football coach and presently with MSU) fought about which sport Larry would play," Mrs. Finch recalled. Larry's pretty 20-year old sister, Gloria, who could pass for his twin, interjected, "Coach Sails almost had a heart attack everytime Larry got the football."

Finally, it was decided that Larry belonged on the basketball court. But Larry had other ideas.

"He decided that if he couldn't play both sports, he wouldn't play either sport," his mother said. "But he's an obedient boy and agreed to play basketball and let the coach be happy."

In contrast Ronnie has concentrated on basketball since he was nine years old. He and older brother, Neil, had a homemade goal in their backyard that had a habit of falling down. When the two decided to shift their talents to the neighborhood recreation center, they met decided resistance from their mother.

"I wasn't interested in basketball," Mrs. Robinson recalled. "Ronnie, I thought, was too small to play, and I was afraid he would get hurt. Why, you talk about Larry being small. Look at this!"

She then pulled out a picture of the boys and Larry is an obvious twenty pounds heavier. "They used to call Ronnie 'Dill' back then, but they don't any more," added Mrs. Robinson.

Brother Neil continued, "We used to have to hide in the ditch, and then when mom wasn't looking, we would sneak off to play basketball."

Two years older than Ronnie, Neil was a basketball star in his own right. In fact, it was Neil, and not Ronnie, upon whom most of the glory was heaped while the two were playing prep ball. He helped Ronnie become a better ball player by pushing him and is now Ronnie's biggest booster.

"Ronnie is going to have a super year," says Neil. "He has been working out all summer and has learned to put the ball on the floor. He will be meaner and won't be afraid to shoot with Kenon in the line-up.



**Brother Neil
is a close friend
of Larry's**



Principal M. Connally recalling good times . . .

He is a more together ball player—consistent and unselfish. He will be a pro star.”

Those words, though spoken by an admiring brother, are obviously true, but are a far cry from the moans sounded by Ronnie’s junior high coaches when he used to show up for practice.

“Coach Collins, the head coach, used to run Ronnie out of the gym when he was in junior high,” laughed Mrs. Robinson. “He agreed with me that he was too little and might get hurt. Thank goodness Verties Sails (now head coach) saw something in Ronnie.”

Yes, thank goodness.

The word “win” has been an integral part of Larry and Ronnie’s vocabulary since high school. Both claim they hate to lose. At Melrose the guys helped compile a 25-7 basketball record their sophomore year and a 31-3 record their junior year. The score-book registered a 34-2 won-loss tally their senior year and that proved good for a second place finish in the state high school basketball tournament.

Senior year found college scouts hovering around the Finch and Robinson homes. The offers got more fantastic as the season progressed.

“Scouts were always waiting at the house when I got home from work,” Mrs. Robinson recalled. “I remember Corpus Christi and Arkansas scouts coming around, and Oral Roberts begged Larry and Ronnie to come. Some of the schools promised him a lot, but I always said it was his decision. What made him happy, made me happy, too.”

Mrs. Finch continued, “Ole Miss and University of Oklahoma were two of the schools that stayed on our doorstep at the house. Different ones offered me and my family some very nice things. . . . And everytime I looked up Leonard Draper (popular local black recruiter for MSU and one of MSU’s best supporters) was coming. It got to the point that when the kids would say, ‘Here comes Draper,’ I’d say, kiddingly, ‘Shut the door!’ ”

Actually, Mrs. Finch and Draper are good friends. Draper was a big influence on Larry as well as Ronnie to come to MSU. And the mothers could not have been happier. As Mrs. Finch put it, “Why run?”

One of the funniest events of Larry’s career involving Draper was when a school, recruiting Larry quite heavily, wound up taking Draper, who Larry introduced



Draper



Larry reminisces with friend behind Dunbar Elem. School where he started playing basketball . . .

"We might as well be brothers . . . we are so close . . ."

as "my brother," to dinner. "That sure was an interesting night," recalls Draper. There we were, Larry's mother, Larry, Vicki and Memphis State all out to eat on them."

And so MSU luckily won its two superstars-to-be.

Their careers at the university are familiar tales to basketball fans. With Coach Gene Bartow at the helm their sophomore year, fast-break basketball was instituted at Memphis State. Evidently the three, Bartow, the guys and the game, are compatible. They teamed for a sophomore year 18-8 record followed by a 21-7 record in '71-'72 and a bid to the National Invitational Tournament.



**. . . on the steps
to the 'ole gym . . .**

Anyone who has ever watched Larry and Ronnie on the court knows how the two complement each other. Ronnie recalled the now-famous Wichita State game incident last season, typical of the confrontations that have characterized their nine years of playing together.

"I walked over to Larry and used a little bit of profanity. I just told him, 'Look, I'm out here breaking my neck, and you're passing the ball,' except I said it a little bit stronger than that."



A floor-meeting

Finch did begin shooting and went on to score the winning points in the game's last seconds.

"Sometimes you have to talk to Larry," Ronnie explained.

What he did not know was that Larry repeated exactly the same words in describing Ronnie. Larry commented further, "We might as well be brothers. We are so close."

And the mothers agree. Each claims the other's son as her own.

Sometimes it is difficult for the mothers while sitting in the Coliseum. With action fast and fuming they are often surrounded by heated comments about their sons from irate spectators.

"Yes," said Mrs. Robinson, "I often hear people call, 'Get the ball, Robinson!' And sometimes I think Ronnie isn't doing everything he's supposed to do. Oh, sometimes it touches me . . ." She shook her head, and her voice trailed.

Mrs. Finch was a bit more forceful. "One time I got so mad at this

fellow behind me from Tulsa. He stayed on Larry the whole game. I finally turned around and asked, 'What's the matter with you? That's my son.' He didn't say anymore."



**Two neighbors
join pose on
Ronnie's back-yard
court**

Again the mother's comments are similar when asked if their sons have changed.

"Larry never changes," Mrs. Finch assured. "He's been a fine boy from a baby up." Then she added, "I'm not saying that just because he's my son."

Mrs. Robinson agreed, "In my eyes Ronnie has always been the same."

Has their son's success changed the ladies?

"No," replied Mrs. Robinson, "I will always be the same person no matter how much money Ronnie makes or what kind of success he achieves."

Mrs. Finch also said that Larry's accomplishments have not changed her life. "I'm just very proud of

him," she said.

And one cannot help but believe the replies they gave. Each woman seems so unaffected by the hoopla. Each lives in a modest home and is concerned about bringing up the rest of her family. Ironically both Ronnie and Larry have seven brothers and sisters. As Mrs. Finch said, "I wish Larry would go on and make it because we have three more stars in the making." But the pride each woman feels in her son and his vast accomplishments is evident.

But each one realizes the time has come to relinquish the control of her steady hand on her son.

"Larry's grown now," his mother said. "I'm going to let him make his own decision about pro basketball."

Mrs. Robinson sighed, "I want Ronnie to be happy and if pro basketball will make him happy, well, then, that's fine."

Each has resigned herself to the fact that pro basketball will most likely mean a move from Memphis for her son. But each gave exactly the same reply when asked if she would follow her son and his career with a move from Memphis. "I would have to," both women answered emphatically.

Mothers, especially these mothers, are, indeed, a special sort of people.



**John's Shine
parlor . . . a
frequent stop . . .**



The Robinson clan



**Finch
and brothers**



**Coach Collins with
two of his 'boys!'**

LARRY FINCH IS AN ALL-AMERICA



"Without a doubt, the greatest college guard I've ever seen . . ."

—Head Coach Gene Bartow

"I've seen a lot of great guards in college and Larry Finch ranks right at the top . . ."

—Denny Crum, Louisville
Head Coach

Here's what Larry has done:

AS A SOPHOMORE:

- All-Missouri Valley Conference.
- Led team in scoring (18.4 avg.) and in assists (5.0 per game).
- Led team in free throw percentage (.763).
- Cast in role of floor leader/playmaker for the first time in career.
- Selected to the Basketball Weekly Sophomore All-America team.

AS A JUNIOR:

- Named Player of the Year in the MVC beating out All-America Jim Price of Louisville.
- Led the MVC in scoring (25.9 avg.)—the highest average since Chet Walker's 26.1 in 1960-61.
- Was ranked 28th nationally in scoring.
- Led Memphis State in free-throw shooting (.839)—ranking him 20th nationally, in assists (120), and in points (669).
- Scored 20 or more points in 24 of 28 games.
- Was the leading scorer in 19 games.
- Was in double figures in 27 games.
- Scored 20 or more points in a half on nine separate occasions.
- Was the second player in MSU history to score 600 or more points in two seasons.
- Selected to several all-star, all-regional teams and Basketball News' third-team All-America team.
- District 5 All-America selection.
- District 3A All-America selection.
- Named to Marquette's 5-man All-Opponent team.

RECORDS BROKEN BY FINCH:

- Most points in one season (669).
- Highest point average (23.9).
- Most field goals, season (241).

CURRENTLY THE FOURTH LEADING SCORER IN MSU HISTORY, FINCH NEEDS:

- 56 points to move into third place.
- 156 points to move into second place.
- 262 points to become the all-time leading scorer.

IN HIS CAREER (54 games) FINCH:

- Has averaged 21.3 points per game.
- Has scored in double figures in 52 games.
- Has been the leading scorer in 30 of the 54 games.

TWO-YEAR COMPOSITE STATS

Year	G	FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Reb-Avg	PF-D	TP	Avg
1970-71	26	167-415	.402	145-190	.763	96-3.7	78-2	479	18.4
1971-72	28	241-527	.457	187-223	.839	72-2.6	90-4	669	23.9
2 Seasons	54	408-942	.433	332-413	.804	168-3.2	168-6	1148	21.6

RONNIE ROBINSON-SUPER STAR



"One of the most promising players in the nation . . . has tremendous potential."

—Former Boston Celtic Coach
Red Auerbach

"I wouldn't trade Ronnie Robinson for anyone . . ."

—Gene Bartow, MSU Coach

"Some call him the 'Big Leaper.' Others refer to him as the 'Big Cat.' His opponents have other descriptions, most of it spoken in frustrations.

"His real name is Ronnie Robinson and in case you don't know it, he's a bona fide basketball star who wears the uniform of the Memphis State Tigers . . ."

—An Excerpt from an article by Buck Patton of
the Memphis Press Scimitar

In a glance, here's what Ronnie "Rebound" Robinson has done:

AS A SOPHOMORE:

- All-Conference, 1970-71.
- Led team in rebounds, averaged 14.2 a game.
- Averaged 16 rebounds against MVC opponents.
- Broke 15-year old, single-game rebounding record (24) by pulling down 28 against Tulsa.
- Had 92 rebounds and 79 points in the last four games of the season.
- Led Conference in field goal percentage (.604).
- Finished in the nation's top twenty in FG percentage.
- Averaged 15.1 points a game against conference foes.

AS A JUNIOR:

- Unanimous All-Conference selection.
- Selected to several all-star teams, and Basketball News' third-team All-America team.
- District 3A All-America Selection.
- Ninth in nation in field goal percentage.
- Pulled down record number of rebounds (372 in 28 games).
- Unanimous selections to both Vanderbilt and Sun Bowl Classic Tournament Teams.

IN HIS CAREER, RONNIE:

- Has pulled down 719 rebounds, only 162 rebounds away from breaking the all-time career rebounding record.
- Has pulled down 15 or more rebounds in 27 of the 54 games; 10 or more in 42 of the 54.
- Has had only one game at home in which he claimed less than ten rebounds.
- Has claimed 20 or more rebounds on seven occasions.

54-GAME CAREER STATS

Year	G	FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Reb-Avg	PF-D	TP	Ave
1970-71	26	128-212	.604	56- 96	.615	369-14.2	90- 7	315	12.1
1971-72	28	170-279	.609	103-148	.696	372-13.3	92- 7	443	15.8
54 games	54	298-491	.607	159-244	.651	741-13.7	182-14	758	14.0

MEET THE OPPOSITION



From top (L to R):
 Tree Grant, New Mexico State U.
 John Williamson, New Mexico State U.
 Bob Schachter, U. of Calif.-Santa Barbara
 Bill Bunton, U. of Louisville
 Collis Temple, Louisiana State U.
 Al McGuire, Marquette U.
 Harry Rogers, St. Louis U.
 John Coles, Cornell U.
 Martin Terry, U. of Arkansas
 Mark Browne, Missouri Western College
 John Kiser, U. of South Florida
 Mike Clark, Florida Technical Institute
 Gary Carter, U. S. Naval Academy
 Larry Robinson, U. of Texas
 Seymour Reed, Bradley U.
 Ray Golson, West Texas State U.
 Terry Compton, Vanderbilt U.
 Willie Biles, U. of Tulsa
 Larry Seger, Drake U.
 Jim Thordsen, St. Joseph



MISSOURI WESTERN COLLEGE—Game 1

Series—First Meeting

December 2—Mid-South Coliseum—8 p.m.

LOCATION—St. Joseph, Missouri
HEAD COACH—Gary Filbert
ATHLETIC DIR.—Charlie Burri
SPORTS INFO. DIR.—Frank Smith
OFFICE PHONE—AC 816 233-7192
Ext. 202
CONFERENCE—Independent

COLORS—Black and Gold
NICKNAME—Griffons
ENROLLMENT—3,300
1971-72 RECORD—12-16
RETURNING LETTERMEN—7
LETTERMEN LOST—2
STARTERS RETURNING—4

OUTLOOK



GARY FILBERT

Replacing four players who were starters at one time or another last year will be the task of the 1972-73 Golden Griffon coaching staff. Returning lettermen include Dave Hackman 6-4 forward, Tim Reynolds, 6-5 center, and Larry "Gator" Rivers, 6-1 guard. Hackman has always averaged in double figures. Early in the year he should join the 1,000 point club. Gator Rivers returns for his second year as the ball handling guard in the Griffon offense. He had a 12.2 game average with a 47.4% shooting average.

Four underclass lettermen return including potential All-America 6-10 Mark Browne, a junior. Browne led the Griffon rebounding at 14.9 per game while scoring at a 12.5 per game clip.

Newcomers include Gregg Fingerhut, 6-1 guard from Mera-mec Community College in St. Louis, who has three years of eligibility left. Four All-Star freshmen also join the club.

Improved defensive play is a must for Mo. Western in 1972-73. Team shooting percentages should be improved this year with the experienced personnel returning. Initial plans include returning to a running game.

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY—Game 2

Series—MSU 1-0

December 5—Assembly Center, Baton Rouge, Louisiana—8 p.m.

LOCATION—Baton Rouge, Louisiana
HEAD COACH—Dale Brown
ATHLETIC DIR.—Carl Maddox
SPORTS INFO. DIR.—Paul Manasseh
OFFICE PHONE—AC 504 388-8226
CONFERENCE—Southeastern

COLORS—Purple and Gold
NICKNAME—Tigers
ENROLLMENT—22,308
1971-72 RECORD—10-16
RETURNING LETTERMEN—7
LETTERMEN LOST—4
STARTERS RETURNING—1

OUTLOOK



DALE BROWN

A new head coach, Dale Brown, takes over at LSU this year. Brown, a former assistant at Washington State and Utah State, greets a squad consisting of just three part-time starters off of a team that went 10-16.

In all, seven players from the 1971-72 squad return to the fold: including 6-1 senior guard Jeff Taylor of New Britain, Pa., who earned a starting berth late last season and averaged 6.2 points a game in 19 outings, 6-8 junior forward-center Collis Temple of Kentwood, La., a 6.2 scorer and 6.7 rebounder in his rookie campaign last year and 5-11 senior guard John Brantley of Baton Rouge, a 4.2 per game point producer whose defensive abilities won him a starting slot in the final weeks of the season last winter.

The only help Brown will get off the frosh team will come in the person of 6-2 guard Mike Darnall of Lebanon, Ind., an 18.9 scorer on a yearling team that finished 8-7.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA—Game 3

Series—First Meeting

December 7—Mid-South Coliseum—8 p.m.

LOCATION—Tampa, Florida
HEAD COACH—Don Williams
ATHLETIC DIR.—Richard Bowers
SPORTS INFO. DIR.—John Renneker
OFFICE PHONE—AC 813 974-2125
CONFERENCE—Independent

COLORS—Green and Gold
NICKNAME—Golden Brahms
ENROLLMENT—18,500
1971-72 RECORD—8-17
RETURNING LETTERMEN—5
LETTERMEN LOST—2
STARTERS RETURNING—3



DON WILLIAMS

OUTLOOK

The 1972-73 varsity season will be most exciting as South Florida enters its second intercollegiate basketball year. Head Coach Don Williams again designed a most-challenging schedule for his young team. Arthur Jones and John Kiser, 6-4 forwards, will be leading the Golden Brahms again this year. Jones led USF with a .513 shooting percentage and 10.3 in rebounds last year, while Kiser was leading scorer with 18.4.

MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY—Game 4

Series—MSU 3-1

December 9—Milwaukee Arena, Milwaukee, Wisconsin—8 p.m.

LOCATION—Milwaukee, Wisconsin
HEAD COACH—Al McGuire
ATHLETIC DIR.—Samuel P. Saucedo
SPORTS INFO. DIR.—Mike Gonring
OFFICE PHONE—AC 414 224-7447
CONFERENCE—Independent

COLORS—Blue and Gold
NICKNAME—Warriors
ENROLLMENT—11,667
1971-72 RECORD—25-4
RETURNING LETTERMEN—8
LETTERMEN LOST—4
STARTERS RETURNING—4



AL MCGUIRE

OUTLOOK

Coach Al McGuire's Warriors should be tough again in 1972-73 with four starters back from last year's NCAA Mid-east Regional team. Back are Larry McNeill (13.4-9.1), Marcus Washington (11.8), Allie McGuire (9.1) and George Frazier (5.8). Moving up is 6-8 Maurice Lucas, the highest scoring frosh in Marquette's history with a 28.6 average. 6-10 Mike Mills (1.7) and 6-7 transfer Jerry Homan will help in the front court; 6-4 transfer Ed Daniels and 6-4 frosh William Earl Tatum will aid in the back court. Marquette will be after its 7th straight 20-game season and 7th straight postseason tournament bid.

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS—Game 5

Series—Texas 1-0

December 12—Mid-South Coliseum—8 p.m.

LOCATION—Austin, Texas
HEAD COACH—Leon Black
ATHLETIC DIR.—Darrell Royal
SPORTS INFO. DIR.—Jones Ramsey
OFFICE PHONE—AC 512 471-7437
CONFERENCE—Southwest

COLORS—Orange and White
NICKNAME—Longhorns
ENROLLMENT—39,503
1971-72 RECORD—19-9
RETURNING LETTERMEN—6
LETTERMEN LOST—3
STARTERS RETURNING—3

OUTLOOK



LEON BLACK

Texas returns many of the key people who gave them their first Southwest Conference championship in basketball in seven years as Coach Leon Black's cagers recorded an impressive 19-9 mark.

Led by 6-6 junior forward Larry Robinson, the most valuable player in the SWC last season, the Longhorns promise to be as rugged a team as they were last year.

Besides Robinson, who averaged 21.9 points per game, Texas returns 6-9 senior post man B. G. Brosterhous, 6-8 forward John Mark Wilson and 5-10 Harry Larrabee. Also back, but perhaps at a new position, is 6-6 Eric Groscurth, slated to get a look at a "shooting guard" position.

Besides the returning starters, others who figure highly in the 1973 picture include 6-3 guard Mike Dukes, who missed last year with a knee injury, 6-3 guard Steve Slaton, and 6-7 forward Jack Louis, who figures to be the top substitute among the big men.

UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY—Game 6

Series—First Meeting

December 16—Mid-South Coliseum—8 p.m.

LOCATION—Annapolis, Maryland
HEAD COACH—Dave Smalley
ATHLETIC DIR.—J. O. Coppedge
SPORTS INFO. DIR.—Budd Thalman
OFFICE PHONE—AC 301 268-6226
CONFERENCE—Independent

COLORS—Navy Blue and Gold
NICKNAME—Midshipmen
ENROLLMENT—4,300
1971-72 RECORD—10-13
RETURNING LETTERMEN—5
LETTERMEN LOST—4
STARTERS RETURNING—2

OUTLOOK



DAVE SMALLEY

Navy coach Dave Smalley expects a better "all-around team" in 1972-73 but thinks the Midshipmen may still be a year away from "our best squad in a long, long time." Smalley has five lettermen returning from last winter's 10-13 outfit, which went sour after a mid-season win streak of four straight and dropped six in a row, then recovered to win three of its final five. Topping the list of returnees is forward Gary Carter, who topped the Mids with a 13.4 scoring average and was second in rebounding with 139 recoveries. Guard Dave Stone, a 9.9 scorer as a soph, is the other starter back. With two lettermen backcourt operatives and two good guards from the 15-2 Plebe squad, Navy will have a strong backcourt.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA—Game 7 (SANTA BARBARA)

Series—UCSB 1-0

December 20—Mid-South Coliseum—8 p.m.

LOCATION—Santa Barbara, California
HEAD COACH—Ralph Barkey
ATHLETIC DIR.—Jack Curtice
SPORTS INFO. DIR.—Don Weiner
OFFICE PHONE—AC 805 961-3428
CONFERENCE—Pacific Coast Athletic Assoc.

COLORS—Blue and Gold
NICKNAME—Gauchos
ENROLLMENT—13,500
1971-72 RECORD—17-9
RETURNING LETTERMEN—5
LETTERMEN LOST—7
STARTERS RETURNING—1

OUTLOOK



RALPH BARKEY

Santa Barbara, faced with a massive rebuilding task after losing seven seniors off last year's 17-9 team, will have its work cut out, as Coach Ralph Barkey launches his seventh season at the Gaucho helm.

Bob Schachter, one of the finest back court players on the West Coast who led the team in assists last year with 127, and scored 7.7 points per game, is expected to score more this year. Front liners Dennis Rector, a 6-6 senior and Jerry Lee, 6-4 junior, return as potential starters, joining John Radford, a 6-4 junior guard.

UCSB's top newcomers include two JC transfers. Leading a contingent of five candidates off last year's freshman team will be 6-7 forward Kirt Anderson, a promising forward who, with experience, "should develop into a fine player," says Barkey.

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS—Game 8

Series—MSU 3-1

December 23—Barton Coliseum, Little Rock, Arkansas—8 p.m.

LOCATION—Fayetteville, Arkansas
HEAD COACH—Lanny Van Eman
ATHLETIC DIR.—George Cole
SPORTS INFO. DIR.—David Cawood
OFFICE PHONE—AC 501 575-2751
CONFERENCE—Southwest

COLORS—Cardinal and White
NICKNAME—Razorbacks
ENROLLMENT—11,500
1971-72 RECORD—8-18
RETURNING LETTERMEN—7
LETTERMEN LOST—4
STARTERS RETURNING—4

OUTLOOK



LARRY VAN EMAN

Arkansas has the potential to greatly improve its 8-18 record and 5-9 sixth place finish in the Southwest Conference last year. The Razorbacks lose only one starter, guard Joel Heider, and will have one outstanding prospect from last season's freshman team to join the eight veterans who received much experience in 1972. Rickey Medlock led the Southwest Conference freshmen with 33.4 points per game. Arkansas ended the season strong, the Razorbacks scored 131 and 113 points in victories over Baylor and Rice, defeated co-champion SMU 88-74, lost in overtime to NCAA representative Texas, and suffered one-point defeats at Texas Tech and Texas A&M.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY—Game 9

Series—First Meeting

December 26—Mid-South Coliseum—8 p.m.

LOCATION—Ithaca, New York
HEAD COACH—Tony Coma
ATHLETIC DIR.—Jon Anderson
SPORTS INFO. DIR.—Ben Mintz
OFFICE PHONE AC 607 256-5220
CONFERENCE—Ivy League

COLORS—Carnelian and White
NICKNAME—Big Red
ENROLLMENT—10,000
1971-72 RECORD—5-19
RETURNING LETTERMEN—5
LETTERMEN LOST—2
STARTERS RETURNING—4

OUTLOOK



TONY COMA

Cornell, under a new coach, has a veteran squad that should rebound from last year's 5-19 record.

Among the leading scorers returning are Gerry Newby who averaged 16.1 in 19 games, Brian Wright 17.6 in 10 games, Skeeder Stewart 11.2 in 14 games and John Coles 10.9 in 10 games. Lynn Loncki, a 6-7 junior, averaged 9.1 in 24 games. Jim Willmot is a key back court player.

The principal loss is Rick Amato, a three-year starter who averaged 14.2 last season.

Top sophomores are Randy Evans (6-5), who averaged 15.5, Max Jones (6-4) 14.2, Stan Mason (6-6) 13.1 and Marv Jackson (6-2) 10.8.

The Big Red should have more speed and a much stronger bench than last year when the club was beset by personnel difficulties.

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY—Game 10

Series—Vandy 2-0

December 30—Vanderbilt Fieldhouse, Nashville, Tennessee—8 p.m.

LOCATION—Nashville, Tennessee
HEAD COACH—Roy Skinner
ATHLETIC DIR.—Bill Pace
SPORTS INFO. DIR.—Ron Barnes
OFFICE PHONE—AC 615 322-3565
CONFERENCE—Southeastern

COLORS—Black and Gold
NICKNAME—Commodores
ENROLLMENT—6,000
1971-72 RECORD—16-10
RETURNING LETTERMEN—11
LETTERMEN LOST—1
STARTERS RETURNING—5

OUTLOOK



ROY SKINNER

With 11 lettermen and six of the top seven players returning from last year's squad prospects for 1972-73 are definitely looking up for Coach Roy Skinner.

The Commodores turned in a very creditable 16-10 overall mark and a 10-8, fourth place finish in the tough Southeastern Conference.

Heading the list of veterans are last season's two top scorers, 6-5 Terry Compton (17.3) and 6-5 Bill Ligon (16.7). Both will be juniors this season.

Rounding out the list of returnees are rugged 6-7 Rod Freeman (11.7), who was injured much of last season after a brilliant sophomore campaign, 6-6 Lee Fowler (10.2), 6-7 guard Jan van Breda Kolff (8.6) and 6-8 Ray Maddux (8.1). Also back after sitting out last season for their final season are 7-4 Steve Turner and 6-7 Chris Schweer.

With last year's youth now grown up, the Commodores could find themselves in the thick of the annual war for the SEC basketball title.

DRAKE UNIVERSITY—Games 11 and 18

Series—Drake 8-3

January 4, Veterans Auditorium, Des Moines, Iowa—7:35 p.m.

February 1, Mid-South Coliseum—8 p.m.

LOCATION—Des Moines, Iowa
HEAD COACH—Howard Stacey
ATHLETIC DIR.—Bob Karnes
SPORTS INFO. DIR.—Dick Dietl
OFFICE PHONE—AC 515 271-3740
CONFERENCE—Missouri Valley

COLORS—Blue and White
NICKNAME—Bulldogs
ENROLLMENT—6,300
1971-72 RECORD—7-19
RETURNING LETTERMEN—8
LETTERMEN LOST—2
STARTERS RETURNING—4

OUTLOOK



HOWARD STACEY

Drake should step up the conference ladder again, but the key to any improvement is sophomore guard Ron Caldwell. The Bulldogs lost eight games by three points or less a year ago and the consensus is Caldwell, even as a freshman, could have meant the difference in four of those games. All points should be stronger and need to be. Redshirt Andy Graham is a sleeper at center behind the proven Larry Seger and if he comes through Seger can play outside. Sophomore Larry Haralson and JC transfer Buzz Thomas vie for spots in a muddled forward picture where no one did the job consistently. Stacey tried 12 different starting combinations in his first season, solved some internal problems and laid the groundwork for a solid program with two good recruiting seasons of high school talent. He does not plan on using any frosh on the varsity level but if it happens look for 6-5½ first team Prep All-American Bob Manker to be the man to come on quickly. He's extremely mature . . . and out of the rugged Los Angeles area. To be a solid contender, Drake needs a big year from Caldwell, Seger and one forward. Bell has credentials but had poor junior adjustment year. Davis and Godfrey showed late season promise as sophomores with Godfrey the more likely choice with outstanding skills. Team needs a leader and Caldwell should be it.

BRADLEY UNIVERSITY—Games 12 and 19

Series—Bradley 8-3

January 6—Robertson Fieldhouse, Peoria, Illinois—8 p.m.

February 3—Mid-South Coliseum—8 p.m.

LOCATION—Peoria, Illinois
HEAD COACH—Joe Stowell
ATHLETIC DIR.—Charles K. Orsborn
SPORTS INFO. DIR.—Jim Dynan
OFFICE PHONE—AC 309 676-7611
CONFERENCE—Missouri Valley

COLORS—Red and White
NICKNAME—Braves
ENROLLMENT—5,100
1971-72 RECORD—17-9
RETURNING LETTERMEN—6
LETTERMEN LOST—3
STARTERS RETURNING—4

OUTLOOK



JOE STOWELL

Bradley, with six lettermen returning including four starters, could be tougher than last year and an outside choice for the loop crown behind Memphis State and New Mexico State and battling St. Louis. Seymour Reed, 6-6 sophomore-of-the-Year in the Valley last season, will have to take up a considerable amount of the scoring lost when Scott Brooks, Rich Schultz and Sam Simmons departed. Added to the front line will be 6-7 Sam Allen and 6-9 Mark Dohner. The regular guards figure to be Dave Klobucher and Doug Shank. Mike Harrell looks like the sixth man.

FLORIDA TECHNICAL INSTITUTE—Game 13

Series—First Meeting

January 10—Mid-South Coliseum—8 p.m.

LOCATION—Orlando, Florida
HEAD COACH—Gene "Torchy" Clark
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR—Dr. Frank D. Rohter
SPORTS INFO. DIR.—Herky Cush
OFFICE PHONE—AC 305 275-2813
CONFERENCE—Independent

COLORS—Black and Gold
NICKNAME—Knights
ENROLLMENT—7,000
1971-72 RECORD—20-6
RETURNING LETTERMEN—5
LETTERMEN LOST—3
STARTERS RETURNING—3

OUTLOOK

This year's crop of cagers would roll easily through any previous Florida Tech schedule. However, FTU is not playing last year's schedule. The 1972-73 slate is one in which the Knights will be hardpressed to equal their feats of years past. Top returnees are 6-1 senior guard Mike Clark, the all-time FTU scoring leader; 6-7 Eddie Fluitt, the leading rebounder of last year; also top subs 6-7 Pete Haas and Mike Earwood. Both Haas and Earwood are sohomores.

ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY—Games 14 and 26

Series—St. Louis 9-2

January 13—Mid-South Coliseum—8 p.m.

March 3—Kiel Auditorium, St. Louis, Missouri—12 noon

LOCATION—St. Louis, Missouri
HEAD COACH—Bob Polk
ATHLETIC DIR.—Larry Albus
SPORTS INFO. DIR.—Joseph C. Gegg
OFFICE PHONE—AC 314 535-3300
Ext. 247
CONFERENCE—Missouri Valley

COLORS—Columbia Blue and White
NICKNAME—Billikens
ENROLLMENT—10,500
1971-72 RECORD—18-8
RETURNING LETTERMEN—6
LETTERMEN LOST—5
STARTERS RETURNING—3

OUTLOOK



BOB POLK

Since Bob Polk came to St. Louis University in 1969, its basketball teams have improved markedly each year. The 1972-73 season should be no exception. Highlighting the upcoming campaign will be senior Harry Rogers. The 6-7½ All-MVC selection distinguished himself last season as the nation's tallest guard and the highest scoring junior in Billiken history, with 486 points—an 18.7 average.

Also returning to the starting line-up are 6-5 senior work horses Jesse "The Ghost" Leonard and Bill Paradoski. Leonard contributed 12.4 points and 7.2 rebounds per game a year ago. At center, Paradoski produced a consistent 9.3 points per outing. Both have the ability to beat bigger foes to the ball or basket because of their quickness and remarkable jumping ability.

The key to where Rogers plays seems to be which of two sophomore candidates matures faster: Willis Nance, a flashy 6-2 guard who led the frosh in scoring (16.7); or Robin Jones, a center who at 6-10 is capable of dominating a game.

Probably the word which best describes St. Louis U. basketball this season is "flexibility."

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE—Game 15

Series—MSU 1-0

January 20—Mid-South Coliseum—8 p.m.

LOCATION—Rensselaer, Indiana
HEAD COACH—John Weinert
ATHLETIC DIR.—Richard F. Scharf
SPORTS INFO. DIR.—Charles J. Schuttrow
OFFICE PHONE—AC 219 866-7111 Ext. 32
CONFERENCE—Indiana Collegiate

COLORS—Cardinal and Purple
NICKNAME—Pumas
ENROLLMENT—1,100
1971-72 RECORD—19-6
RETURNING LETTERMEN—5
LETTERMEN LOST—6
STARTERS RETURNING—2



JOHN WEINERT

7.8 rebounds per game last year.

OUTLOOK

For the first time since 1961-62, the Pumas have a new coach in John Weinert. This will undoubtedly bring about a few changes in SJC's playing style.

In plotting his general strategy, Weinert plans to use what he calls 'continuity offense' with everyone being in constant movement.

Plans for 1972-73 necessarily start with the five returning lettermen, paced by two regulars from last season, 6-6 forward Dave Huneryager and 6-5 center Jim Thordsen. Huneryager fired a nifty .552 from the field while averaging 13.7 points and 6.3 rebounds per game last season.

Thordsen, a freshman crowd pleaser last year, is SJC's first Olympian ever, as he played in Munich this summer with his native Puerto Rican team coached by MSU's Gene Bartow.

A sharpshooter supreme, Thordsen averaged 10.8 points and

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE—Games 16 and 20

Series—UL 15-5

January 25—Mid-South Coliseum—8 p.m.

February 8—Freedom Hall, Louisville, Kentucky—8 p.m.

LOCATION—Louisville, Kentucky
HEAD COACH—Denny Crum
ATHLETIC DIR.—Bernard "Peck" Hickman
SPORTS INFO. DIR.—George Rorrer
OFFICE PHONE—AC 502 636-4105
CONFERENCE—Missouri Valley

COLORS—Cardinal, Black and White
NICKNAME—Cardinals
ENROLLMENT—10,650
1971-72 RECORD—26-5
RETURNING LETTERMEN—4
LETTERMEN LOST—8
STARTERS RETURNING—0



DENNY CRUM

OUTLOOK

Coming off a brilliant first season, Denny Crum will be hard pressed to provide an encore. Gone are the first six men from last year's MVC co-championship, including All-America Jim Price, who averaged a total 23.1 points per game. Before you start shedding tears for Crum and the Cardinals, however, you had better take a look. Heading the list of last year's freshman crop is Allen Murphy, a first team high school All-America who averaged 23.8 last year. Close behind comes "Junior" Bridgeman, sporting a 21.8 average to go with his 12.6 per game rebound average. These two should be starting at guard and forward respectively. Terry Howard was redshirted last season, but the 6-1 guard was very tough on Jim Price in practice, an indication that he will be seeing much action this year. Bill Bunton, used primarily in reserve roles last season, will get first shot at the starting center slot. His development could be a key to the Cardinal's success. Bill Butler (Vincennes JC, 20 points, 16 rebounds) probably will go at the other forward. He was named Most Valuable Player in last year's national championship tournament. Ken Bradley will again be called upon to provide a spark when needed and Louis Simmons, Tim Cooper, and Joe Meiman will be there to assist. In addition, several high school recruits have the potential to challenge for starting berths.

NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY

—Games 17 and 25

Series MSU 2-0

January 27—Mid-South Coliseum—8 p.m.

February 24—Pan American Center, Las Cruces, New Mexico—
12:00 noon

LOCATION—Las Cruces, New Mexico
HEAD COACH—Lou Henson
ATHLETIC DIR.—Lou Henson
SPORTS INFO. DIR.—Sonny Yates
OFFICE PHONE—AC 505 646-3929
CONFERENCE—Missouri Valley

COLORS—Crimson and White
NICKNAME—Amazing Aggies
ENROLLMENT—11,000
1971-72 RECORD—20-6
RETURNING LETTERMEN—6
LETTERMEN LOST—4
STARTERS RETURNING—3



LOU HENSON

OUTLOOK

Three returning starters, including All-America Candidate John Williamson, should make New Mexico State's first season in the MVC a good one. Overall, Coach Lou Henson (127-39 in the last six years at NMSU) has six returning vets that went 20-6 a year ago. Finding a guard to go with Williamson, the nation's 5th leading scorer a year ago, seems to be the only question. Henson can choose from Austin Lehmann, a 5-11 outside shot who is back after a year's absence; Soph Steve White (6-2), or 6-0 defensive ace Ken Shaw from North-eastern Junior College. Up front, the Aggies are experienced and big with 7-0 Tree Grant returning at the pivot and 6-6 Truman Ward back at one forward.

UNIVERSITY OF TULSA—Game 21

Series—TU 11-2

February 10—Fairgrounds Pavilion, Tulsa, Oklahoma—8 p.m.

LOCATION—Tulsa, Oklahoma
HEAD COACH—Ken Hayes
ATHLETIC DIR.—F. A. Dry
SPORTS INFO. DIR.—Jerry Pogue
OFFICE PHONE—AC 918 939-6351
CONFERENCE—Missouri Valley

COLORS—Gold, Blue and Red
NICKNAME—Golden Hurricane
ENROLLMENT—6,400
1971-72 RECORD—15-11
RETURNING LETTERMEN—4
LETTERMEN LOST—5
STARTERS RETURNING—2



KEN HAYES

OUTLOOK

Tulsa lost valuable leaders and the three leading scorers of last year in Bracey, Morris and Clessen, all drafted by the pros. Coach Ken Hayes' squad, although young and inexperienced, have added some beef in the frontline with juco Sammy High (6-8) to help returning veterans Jerry Voskuhl and Steve Rademeyer. Memphian Willie Biles expected to excel with help from younger guards.

The '72-73 schedule is tougher with Oklahoma and Kansas State of the Big Eight, Texas Tech and Arkansas of Southwest Conference and independent powers such as Cincinnati, Creighton and Oklahoma City, all in addition to the normally tough MVC.

WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY—Game 22

Series—WSU 7-5

February 15—Mid-South Coliseum—8 p.m.

LOCATION—Wichita, Kansas
HEAD COACH—Harry Miller
ATHLETIC DIR.—Ted Bredehoft
SPORTS INFO. DIR.—Conrad Downing
OFFICE PHONE—AC 316 689-3265
CONFERENCE—Missouri Valley

COLORS—Gold and Black
NICKNAME—Shockers
ENROLLMENT—12,098
1971-72 RECORD—16-10
RETURNING LETTERMEN—4
LETTERMEN LOST—5
STARTERS RETURNING—2



HARRY MILLER

America Juco transfer. Rich hit 28.4 from a variety of places and collected 12.2 rebounds.

Wichita State is an unknown quantity. But . . . with coach Harry Miller at the reins and the Shockers coming off a 16-10 season after four straight losing years, it could mean the scene is set for a rebound and the future is bright for better times ahead.

OUTLOOK

Wichita State returns last year's second leading scorer, who hit for 15.3 points and topped the team in free throw shooting with a .722 percentage. When you add talented Virgil Tucker, Art Louvar, a 6-4 sometime starter who finished with a 6.5 scoring average and Robert Wilson, a 6-2 All-America who looks rather strong. Another Juco who can go at guard or at forward is 6-4 "Gentle Ben" Garner from New Mexico Junior College at Hobbs. He is considered one of the best small rebounders in the southwest as he pulled off 423 bounds for a 14.6 average to go with his 22.4 scoring mark. Junior 6-9 pivot Randy Wilson stands ready to be the man in the middle. Junior College transfer Floyd Holmes, a 6-7, 230-pound center, is another player who could solve some of the pivotal problems as can Hutchinson's Rich Morsden, a 6-4 second-team All-

WEST TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY—Game 23

Series—First Meeting

February 17—Mid-South Coliseum—8 p.m.

LOCATION—Canyon, Texas
HEAD COACH—Dennis Walling
ATHLETIC DIR.—Gene Mayfield
SPORTS INFO. DIR.—Tommy Bryant
OFFICE PHONE—AC 806 656-2323
CONFERENCE—Missouri Valley

COLORS—Maroon and White
NICKNAME—Buffaloes
ENROLLMENT—7,300
1971-72 RECORD—15-11
RETURNING LETTERMEN—8
LETTERMEN LOST—4
STARTERS RETURNING—1



DENNIS WALLING

OUTLOOK

With only one full-time starter returning from last year's team, West Texas State will be highly inexperienced. Jerry Christian, 6-6 senior, is the lone returnee. He averaged 12 points and 9 rebounds last year. A big plus is the return of Ray Golson. As a junior, the 6-3 guard scored 19.9 points per game, but missed most of last year with a knee injury. Because of a hardship ruling, he has been given another year of play and should be a standout. W. Texas State will run a lot and apply several pressure offenses. They could have a better squad this year but not compile as good a won-loss record as the Buffaloes begin play in the MVC for the first time.

NORTH TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY—Game 24

Series—MSU 9-5

February 22—NTSU Coliseum, Denton, Texas—7:30 p.m.

LOCATION—Denton, Texas
HEAD COACH—Gene Robbins
ATHLETIC DIR.—Fred McCain
SPORTS INFO. DIR.—Fred Graham
OFFICE PHONE—AC 817 788-2108
CONFERENCE—Missouri Valley

COLORS—Green and White
NICKNAME—Eagles
ENROLLMENT—15,579
1971-72 RECORD—8-18
RETURNING LETTERMEN—6
LETTERMEN LOST—6
STARTERS RETURNING—1



GENE ROBBINS

OUTLOOK

North Texas will field a young team with potential, but still lacks the big man it needs. John Coleman, Bill Cox, Jeryl Sasser and John Tucker return to form the nucleus of the team. All are lettermen but none is over 6-6. Bobby Iverson, a 6-6 sophomore, should add to the scoring punch. Without the big man, however, the Eagles will have a hard time improving their 8-18 record of a year ago. Once again though, speed and quickness will be N. Texas State's forte and prospects are that the "pit" will be the scene of some very interesting occurrences in 1972-73.

SERIES SCORES

(All other 1971-72 games are first meetings)

Louisiana State (1-0)	1972	79- 95	Tulsa (2-11)		
1972	82- 63	70- 59	1965	63- 80	
Marquette (3-1)		St. Louis (2-9)	1967	43- 54	
1957	77- 76	1967	44- 63	47- 64	
1964	88- 74	1968	53- 60	48- 52	
1965	82- 70		65- 77	1969	69- 70
1972	73- 74	1969	62- 63	1970	56- 62
Texas (0-1)			65- 74	72- 82	
1966	72- 80	1970	77- 88	61- 77	
California—SB (0-1)			68- 78	1971	78- 87
1971	81- 85	1971	58- 62	1972	85- 90
Arkansas (3-1)		1972	60- 56		91- 94
1942	41- 43		72- 76		99- 72
1947	48- 41		73- 70		91- 90
1967	43- 36	St. Joseph's (1-0)		Wichita State (5-7)	
1972	92- 77	1971	113- 97	1959	92- 95
Vanderbilt (0-2)		Louisville (5-15)		1960	75- 79
1964	79- 85	1949	53- 72	1968	69- 77
1972	82- 83	1950	58- 79	1969	67- 55
Drake (3-8)		1951	48- 51		69- 71
1966	65- 80		58- 67	1970	61- 71
1968	75- 76	1956	75- 85		84- 81
	61- 89	1957	71- 93	1971	72- 79
1969	71- 73	1963	81- 78		87- 98
	72- 85	1964	76- 55	1972	85- 77
1970	62- 72	1968	57- 69		71- 69
1971	70- 93		58- 78		108- 98
1972	73- 72	1969	52- 76	North Texas State (9-5)	
	81- 70		66- 67	1960	90- 58
	70- 69	1970	51- 60	1961	102- 56
Bradley (3-8)			48- 77	1966	69- 67
1957	83- 84		82- 83	1967	64- 57
1968	52- 80	1971	78- 75	1968	67- 65
	69- 92		73-102		62- 63
1969	67- 68	1972	77- 69	1969	69- 96
	62- 88		80- 65		70- 89
1970	62- 72	New Mexico State (2-0)	72- 83	1970	77- 86
	76- 82	1962	85- 70	1971	70- 82
1971	70- 93	1963	101- 77		69- 57
	73- 72			1972	71- 66
					91- 60
					87- 80

TIGER TRAVEL PLANS

DECEMBER 5, 1972 . . . BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA—LSU

DEPART: Monday December 4—

Depart Memphis: 4:25 p.m. via Delta, Flight #763

Arrive New Orleans: 5:25 p.m.

Depart New Orleans: 6:18 p.m. via Delta, Flight #415

Arrive Baton Rouge: 6:45

HEADQUARTERS: Holiday Inn-South

9940 Airline Highway, Baton Rouge, La. 70821

Fred Phillips, Innkeeper

Phone: (504) 924-7021

RETURN: Wednesday December 6—

Depart Baton Rouge: 11:14 a.m. via Delta, Flight #518

Arrive New Orleans: 11:37 a.m.

Depart New Orleans: 12:15 p.m. via Delta, Flight #666

Arrive Memphis: 1:15 p.m.

DECEMBER 9, 1972 . . . MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN—MARQUETTE

DEPART: Friday December 8—

Depart Memphis: 1:40 p.m. via Delta, Flight #666

Arrive Chicago: 2:59 p.m.

Depart Chicago: 4:25 p.m. via North Central, Flight #982

Arrive Milwaukee: 4:55 p.m.

HEADQUARTERS: Holiday Inn-Central

1926 W. Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53233

A. Querciagrossa, Innkeeper

Phone: (414) 344-7600

RETURN: Sunday December 10—

Depart Milwaukee: 11:30 a.m. via North Central, Flight #973

Arrive Chicago: 12:00 noon

Depart Chicago: 2:00 p.m. via Delta, Flight #463

Arrive Memphis: 3:21 p.m.

DECEMBER 23, 1972 . . . LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS—ARKANSAS

DEPART: Saturday December 23—

Depart Memphis: 10:43 a.m. via Delta, Flight #645

Arrive Little Rock: 11:17 a.m.

HEADQUARTERS: Holiday Inn-Downtown

617 S. Broadway, Little Rock, Ark. 72203

Edward Hutchins, Innkeeper

Phone: (501) 376-2071

RETURN: Saturday December 23—

Depart Little Rock: 11:25 p.m. via American, Flight #306

Arrive Memphis: 12:01 a.m. (Sunday December 24)

DECEMBER 30, 1972 . . . NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE—VANDERBILT

DEPART: Saturday December 30—

Depart Memphis: 12:00 noon via Allegheny, Flight #860

Arrive Nashville: 12:41 p.m.

HEADQUARTERS: Holiday Inn-Vanderbilt

2613 West End Avenue, Nashville,

Tennessee 37203

Ed Murdock, Innkeeper

Phone: (615) 254-1921

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RETURN: Sunday December 31—

Depart Nashville: 10:23 a.m. via Allegheny, Flight #951

Arrive Memphis: 11:08 a.m.

JANUARY 4, 1973 . . . DES MOINES, IOWA—DRAKE AND

JANUARY 6, 1973 . . . PEORIA, ILLINOIS—BRADLEY

DEPART: Wednesday January 3—

Depart Memphis: 2:45 p.m. via Delta, Flight #750

Arrive St. Louis: 3:39 p.m.

Depart St. Louis: 4:55 p.m. via Ozark, Flight #948

Arrive Des Moines: 5:45 p.m.

HEADQUARTERS: Holiday Inn-Downtown

6th Avenue & Interstate 235, Des Moines,
Iowa 50309

Ralph Harris, Innkeeper

Phone: (515) 283-0151

DEPART: Friday January 5—

Depart Des Moines: 11:45 a.m. via Ozark, Flight #943

Arrive St. Louis: 12:30 p.m.

Depart St. Louis: 1:35 p.m. via Ozark, Flight #826

Arrive Peoria: 2:43 p.m.

HEADQUARTERS: Howard Johnson Motor Lodge

225 N. Adams, Peoria, Illinois 61602

Phone: (309) 673-6181

RETURN: Sunday January 7—

Depart Peoria: 8:10 a.m. via Ozark, Flight #819

Arrive St. Louis: 9:15 a.m.

Depart St. Louis: 10:25 via Southern, Flight #80

Arrive Memphis: 11:14 a.m.

FEBRUARY 8, 1973 . . . LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY—LOUISVILLE AND

FEBRUARY 10, 1973 . . . TULSA, OKLAHOMA—TULSA

DEPART: Wednesday February 7—

Depart Memphis: 7:35 p.m. via American, Flight #512

Arrive Louisville: 9:34 p.m.

HEADQUARTERS: Executive Inn

Watterson Expressway & Fairgrounds,
Louisville, Kentucky

Mrs. Mae Graf, Innkeeper

Phone: (502) 367-6161

DEPART: Friday February 9—

Depart Louisville: 11:50 a.m. via Trans World, Flight #345

Arrive St. Louis: 11:45 a.m.

Depart St. Louis: 2:45 p.m. via American, Flight #119

Arrive Tulsa: 3:49 p.m.

HEADQUARTERS: Camelot Inn

Interstate 44 at S. Peoria, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74105

Phone: (918) 747-8811

RETURN: Sunday February 11—

Depart Tulsa: 8:12 a.m. via Frontier, Flight #620

Arrive Memphis: 10:21 a.m.

Tiger Travel Plans

**FEBRUARY 22, 1973 . . . DENTON, TEXAS—NORTH TEXAS STATE
AND
FEBRUARY 24, 1973 . . . LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO—
NEW MEXICO STATE**

DEPART: Thursday February 22—

Depart Memphis: 10:10 a.m. via American, Flight #349
Arrive Dallas: 11:28 a.m.

HEADQUARTERS: Holiday Inn-Denton
Interstate 35 & U.S. 77, Denton, Texas 76201
Louis Hensler, Innkeeper
Phone: (817) 387-3511

DEPART: Friday February 23—

Depart Dallas: 12:25 p.m. via American, Flight #295
Arrive El Paso: 12:56 p.m.

HEADQUARTERS: Palms Motor Inn
2405 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001
Phone: (505) 524-1953

RETURN: Saturday February 24—

Depart El Paso: 6:10 p.m. via American, Flight #162
Arrive Dallas: 8:30 p.m.
Depart Dallas: 10:05 p.m. via American, Flight #306
Arrive Memphis: 12:01 a.m. (February 25)

MARCH 3, 1973 . . . ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI—ST. LOUIS

DEPART: Friday March 2—

Depart Memphis: 2:45 p.m. via Delta, Flight #750
Arrive St. Louis: 3:39 p.m.

HEADQUARTERS: Stouffers Riverfront Inn
200 S. Fourth at Eighth, St. Louis, Mo.
Phone: (314) 241-9500

RETURN: Saturday March 3—

Depart St. Louis: 6:42 p.m. via Delta, Flight #669
Arrive Memphis: 7:30 p.m.



"This team has unified this city like it's never been unified before. Black and white, rich and poor, old and young are all caught up in their success. Memphis is a better city now, thanks to the Memphis State basketball team—a team which will be remembered for a long time. . . ."

—The Honorable Wyeth Chandler
Mayor of Memphis
(At the close of the season.)

Recap of the 1971-72 Season

What do you say about the 71-72 Tigers? Do you dwell on their 21-7 record—the fourth best in the school's history? Do you talk about their national ranking—a ranking which reached the Top Ten? Do you boast of the Missouri Valley Conference championship? Or do you shout forth the plaudits of the stars?

Whatever you say, one thing is obvious: Memphis State's 1971-72 basketball team was just that—a TEAM. Throughout the season, this group became as-close-knit-a-group as ever witnessed in Memphis State's tradition-laden history. The 1971-72 team won, lost, laughed and cried as a unit. Each and every player sacrificed . . . and more important, each contributed. From the first game to the last, they all had one thought in mind—winning.

They fought tooth and nail all the way, came from behind in seven or eight games, finished the regular season with 16 wins in their last 17 games, and defeated highly-regarded, and highly-ranked, Louisville two games out of three.

IT WAS BOTH POTENT AND AWESOME

The offense Memphis State ran was simple. One writer described it as "brusque and basic." — potent to say the least. An equally fitting word was "awesome," a description used quite often by opposing coaches.

"THEY WERE A "TEAM-PERIOD"

As Coach Bartow has said on countless occasions, and as he included in his pre-season basketball pamphlets to each player:

"No basketball team or player will be a winner unless he has loyalty, faith, and respect in and for each other . . . great teams are teams first. . . ."

If that be the case, then the 1971-72 Memphis State Tiger team was just that — a great team!

1971-72 VARSITY RESULTS

RECORD: 21-7 CONFERENCE: 12-2 HOME: 14-1 AWAY 7-6

(H)	Missouri-Rolla	108-66	(9,540)	(W)
(H)	Oklahoma State	84-68	(11,058)	(W)
(H)	Marquette	73-74	(11,210)	(L)
(A)	Ole Miss	74-71	(6,000)	(W)
(A)	Vanderbilt	82-83	(8,000)	(L)
(A)	San Francisco	82-77	(5,000)	(W)
(A)	Texas-El Paso	79-85	(5,000)	(L)
(H)	Arkansas	92-77	(8,362)	(W)
(A)	Bradley	79-95	(6,100)	(L)
(H)	MacMurray	123-62	(7,200)	(W)
(H)	LSU	82-63	(10,632)	(W)
(H)	Tulsa	99-72	(10,578)	(W)
(A)	Drake	81-70	(8,500)	(W)
(H)	N. Texas State	91-60	(7,152)	(W)
(H)	Wichita State	71-69	(10,758)	(W)
(H)	Union	101-79	(10,672)	(W)
(A)	Louisville	77-69	(17,274)	(W)
(H)	South Alabama	88-71	(10,527)	(W)
(A)	St. Louis	72-76	(7,412)	(L)
(A)	N. Texas State	87-80	(3,750)	(W)
(H)	Bradley	70-59	(11,210)	(W)
(H)	St. Louis	73-70	(11,210)	(W)
(A)	Wichita State	108-98	(9,313)	(W)
(A)	Tulsa	91-90	(2,375)	(W)
(H)	Louisville	80-65	(11,210)	(W)
(A)	Drake	70-69	(11,210)	(W)
*(A)	Louisville	72-83	(15,581)	(L)
** (A)	Oral Roberts	74-94	(10,214)	(L)

* MVC Playoff Game—Nashville

** National Invitation Tournament—N.Y.

GAME BY GAME ACCOUNT

Game 1 (Dec. 2)

MEMPHIS STATE 108, MISSOURI (ROLLA) 66—All Missouri Valley Conference guard Larry Finch began a banner season, reeling off 33 points as the Tigers swamped their college division opponent. The score was 62-36 at half-time, and Memphis State continued to pad its cushion in the second half as four players scored in double figures.

Game 2 (Dec. 4)

MEMPHIS STATE 84, OKLAHOMA STATE 68—The Tigers avenged a 1970-71 loss to the Cowboys as Don Holcomb and Fred Horton combined for 43 points. Memphis State held an 18-point lead at intermission and coasted against the Big-Eight team.

Game 3 (Dec. 7)

MARQUETTE 74, MEMPHIS STATE 73—Heartbreak made an appearance in the Mid-South Coliseum as the nation's No. 2 team (at game time) turned back the Tigers on George Frazier's 35 foot, desperation "throw in" at the buzzer. The defeat was especially frustrating since Memphis State had overcome a five-point half-time deficit and led much of the final 20 minutes. Finch had 23 points in a brilliant performance.

Game 4 (Dec. 10)

MEMPHIS STATE 74, OLE MISS 71—The Tigers, still reeling from the loss to Marquette, played just well enough to win their first-round test in the Vanderbilt Invitational. Finch and Holcomb combined for 45 points as Memphis State broke away from a 41-41 half-time deadlock to boost its record to 3-1.

Game 5 (Dec. 11)

VANDERBILT 83, MEMPHIS STATE 82—Despair rocked the Tigers as they suffered a one-point loss on a last-second shot for the second time in five nights. Terry Compton's layup at the final buzzer earned the Commodores the tournament title. Finch was named the Most Valuable Player after averaging 27 points in the two games.

Game 6 (Dec. 17)

MEMPHIS STATE 82, SAN FRANCISCO 77—The Tigers blew a 13-point half-time advantage but came back strong to claim a first-round victory in the Sun Bowl Tournament. Finch fouled out early in the second half, but Robinson picked up the slack with a 28-point performance and Holcomb added 18.

Game 7 (Dec. 18)

TEXAS (EL PASO) 85, MEMPHIS STATE 79—For the second time in a week, Memphis State lost a tournament title to the host team. Robinson played well again, finishing the tournament with 44 points, and was named to the All-Tournament team.

Game 8 (Dec. 31)

MEMPHIS STATE 92, ARKANSAS 77—Horton scored 25 points and Holcomb and Finch 20 apiece as the Tigers won a game of fastbreaks. Memphis State scored 55 points in the opening half and toyed with the Razorbacks the rest of the way in setting its record at 5-3.

Game 9 (Jan. 6)

BRADLEY 95, MEMPHIS STATE 79—Memphis State's only real embarrassing moment of the season came at Peoria, Ill., where the Tigers were never in the game. The Tigers committed 24 turnovers and the only bright spots were performances by Holcomb, who scored 24 points and had 15 rebounds, and Finch, who had 21 points. Memphis State's record fell to 5-4 and the loss brought on changes by Coach Gene Bartow.

Game 10 (Jan. 8)

MEMPHIS STATE 123, MACMURRY 62—Bill Laurie started at guard, Robinson switched from forward to center and Holcomb moved from center to forward in the Tiger's new look. The game was a laughter with Memphis State running up its second highest point total in history. Finch and Horton led the rout with 28 and 25 points, and Memphis State began a string of nine consecutive victories.

Game 11 (Jan. 12)

MEMPHIS STATE 82, LSU 65—The Tigers hit the boards well against the muscular Bayou Bengals and were in command all the way. Finch had 24 points and Holcomb 20 in the victory over a Southeastern Conference opponent.

Game 12 (Jan. 15)

MEMPHIS STATE 99, TULSA 72—The Tigers defeated Tulsa for the first time, calling on magnificent offensive and defensive efforts to down the Hurricane. Finch had 28 points to only 10 for Tulsa's All-MVC candidate, Steve Bracey.

Game 13 (Jan. 18)

MEMPHIS STATE 81, DRAKE 70—Memphis State lost a 16-point lead in the second half, but rallied behind strong free throw shooting to beat Drake on its home floor for the first time. Finch had 28 points in a fine effort.

Game 14 (Jan. 22)

MEMPHIS STATE 91, NORTH TEXAS STATE 60—The Tigers ran their winning streak to five by trouncing the Eagles in the first of two appearances on the MVC's Game-of-the-Week. A 54-point production in the second half carried Memphis State to one of its most powerful performances of the season.

Game 15 (Jan. 27)

MEMPHIS STATE 71, WICHITA STATE 69—A jumper from the free throw line by Finch in the waning seconds brought the Tigers back from a 13-point deficit for their sixth straight victory. Finch's second-half surge made him the game's high scorer with 29 points.

Game 16 (Jan. 29)

MEMPHIS STATE 101, UNION 79—Memphis State, shooting 50 per cent from the field, squashed Union's upset hopes. Holcomb led the way with 24 points and Finch had 23 as the Tigers winning string stretched to seven.

Game 17 (Feb. 2)

MEMPHIS STATE 77, LOUISVILLE 69—A ballhawking 1-2-2 zone and a patient offense led by Robinson and Finch dazzled the Cardinals on their home floor. Robinson scored 23 points and Finch 18 in a victory that 1) gave the Tigers a tie for the MVC lead and 2) was the first for Memphis State in Freedom Hall. The Tigers returned to Memphis that night and were met by hundreds of cheering fans at Memphis International Airport.

Game 18 (Feb. 5)

MEMPHIS STATE 88, SOUTH ALABAMA 71—The Tigers took a break from conference competition to win their ninth in a row. The score was tied, 42-42, at half-time, but Robinson, Holcomb, and Finch led a second-half attack which destroyed the Jaguars.

Game 19 (Feb. 10)

ST. LOUIS 76, MEMPHIS STATE 72—The Tigers saw a nine-game winning string snapped as a second-half rally wasn't good enough to overcome a 17-point half-time deficit. Memphis State played perhaps its worst half of the season in running up only 20 points before intermission.

Game 20 (Feb. 12)

MEMPHIS STATE 87, NORTH TEXAS STATE 80—The Tigers sank 39 of 51 free throws to defeat the Eagles, who scored nine more field goals. The game was one of the roughest of the season as North Texas was called for 31 fouls. Finch had 29 points, including 20 in a row during one crucial stretch.

Game 21 (Feb. 17)

MEMPHIS STATE 70, BRADLEY 59—The Tigers avenged an earlier loss, pulling Bradley out of an early stall with fine defensive and offensive efforts. Finch had 28 points in another amazing performance by the 6-2 junior.

Game 22 (Feb. 19)

MEMPHIS STATE 73, ST. LOUIS 70—The Tigers could claim a victory over each MVC opponent after whipping the Billikens in a thriller at the Mid-South Coliseum. Memphis State overcame a four-point half-time deficit as Holcomb, Robinson and Finch combined for 64 points. Holcomb and Finch joined Memphis State's 1,000 point club.

Game 23 (Feb. 24)

MEMPHIS STATE 108, WICHITA STATE 98—The Tigers saw a 21-point lead dwindle to nothing in the second half, but had the staying power to defeat the Wheatshockers on their home floor. In a wild offensive display, Holcomb and Finch had 26 points apiece, Horton scored 23 and Robinson 22.

Game 24 (Feb. 26)

MEMPHIS STATE 91, TULSA 90—Finch and Holcomb led a stirring comeback which offset the fireworks of Tulsa's Bracey and Jim Clesson, who wound up with 40 points. The Tigers, roused from their quarters by a fire at 4 a.m., pulled themselves together in time to make a good showing in their second MVC Game-of-the-Week. The Tigers trailed by 12 at one time in the second half.

Game 25 (Mar. 2)

MEMPHIS STATE 80, LOUISVILLE 65—The Tigers pulled another trouncing of the Cardinals as the 1-2-2 zone worked to perfection again. The victory pulled Memphis State even with Louisville in the Valley standings and left only Drake in the way of clinching a tie for the title. Finch had 21 points and All MVC opponent Jim Price was held to four.

Game 26 (Mar. 4)

MEMPHIS STATE 70, DRAKE 69—The Tigers claimed their first MVC basketball championship, but it took a hectic rally to do it. Memphis State trailed by 16 points at one time in the second half, but came back on the strength of Finch's shooting. He finished with 27 points.

PLAYOFF GAME (Mar. 11)

(Memphis State and Louisville's identical 12-2 conference records resulted in this playoff game at Nashville, Tenn. The game was played only to select the Missouri Valley's representative in the NCAA Mid-West Regionals. Both Memphis State and Louisville were declared co-conference champions.)

LOUISVILLE 83, MEMPHIS STATE 72—The third time proved to be the charm for fourth-ranked Louisville, as the Cardinals played one of their better games of the season. Memphis State, ranked No. 9 (UPI), which earlier defeated Louisville, 77-69 in Louisville, and 80-65 in Memphis, out-shot the Cards from the floor but came up on the short end in the rebounding department, a fact which proved to be a big factor in the outcome. In the two previous games, Memphis State had out-rebounded Louisville. Louisville had six men in double figures, while Memphis State was led by Don Holcomb's 21 and Larry Finch's 18 points. Finch again outscored Jim Price, Louisville's All-America guard. Following the game, it was announced that Memphis State would represent the MVC in the NIT, marking the Tiger's fifth appearance in the New York classic.

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MEMPHIS STATE 74, ORAL ROBERTS 94—The Tigers ran into a redhot shooting Richard Fuqua who scored 42 points and dropped an opening round NIT game to Oral Roberts 94-74. Finch scored all of his 20 points in the first half and missed most of the last half in foul trouble before eventually fouling out. ORU held a 44-36 halftime advantage but MSU pulled to within four points mid-way through the final period but without Finch finally succumbed to the Titans' pressure defense.

MEMPHIS STATE 28-GAME VARSITY BASKETBALL STATISTICS (FINAL 1971-72 SEASON)

Player	G	Min	FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Reb-Avg	PF-D	TP	Ave	HG
Larry Finch	28	990	241-527	.457	187-223	.839	72-2.6	90-4	669	23.9	33
Don Holcomb	28	950	166-354	.469	135-199	.678	366-13.1	81-2	467	16.7	27
Ronnie Robinson	28	952	170-279	.609	103-148	.696	372-13.3	92-7	443	15.8	29
Fred Horton	26	755	132-292	.452	58-95	.611	146-5.6	85-6	322	12.4	25
Doug McKinney	26	468	48-110	.436	35-50	.700	29-1.1	25-1	131	5.0	12
Bill Laurie	28	646	47-121	.388	26-40	.650	56-2.0	45-1	120	4.3	16
Bob Foxworth	26	351	32-66	.485	12-37	.324	78-3.0	40-0	76	2.9	9
Ken Andrews	26	269	33-78	.423	10-12	.833	51-2.0	24-0	76	2.9	12
Jerry Tetzlaff	18	140	12-30	.400	6-12	.500	12-0.7	29-1	30	1.7	9
Steve Christ	18	78	12-27	.444	5-8	.625	21-1.2	9-0	29	1.6	8
Bob McKirman	1	1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0.0	0-0	0	0.0	0

Team Rebounds 154- 5.5

MSU TOTALS	28		893-1884	.474	577-824	.700	1357-48.5	547-21	2363	84.4	123
OPP TOTALS	28		821-1864	.441	455-680	.669	1149	601-28	2097	74.9	98

GAME BY GAME INDIVIDUAL SCORING (28 GAMES) 1971-72

Finch	33	16	23	25	29	5	22	20	21	28	24	28	28	32	29	23	18	20	26	29	21	27	18	20	669	TOTAL			
Holcomb	19	23	17	20	12	18	8	20	24	13	20	15	15	14	4	24	12	27	5	17	3	20	26	23	18	13	21	16	467
Robinson	20	8	13	11	23	28	16	9	11	15	15	16	13	24	13	13	23	29	18	2	11	24	22	14	8	9	15	20	443
Horton	13	20	0	—	—	11	13	25	16	25	6	11	11	6	15	8	13	8	2	11	17	5	23	15	14	16	8	10	322
McKinney	3	6	12	2	12	7	8	8	1	12	9	5	6	0	2	8	—	0	8	4	0	2	3	6	5	2	0	—	131
Laurie	7	4	0	6	0	0	4	4	0	5	4	6	8	3	2	8	9	0	2	16	2	2	7	4	6	1	8	2	120
Foxworth	6	5	2	6	0	4	2	0	4	8	0	0	—	4	4	6	2	0	9	8	3	0	1	0	0	2	—	0	76
Andrews	2	—	6	4	6	4	6	4	2	0	4	12	0	0	2	9	—	0	2	0	6	0	0	0	5	0	2	0	76
Christ	4	2	—	0	0	—	0	0	0	8	0	4	—	2	—	2	0	4	0	—	—	—	0	3	—	—	0	29	
Tetzlaff	1	0	—	—	—	4	0	2	0	9	0	2	0	6	—	0	—	0	0	—	—	—	0	—	0	—	0	6	30

— Did not play



Founded in 1907, the Missouri Valley Conference was the "first" intercollegiate athletic organization west of the Mississippi River. It maintains the highest of academic standards. Its graduates are among the leaders in education, business, industry and scientific fields in the nation. Each of its present members is located in a thriving, growing metropolitan area.

The objectives of the conference are to:

- Provide intercollegiate athletics a proper role in education;
- establish friendly relationships and high standards of competitive performance and promote good sportsmanship among individuals and institutions.
- provide and promote a well-rounded program of intercollegiate athletics in member institutions.
- establish an organization to manage and control intercollegiate athletics within the conference.

Present members of the MVC are Bradley University, Drake University, University of Louisville, Memphis State University, New Mexico State University, North Texas State University, St. Louis University, University of Tulsa, West Texas State University and Wichita State University.



COMMISSIONER — ALAN M. "MICKEY" HOLMES

Alan M. "Mickey" Holmes, for the past eight years the assistant commissioner and director of public relations for the Big-8 Conference, became the fourth Commissioner of the Missouri Valley Conference on July 1.

A graduate of the University of Iowa, Holmes became the SID at Grinnell College in Iowa following graduation in 1960. In 1964, Wayne Duke, then commissioner of the Big-8, hired Holmes to set up a service Bureau for the Big-8. While at Grinnell, Holmes had assisted in the Midwest Collegiate Conference office in the news bureau handling releases and administrative chores.

A three-year high school letterman in football, basketball and a four-year letterman in baseball, his background includes experience in photography, radio and newspaper work, advertising and public relations.



LARRY ENSMINGER — Assistant Commissioner and Director of Public Relations

Larry Ensminger, a native of Dodge City, Kansas, has served with the conference office since September of 1969. Serving in a host of positions, including publicity director, assistant commissioner and acting commissioner.

Prior to his MVC position, Ensminger spent seven years in the sports information field at Emporia and Pan American Colleges. Ensminger was also the baseball coach, basketball coach and an assistant athletic director at Pan American. A holder of a Master's degree in Education, Ensminger has also several years of newspaper experience in his background.

BOBBY SCOTT — Supervisor of Officials



Scott, 41, begins his first year as supervisor of officials. He has 15 years experience as a major college basketball official (13 in the MVC) and eight years experience as a major college football official (all in the MVC). He worked the NCAA finals in basketball in 1970 and 1972 and has worked NCAA regional basketball tournaments on nine different occasions. Scott, a graduate of Arkansas State, received his masters degree from West Texas State University. His background includes 15 years as a teacher, coach, and assistant athletic director for the Amarillo Public School System.

1971-72 MVC FINAL STANDINGS

	(Conference Games)				(All Games)			
	W	L	Pct.	OA-DA	W	L	Pct.	OA-DA
*Memphis State	12	2	.857	82.1-74.4	21	7	.750	84.4-74.9
*Louisville	12	2	.857	85.5-70.9	26	5	.839	84.3-72.4
St. Louis	9	5	.643	71.2-69.6	18	8	.692	75.1-68.5
Bradley	8	6	.571	75.0-69.6	17	9	.654	80.2-69.4
Wichita State	6	8	.429	73.4-70.6	16	10	.615	76.5-70.4
Tulsa	5	9	.357	76.8-84.0	15	11	.577	81.8-80.5
North Texas State	2	12	.143	70.5-80.4	8	18	.308	72.7-75.7
Drake	2	12	.143	70.5-78.3	7	19	.269	77.1-79.4

*—1972 Co-champions (Memphis State defeated Louisville, however, in both regular season games.)

1971-72 ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

*Jim Price, 6-3, Sr., G, Louisville

†*Larry Finch, 6-2, Jr., G, Memphis State

*Ron Thomas, 6-6, Sr., F, Louisville

†Ronnie Robinson, 6-9, Jr., F, Memphis State

Steve Bracey, 6-0, Sr., G, Tulsa

Sam Simmons, 6-3, Sr., G, Bradley

†Harry Rogers, 6-7, Jr., G, St. Louis

Terry Benton, 6-8, Sr., C, Wichita State

Don Holcomb, 6-10, Sr., C, Memphis State

Rich Schultz, 6-6, Sr., F, Bradley

Honorable Mention: Ron Harris, Wichita State; Vince Smith, Wichita State; Carlos Martinez, St. Louis; Rich Stallworth, St. Louis; Mike Lawhon, Louisville; Henry Bacon, Louisville; Al Vilcheck, Louisville; Eph McDaniel, North Texas State; Jim Clesson, Tulsa; Leon Huff, Drake.

*—Unanimous

†—Returns this season

1971-72 PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Larry Finch, 6-2, Jr., G, Memphis State

1971-72 COACH-OF-THE-YEAR

Gene Bartow, Memphis State University

1971-72 SOPHOMORE-OF-THE-YEAR

Seymour Reed, 6-6, Soph., F, Bradley

DISTRICT 5 ALL-AMERICA SELECTIONS (by U. S. Basketball Writers Assoc.)

Jim Price, Louisville; Steve Bracey, Tulsa; Larry Finch, Memphis State; Ron Thomas, Louisville. Price was voted "Best in District"

DISTRICT 3A, ALL-AMERICA SELECTIONS (by U.S. Basketball Writers Assoc.)

District 3-A: Ronnie Robinson, Memphis State; Larry Finch, Memphis State.

JIM PRICE, ALL-AMERICA

Jim Price of Louisville was named to the first team All-America team by the USBWA, the NBCA and to the second team by AP and UPI

NATIONAL STATISTICAL LEADERS (Individual)

SCORING—Steve Bracey, Tulsa, 25th; Larry Finch, Memphis State, 27th.

F.G. PERCENTAGE—Ronnie Robinson, Memphis State, 9th; Rich Schultz, Bradley, 17th.

FREE THROW PERCENTAGE—Sam Simmons, Bradley, 17th; Larry Finch, Memphis State, 20th.

MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE

FINAL Basketball Statistics (MVC Only) Through Mar. 7, 1972

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG.
Finch, MSU	14	126	110	362	25.9
Bracey, TU	14	138	63	339	24.2
Simmons, BU	14	110	80	300	21.4
Rogers, St. L	14	105	71	281	20.1
Price, UL	14	93	61	249	17.8
Schultz, BU	14	98	48	244	17.4
Harris, WSU	14	101	39	241	17.2
Benton, WSU	14	89	51	230	16.4
Clesson, TU	14	84	57	225	16.1
Thomas, UL	14	85	38	210	15.0

INDIVIDUAL REBOUND

	G	REB	AVG.
Holcomb, MSU	14	195	13.9
Benton, WSU	14	193	13.8
Thomas, UL	14	186	13.2
Robinson, MSU	14	171	12.3
Voskuhl, TU	14	132	9.4
McDaniel, NTS	14	125	8.9
Morris, TU	14	124	8.9
Seeger, DU	14	121	8.6
Huff, DU	14	110	7.8
Schultz, BU	14	104	7.4
Rogers, St. L	14	104	7.4

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE LEADERS

	G	FGM	FGA	PCT.
Robinson, MSU	14	79	129	.612
Schultz, BU	14	110	218	.605
Thomas, UL	14	85	145	.586
Voskuhl, TU	14	51	90	.567
Seeger, DU	14	75	141	.532
Benton, WSU	14	89	170	.524
Smith, WSU	14	94	181	.519
McDaniel, NT	14	79	153	.516
Kreher, WSU	14	40	78	.513
Rogers, St. L	14	105	207	.507

FREE THROW PERCENTAGE LEADERS

	G	FTM	FTA	PCT.
Clesson, TU	14	57	66	.864
Rogers, St. L	14	71	83	.855
Paradoski, St. L	14	40	47	.851
Simmons, DU	14	80	94	.851
Martinez, St. L	13	35	42	.833
Lawhon, UL	14	36	45	.819
Rademeyer, TU	14	45	55	.818
Finch, MSU	14	110	135	.815
Price, UL	14	61	77	.800
Horton, MSU	14	37	48	.771

TEAM OFFENSE

	G	(W-L)	PTS.	AVG.
Louisville	14	(12-2)	1198	85.5
Memphis State	14	(12-2)	1149	82.1
Tulsa	14	(5-9)	1075	76.8
Bradley	14	(8-6)	1050	75.0
Wichita State	14	(6-8)	1028	73.4
St. Louis	14	(9-5)	997	71.2
Drake	14	(2-12)	988	70.5
North Texas St.	14	(2-12)	987	70.5

TEAM DEFENSE

	G	(W-L)	PTS.	AVG.
Bradley	14	(8-6)	975	69.6
St. Louis	14	(9-5)	975	69.6
Wichita State	14	(6-8)	988	70.6
Louisville	14	(12-2)	993	70.9
Memphis State	14	(12-2)	1042	74.4
Drake	14	(2-12)	1097	78.3
North Texas St.	14	(2-12)	1126	80.4
Tulsa	14	(5-9)	1176	84.0

TEAM REBOUNDS

	G	REB	AVG.
Memphis State	14	639	45.4
Louisville	14	598	42.7
Tulsa	14	597	42.6
Drake	14	590	42.1
North Texas State	14	577	41.2
Wichita State	14	529	37.7
Bradley	14	516	36.8
St. Louis	14	471	33.6

TEAM FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

	FGM	FTA	PCT.
Wichita State	411	804	.511
Bradley	405	813	.498
Louisville	450	928	.487
Memphis State	416	876	.475
St. Louis	372	816	.456
North Texas State	405	932	.435
Tulsa	391	908	.431
Drake	407	947	.429

FREE THROW PERCENTAGE

	FTM	FTA	PCT.
Tulsa	293	390	.751
St. Louis	253	338	.748
Memphis State	317	429	.739
Bradley	240	337	.712
Louisville	198	251	.671
Drake	174	260	.669
Wichita State	206	314	.656
North Texas State	177	272	.651

AVERAGE SCORING MARGIN

	OFF.	DEF.	MAR.
Louisville	85.5	70.9	14.6
Memphis State	82.1	74.4	7.7
Bradley	75.0	69.6	5.4
Wichita State	73.4	70.6	2.8
St. Louis	71.2	69.6	1.6
Tulsa	76.8	84.0	-7.2
Drake	70.5	78.3	-7.8
North Texas State	70.5	80.4	-9.9

OUTLOOK '72-73

PRE-SEASON PREDICTION

(As picked by the Missouri Valley Conference Coaches and Sports Information Directors)

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| 1. MEMPHIS STATE | 6. Drake |
| 2. New Mexico State | 7. Louisville |
| 3. St. Louis | 8. North Texas State |
| 4. Wichita State | 9. Tulsa |
| 5. Bradley | 10. West Texas State |

1972-73 PRE-SEASON ALL-MVC TEAM

(As selected by the Sports Information Directors of the MVC)

Player	Pos.	School	Cl.	Ht.	Pt. Avg.
LARRY FINCH	G-	Memphis State	Sr.	6-2	23.9
RONNIE ROBINSON	C-F	Memphis State	Sr.	6-9	15.8
Harry Rogers	F-G	St. Louis	Sr.	6-7	18.7
Vince Smith	G-	Wichita State	Sr.	6-4	15.3
Jesse Leonard	F-	St. Louis	Sr.	6-5	12.4
Jerry Christian	C-	West Texas State	Sr.	6-7	12.0
Truman Ward	F-	New Mexico State	Sr.	6-6	13.1
Seymour Reed	F-	Bradley	Jr.	6-6	10.9
John Williamson	G-	New Mexico State	Jr.	6-2	27.1
Larry Seger	F-	Drake	Jr.	6-8	11.0

MSU ALL-TIME MISSOURI VALLEY ALL OPPONENT TEAM

(Compiled by statistics against MSU and opinions of current and former Tiger players)

FIRST TEAM

F-Jim Ard—Cincinnati
F-Jeff Halliburton—Drake
C-Wes Unseld—Louisville
G-Willie McCarter—Drake
G-Steve Bracey—Tulsa
Coach-Maury John—Drake

SECOND TEAM

F-Bobby Smith—Tulsa
F-Steve Kuberski—Bradley
C-Rick Roberson—Cincinnati
G-Joe Hamilton—North Texas State
G-Jim Price—Louisville
Coach-Bob Polk—St. Louis

The BIG Valley

The Missouri Valley Conference is not only the oldest intercollegiate organization west of the Mississippi River, it is also the largest in land area and one of the most populous. The ten MVC cities have a combined population of nearly 3 million; the nine states represented, approximately 43 million and cover 800,000 miles of land.

The conference is also blessed with an over abundance of media outlets: 25% of all the commercial TV stations; 24% of all the commercial AM radio stations; 24% of all the commercial FM radio stations; and 62 out of the 172 ABC-(NCAA)-TV stations. (Thus, each member institution has direct exposure to 8.2 million people.)

MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE COMPOSITE BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 1972-73

NOVEMBER 20 (Monday)

Athletes in Action at Tulsa

NOVEMBER 24 (Friday)

North Texas State at Nebraska
Angelo State at New Mexico State

NOVEMBER 25 (Saturday)

Wabash at Bradley

NOVEMBER 27 (Monday)

Samford at Tulsa
New Mexico State at UT-El Paso

NOVEMBER 28 (Tuesday)

Cal State (Fullerton) at North Tex. St.

NOVEMBER 30 (Thursday)

Vanderbilt at Louisville

DECEMBER 1 (Friday)

Tulsa vs. Oklahoma at Okla. City
North Texas State at Long Beach State
Bradley at U.C.L.A.
Corpus Christi U. at West Texas State
Wichita State at Oregon State

DECEMBER 2 (Saturday)

St. Mary's (Tex.) at Tulsa
North Texas State at Arizona State
Georgetown (Ky.) at Louisville
Missouri Western at Memphis State
Texas Tech at St. Louis
Wichita State at Oregon
Athletes in Action at New Mexico St.

DECEMBER 4 (Monday)

Southern Miss. at West Texas State
Chicago State at Drake

DECEMBER 5 (Tuesday)

New Mexico State at New Mexico
Dayton at Louisville

Memphis State at L.S.U.

UMo.-St. Louis at St. Louis

DECEMBER 6 (Wednesday)

Butler at Drake

DECEMBER 7 (Thursday)

Trinity (Tex.) at West Texas State
Georgia State at North Texas State
Wisc.-Milwaukee at Bradley
South Florida at Memphis State

DECEMBER 9 (Saturday)

UT-Arlington at West Texas State
DePaul at Drake
Kansas State at Tulsa
New Mexico State at Colorado
Butler at Louisville

Western Illinois at Bradley

Memphis State at Marquette

Notre Dame at St. Louis

Northern Illinois at Wichita State

DECEMBER 11 (Monday)

Creighton at Drake

North Texas State at Kansas State

DECEMBER 12 (Tuesday)

NE Louisiana at West Texas State
Tulsa at Texas Tech

Texas at Memphis State

DECEMBER 13 (Wednesday)

New Mexico at New Mexico State

DECEMBER 14 (Thursday)

West Texas State at St. Peter's

DECEMBER 15 (Friday)

Washington at Wichita State

DECEMBER 16 (Saturday)

West Texas State vs. Long Island U.
at Madison Square Garden
Drake at Iowa State
Cal State (Bakersfield) at Tulsa
UT-El Paso at New Mexico State
Tennessee Tech at Bradley

Navy at Memphis State

St. Louis vs. Seton Hall at Madison Square Garden

DECEMBER 18 (Monday)

Navy at Louisville

DECEMBER 20 (Wednesday)

Florida at Louisville
Emporia (Kan.) State at Bradley
California at Memphis State
Chicago Loyola at Wichita State

DECEMBER 22 (Friday)

Road Runner Invitational
at Las Cruces
(New Mexico State, Xavier, Southern Illinois, V.M.I.)
NE Louisiana at Bradley

DECEMBER 23 (Saturday)

Road Runner Invitational
at Las Cruces
(New Mexico State, Xavier, Southern Illinois, V.M.I.)
North Dakota State at Drake

Cincinnati at Tulsa

Louisville at Utah

Memphis State at Arkansas

St. Louis at Evansville

DECEMBER 26 (Tuesday)

Cornell at Memphis State

DECEMBER 27 (Wednesday)

Rainbow Classic at Honolulu
(Louisville, Fordham, Hawaii, North Carolina, Washington, Colorado, Sub-Pac)

Iowa at Drake

St. Louis Invitational at St. Louis
(St. Louis, Virginia, Georgetown, Army)

L.A. State at Wichita State

DECEMBER 28 (Thursday)

Quaker City Tournament
at Philadelphia
(New Mexico State, Georgia, Southern Cal, LaSalle, Duquesne, Princeton, St. Joseph)

Northeast Louisiana Holiday Tournament at Monroe

(North Texas State, NE Louisiana, Mississippi State, East Carolina)

Rainbow Classic at Honolulu
(Louisville, Fordham, Hawaii, North Carolina, Washington, Colorado, Sub-Pac)

DECEMBER 29 (Friday)

Sugar Bowl Tournament
at New Orleans
(Drake, U.C.L.A., Illinois, Temple)

Quaker City Tournament

at Philadelphia

(New Mexico State, Georgia, Southern Cal, LaSalle, Duquesne, Princeton, St. Joseph)

Northeast Louisiana Holiday Tournament at Monroe

North Texas State, NE Louisiana, Mississippi State, East Carolina)

Rainbow Classic at Honolulu
(Louisville, Fordham, Hawaii, North Carolina, Washington, Colorado, Sub-Pac)

Lobo Classic at Albuquerque
(Tulsa, New Mexico, Seattle, Dartmouth)

Charlotte Invitational at Charlotte, N.C.
(Bradley, St. Bonaventure, Cincinnati Davidson)

St. Louis Invitational at St. Louis
(St. Louis, Virginia, Georgetown, Army)

Wichita State at Cleveland State

DECEMBER 30 (Saturday)

Sugar Bowl Tournament at New

Orleans (Drake, U.C.L.A., Illinois, Temple)
 Quaker City Tournament at Philadelphia (New Mexico State, Georgia, Southern Cal, LaSalle, Duquesne, Princeton, St. Joseph)
 Rainbow Class at Honolulu (Louisville, Fordham, Hawaii, North Carolina, Washington, Colorado, Sub-Pac)
 Lobo Classic at Albuquerque (Tulsa, New Mexico, Seattle, Dartmouth)
 Charlotte Invitational at Charlotte, N.C. (Bradley, St. Bonaventure, Cincinnati, Davidson)
Memphis State at Vanderbilt
JANUARY 3 (Wednesday)
 West Texas State at Trinity (Tex.)
JANUARY 4 (Thursday)
Memphis State at Drake
 Tulsa at Bradley
 North Texas State at Louisville
JANUARY 5 (Friday)
 Astro-Bluebonnet Tournament at Houston (Wichita State, West Texas State, Houston, Texas A&M)
JANUARY 6 (Saturday)
Memphis State at Bradley
 St. Louis at Oklahoma State
 North Texas State at T.C.U.
 Detroit at Louisville
 St. Cloud State at Drake
 Astro-Bluebonnet Tournament at Houston (Wichita State, West Texas State, Houston, Texas A&M)
JANUARY 8 (Monday)
 St. Louis at New Mexico
JANUARY 9 (Tuesday)
 Tulsa at Arkansas
JANUARY 10 (Wednesday)
 St. Louis at Arizona State
Florida Tech at Memphis State
JANUARY 11 (Thursday)
 Bradley at West Texas State
 Drake at New Mexico State
 Wichita State at North Texas State
JANUARY 13 (Saturday)
 Drake at West Texas State (MVC-TV)
 North Texas State at Tulsa
 Bradley at New Mexico State
 Louisville at Wichita State
St. Louis at Memphis State
JANUARY 15 (Monday)
 NE Louisiana at Wichita State
JANUARY 17 (Wednesday)
 Tulsa at St. Louis
 Louisville at Dayton
JANUARY 18 (Thursday)
 Wichita State at Bradley
 North Texas State at Drake
 Loyola (L.A.) at West Texas State
JANUARY 20 (Saturday)
 West Texas State at Tulsa (MVC-TV)
 Wichita State at Drake
 North Texas State at Bradley
 Louisville at St. Louis
St. Joseph's at Memphis State
 Loyola (L.A.) at New Mexico State
JANUARY 22 (Monday)
 St. Louis at Southern Illinois
JANUARY 23 (Tuesday)
 Tulsa at Oklahoma City University
JANUARY 24 (Wednesday)
 Wisconsin-Green Bay at Bradley
JANUARY 25 (Thursday)
Louisville at Memphis State
 St. Louis at Wichita State
 West Texas State at North Texas State
 Drake at Cincinnati
JANUARY 27 (Saturday)
 Tulsa at Wichita State (MVC-TV)
 Bradley at Drake
New Mexico State at Memphis State
 Louisville at North Texas State
 West Texas State at St. Louis
JANUARY 29 (Monday)
 New Mexico State at Louisville
 Tulsa at Creighton
FEBRUARY 1 (Thursday)
Drake at Memphis State
 Wichita State at West Texas State
 Bradley at Louisville
 St. Louis at Tulsa
FEBRUARY 3 (Saturday)
Bradley at Memphis State
 Wichita State at New Mexico State
 St. Louis at Louisville (MVC-TV)
 Drake at Tulsa
FEBRUARY 5 (Monday)
 Louisville at Cincinnati
 North Texas State at West Texas State
FEBRUARY 8 (Thursday)
 West Texas State at Wichita State
Memphis State at Louisville
 St. Louis at Bradley
 Tulsa at New Mexico State
FEBRUARY 10 (Saturday)
 New Mexico State at North Texas State (MVC-TV)
Memphis State at Tulsa
 West Texas State at Drake
 Bradley vs. Iowa at Chicago Stadium
FEBRUARY 11 (Sunday)
 South Florida at St. Louis (3 p.m.)
FEBRUARY 12 (Monday)
 Bradley at Wichita State
 Arkansas State at Drake
FEBRUARY 15 (Thursday)
 New Mexico State at St. Louis
Wichita State at Memphis State
 Louisville at Drake
 Tulsa at North Texas State
 West Texas State at UT-Arlington
FEBRUARY 17 (Saturday)
 Louisville at Bradley (MVC-TV)
 St. Louis at Drake
 North Texas State at Wichita State
West Texas State at Memphis State
 New Mexico State at Tulsa
FEBRUARY 20 (Tuesday)
 Valdosta State at Bradley
FEBRUARY 21 (Wednesday)
 Drake at St. Louis
FEBRUARY 22 (Thursday)
Memphis State at North Texas State
 Louisville at West Texas State
FEBRUARY 24 (Saturday)
Memphis State at New Mexico State (MVC-TV)
 St. Louis at North Texas State
 Drake at Bradley
 Tulsa at West Texas State
 Cincinnati at Louisville
 Wichita State at Chicago Loyola
FEBRUARY 27 (Tuesday)
 New Mexico State at West Texas State
 Ball State at Wichita State
FEBRUARY 28 (Wednesday)
 Corpus Christi at North Texas State
MARCH 1 (Thursday)
 Tulsa at Louisville
 Bradley at St. Louis
MARCH 2 (Friday)
 Creighton at North Texas State
MARCH 3 (Saturday)
Memphis State at St. Louis (MVC-TV)
 Wichita State at Tulsa
 Drake at Louisville
 West Texas State at New Mexico State
MARCH 5 (Monday)
 North Texas State at New Mexico State
MARCH 9 (Friday)
 New Mexico State at Wichita State

MVC CHAMPIONS

1908 Kansas	1931 Washington (Mo.)	1953 Oklahoma A&M
1909 Kansas	Oklahoma A&M	1954 Oklahoma A&M
1910 Kansas	Creighton	1955 Tulsa
1911 Kansas	1932 Creighton	St. Louis
1912 Kansas	1933 Butler	1956 Houston
Nebraska	1934 Butler	1957 St. Louis
1913 Nebraska	1935 Creighton	1958 Cincinnati
1914 Kansas	Drake	1959 Cincinnati
1915 Kansas	1936 Creighton	1960 Cincinnati
1916 Nebraska	Drake	1961 Cincinnati
1917 Kansas State	1937 Oklahoma A&M	1962 Cincinnati
1918 Missouri	1938 Oklahoma A&M	Bradley
1919 Kansas State	1939 Oklahoma A&M	1963 Cincinnati
1920 Missouri	Drake	1964 Drake
1921 Missouri	1940 Oklahoma A&M	Wichita State
1922 Missouri	1941 Creighton	1965 Wichita State
Kansas	1942 Oklahoma A&M	1966 Cincinnati
1923 Kansas	Creighton	1967 Louisville
1924 Kansas	1943 Creighton	1968 Louisville
1925 Kansas	1944 Oklahoma A&M	1969 Drake
1926 Kansas	1945 Oklahoma A&M	Louisville
1927 Kansas	1946 Oklahoma A&M	1970 Drake
1928 Oklahoma	1947 St. Louis	1971 Drake, Louisville,
1929 Washington (Mo.)	1948 Oklahoma A&M	St. Louis
1930 Washington (Mo.)	1949 Oklahoma A&M	(Playoff winner, Drake)
Creighton	1950 Bradley	1972 Memphis State,
	1951 Oklahoma A&M	Louisville
	1952 St. Louis	(NCAA Rep., Louisville)

MVC SCORING LEADERS

Year	Player and School	Pts.	Avg.	Year	Player and School	Pts.	Avg.
1920	Scott, Missouri	273	15.2	1945	Kurland, Okla. A&M	529	20.4
1921	Williams, Missouri	311	17.3	1946	Kurland, Okla. A&M	245	14.0
1922	Rody, Kansas	244	15.3	1947	Macauley, St. Louis	169	12.2
1923	Browning, Missouri	237	14.8	1948	Knowles, Creighton	122	15.6
1924	Benz, Grinnell	152	9.5	1949	Pritchard, Drake	156	18.7
1925	Ackerman, Kansas	166	10.4	1950	Rennick, Drake	224	15.2
1926	Peterson, Kansas	162	9.0	1951	Hendrix, Houston	213	19.9
1927	Peterson, Kansas	126	10.5	1952	Swanson, Detroit	199	20.5
1928	Holt, Oklahoma	224	12.4	1953	Boushka, St. Louis	205	21.7
1929	Meyer, Wash. (Mo.)	114	16.3	1954	Mattick, Okla. A&M	217	30.5
1930	Meyer, Wash. (Mo.)	90	11.3	1955	Patterson, Tulsa	305	23.9
1931	VanAcheren, Creighton	72	9.0	1956	Boldebuck, Houston	287	26.2
1932	Schmidt, Creighton	81	10.1	1957	Ebben, Detroit	367	36.0
1933	Collin, Creighton	114	11.4	1958	Robertson, Cinn.	504	30.9
1934	Engelbreton, Creighton	88	8.8	1959	Robertson, Cinn.	432	32.6
1935	Martinoni, Wash. (Mo.)	115	9.6	1960	Robertson, Cinn.	457	26.1
1936	Engelbreton, Creighton	129	10.8	1961	Walker, Bradley	313	20.8
1937	Shaw, Creighton	133	11.1	1962	King, Tulsa	249	23.6
1938	Shaw, Creighton	147	10.5	1963	Stallworth, Wichita	284	24.8
1939	Roh, Creighton	160	11.4	1964	Stallworth, Wichita	297	19.8
1940	Swan, Drake	117	10.6	1965	Park, Tulsa	277	22.2
1941	O'Connor, Drake	129	10.8	1966	Russell, No. Texas	312	22.3
1942	Darnton, Wash. (Mo.)	145	14.5	1967	Russell, No. Texas	312	24.6
1943	Darnton, Wash. (Mo.)	125	12.5	1968	Allen, Bradley	394	23.7
1944	Kurland, Okla. A&M	444	13.4	1969	Smith, Tulsa	379	23.7
				1970	Carney, Wichita State	350	23.3
				1971	Irving, St. Louis	603	20.8
				1972	Finch, Memphis State	362	25.9

MVC COACH OF THE YEAR AWARDS

1948-1949—Henry P. Iba, Oklahoma A&M	1958-1959—George Smith, Cincinnati
1949-1950—Forrest "Forddy" Anderson, Bradley	1959-1960—Charles Osborn, Bradley
1950-1951—Henry P. Iba, Oklahoma A&M	1960-1961—Ed Jucker, Cincinnati
1951-1952—Edgar S. "Eddie" Hickey, St. Louis	1961-1962—Charles Osborn, Bradley
1952-1953—Henry P. Iba, Oklahoma A&M	1962-1963—Ed Jucker, Cincinnati
1953-1954—Ralph Miller, Wichita	1963-1964—Maury John, Drake
1954-1955—Clarence Iba, Tulsa	1964-1965—Gary Thompson, Wichita
1955-1956—Alden Pasche, Houston	1965-1966—Taylor Baker, Cincinnati
1956-1957—Edgar S. "Eddie" Hickey, St. Louis	1966-1967—Joe Swank, Tulsa
1957-1958—George Smith, Cincinnati	1967-1968—Maury John, Drake
	1968-1969—Maury John, Drake
	1969-1970—Maury John, Drake
	1970-1971—Bob Polk, St. Louis
	1971-1972—Gene Bartow, Memphis State



1972-73 MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE TELEVISION GAME OF THE WEEK

Jan. 13		Drake at West Texas State
Jan. 20		West Texas State at Tulsa
Jan. 27		Tulsa at Wichita State
Feb. 3		St. Louis at Louisville
Feb. 10		New Mexico State at North Texas State
Feb. 17		Louisville at Bradley
Feb. 14		Memphis State at New Mexico State
Mar. 3		Memphis State at St. Louis

VOICE OF THE VALLEY



TOM HEDRICK

Named **1970 Sportscaster of the Year** in Missouri, Tom also won the coveted award of **Sportscaster of the Year in Kansas** from 1960-1966 during his years as director of the Kansas Univ. (Jayhawk) Sports Network.

Hedrick, who also does special weekend reports for ABC's *Wide World of Sports*, served as the radio voice for both KU and Nebraska, and presently shares the Cincinnati (baseball) Reds' telecasting duties with Waite Hoyt.

Tom Hedrick, already regarded as one of the top young sportscasters in the nation, returns this season as the play-by-play commentator for the Missouri Valley Conference TV network (TVS). Hedrick, who helped select the top seniors in the country for the "Pizza Hut" basketball All-Star game last year, also serves as the radio voice of the Kansas City (football) Chiefs.

In addition, he has called three of the last four Super Bowl games, and handles the play-by-play for the Cotton Bowl Game for CBS Radio.



MVC TV

One of the highlights the past few years have been the televising of MSU games on the MVC TV Network. Here Ed McCauley, famous St. Louis basketball player and now the color-man for the network, interviews band director Dr. Tom Ferguson and golden girl Nancy Moffitt, after another one of her brilliant halftime performances.

HALF TIME AND PRE-GAME CEREMONIES ARE DRAMATIC AND ENTERTAINING!



THE GOLDEN GIRL



Nancy Moffitt

Halftime shows at Memphis State's basketball games for the past two years have been quite entertaining. One of the top — and most requested — shows is the performance of MSU's own Golden Girl, Miss Nancy Moffitt, a 20-year old sophomore beauty from Butler, Pa. A former national flagtwirling champion and national parade majorette winner, Nancy entered Memphis State in September of 1971. Her striking performance almost dominated the halftime shows at the football games and during the basketball season as well. Everywhere she has performed she has been an instant success and has already appeared on several regional telecasts.

In addition to her twirling activity, Nancy has entered several beauty contests, winning the talent division of the Miss Memphis State pageants in 1971 and in 1972, placing fourth and third in the judging respectively. Nancy spends the summers practicing new routines, and conducting several clinics and exhibitions.

"BENGAL PEP BAND"



The Tiger "Bengal Pep Band" is one of the mainstays of the program and according to Coach Bartow an "important aspect of MSU's home court advantage. . . ." Here, the group plays under the direction of assistant director Arthur Theil.

DIRECTOR OF BANDS



**DR. THOMAS
FERGUSON**

No university Director of Bands is more respected in the South than Memphis State's Tom Ferguson. The holder of a Doctorate degree in Music Theory from the Eastman School of Music, Ferguson became Director of Bands at Memphis State in 1960. Since then the program has flourished.

Prior to his engagement with the Tiger Band, Ferguson was head of the Band Master Warrant Officer program at the U.S. Naval School of Music in Washington, D.C.

Ferguson's duties as Director of Bands include directing the Wind Ensemble, Stage Band and "The Mighty Sound of the South," Memphis State's marching band and basketball's "Bengal (pep) Band."

POM-POM GIRLS

A new dimension will be added to the Tiger games this year, thanks to Coach Bartow and bandman Dr. Ferguson. Pom-pom girls will make their first official appearance. The group, a three-year old dream of Bartow's, include Nancy Moffitt (MSU's Golden Girl), Sandi Sandlin, Janiss Hudgens, Judy Young, Martha Stevens, Janet Miller, Bridgette Jones, Shelly Smith, Judy Joe, Toni Ledbetter, Wanda Evans, and Cindy Davis.

WINNING BASKETBALL

—A TRADITION AT MSU

By Bill Grogan

Sports Information Director

When the MSU pep band struck up "Happy Days Are Here Again," two years ago, nothing could have been more appropriate. Not since the glory days of Tiger basketball have as many memories been made as have been made since Coach Gene Bartow arrived on the scene.

The events are unbelievable, even incredible, and now belong to the Memphis State basketball story, an amazing story which started some 50 seasons ago in 1920 when the Tigers won 22 and lost 8. The West Tennessee State Normal School, as MSU was known then, played YMCAs, high schools, military academies, along with the "biggies." But one thing stood out. MSU was a consistent winner. From the 1920 season to the

1947 season, the Tigers had only five losing seasons. But the record, itself, isn't all there is to the tradition. The big name back yonder, as it was in the entire athletic program, was Zack Curlin—coach! For 24 years, Zack coached MSU basketball compiling a 121-112 record. To say the least, Coach Curlin had a lot to do with MSU's basketball tradition.



Curlin

During those years, MSU's name changed again, to the West Tennessee State Teachers College. But MSU basketball didn't change. There was the time the Tigers "played the socks off" the World

Champion Celtics, losing only in the final minutes, 48-43. There were the many "city championships" which the Tigers collected. Tiger tradition had been born.

AND THEN CAME LAMBERT

After Coach Curlin "hung 'em up," McCoy Tarry came along and coached the Tigers to a 36-27 record in his three

seasons. But then in 1950—twenty years ago—Dr. Eugene Lambert reported to MSU and added to the tradition. In five years, he developed the Tigers into one of the nation's top basketball powers. His basketball teams went to two NCAA tournaments and upset team after team. His record speaks for itself—88-44. MSU's name had changed again. Now it was Memphis State College and basketball tradition had been established.



Lambert

"CINDERELLA"—AND A GUY NAMED VANATTA

1957 was probably MSU's most important year as far as basketball goes. Lambert had gone to coach Alabama, and a new "very enthusiastic" individual had taken over the basketball reins. His name was Vanatta—Bob Vanatta. He did as much for MSU's winning tradition as did anyone. Come to think of it, he probably did more!

They were known as the "cinderella team of the nation" that year, the year when MSU went to the NIT in New York. To get there, the "Dixie Darlings" won 21 of 26 games. Teams like Marquette, Texas Tech, Mississippi State, Louisville and Western Kentucky found out about MSU and its tradition.

Before the Garden classic started, Vanatta shocked everyone, saying, "We think we can win the tournament . . ." The replies went something to this effect: "They'll never make it past Utah! . . . the Ukes'll blow 'em out . . ." Well, the Tigers upset Utah 77-75. Local favorite Manhattan was next to find out just how much tradition MSU had. The Bonnies of St. Bonaventure went down 80-78, and MSU had won the hearts of basketball fans the country over. It was MSU vs. powerful Bradley in the finals. The rest is history . . . the foul that wasn't called and the foul that was called will be talked about forever . . . that's tradition.



Vanatta

Vanatta kept coaching for five more seasons. And Vanatta kept winning for five more seasons. He compiled as good a record in that span of years as did anyone in the nation, winning 109 while losing only 34. That figures out to a .762 percentage . . . and a lot of tradition.

Sugar Bowls were won as were a host of BIG-BIG games. There were stars like Win Wilfong, Jim Hockaday, the Butcher, just as there had

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been the Forrest Arnolds in the years before.

Wayne Yates, Lowery Kirk, Skip Wolfe, Hunter Beckman . . . on and on they came. There were other trips to the NIT—in 1960, in 1961, and to the NCAA in 1962.

THE EHLERS ERA

After Vanatta showed everyone MSU's winning tradition, Vanatta went to Missouri and handed over that tradition to Dean Ehlers. And it happened again! Ehlers took MSU to the NIT in his first year. People said the 61-59 Dayton game did it . . . but there were 18 other wins against only seven setbacks that year which had a lot to say about the trip.

There were some players who had a lot to say too—players like Bob Neumann and King George I. There was a sophomore named John Hillman who would have a lot to say before his graduation too.

There were many wins in the Ehlers' era . . . not as many as before . . . but some of the wins were as big if not bigger. . . One of those was played in the Fieldhouse on Monday, Jan. 20, 1964. MSU, that night, made as much history—and added as much to the winning tradition—as did the 1957 NIT team. Top-ranked Loyola got beat 83-65 . . . and they really got beat!

BUTLER AND IBA

1965 saw another sophomore come along . . . with a bucketful of shots . . . and a pocketful of marbles. His name is now listed at the top of the all-time scoring list—Mike Butler. Others like B. G. Petty, Mirrielees, and Mackie Don did their thing too.

1967 saw another new coach, an Iba, the son of Hank.

He, too, like his two predecessors came through, and went to New York his first year. He had a new game. He believed in it, and there are many players who played for him who'll never forget him.

THE STORY CONTINUES

Since then, MSU has entered what many call the "Valley of death" and, until Bartow, the "story" dimmed.

Now, after the second and third "cinderella" chapters in MSU's basketball history, both the story and the tradition are as hot as ever.

The Tigers, who have recorded 33 winning seasons out of 44, are once again in the national picture and are once again winning. The story which Zack Curlin started . . . the story which Eugene Lambert and Bob Vanatta continued and confirmed has been rekindled by a coach named BARTOW, and by two players named Finch and Robinson, who have boosted the Memphis State basketball story to the ultimate.

TIGER BASKETBALL THROUGH THE YEARS

Year	Record	Coach
1920-21	22-8	Grantham
1921-22	Unknown	W. H. DePriest
1922-23	7-6	Unknown
1923-24	4-6	L. S. Barnhard
1924-25	Unknown	Zack Curlin
1925-26	5-5	Zack Curlin
1926-27	Unknown	Zack Curlin
1927-28	4-3	Zack Curlin
1928-29	Unknown	Zack Curlin
1929-30	5-1	Zack Curlin
1930-31	Unknown	Zack Curlin
1931-32	10-8	Zack Curlin
1932-33	5-3	Zack Curlin
1933-34	5-14	Zack Curlin
1934-35	5-15	Zack Curlin
1935-36	12-3	Zack Curlin
1936-37	Unknown	Zack Curlin
1937-38	Unknown	Zack Curlin
1938-39	Unknown	Zack Curlin
1939-40	8-10	Zack Curlin
1940-41	9-8	Zack Curlin
1941-42	7-8	Zack Curlin
1942-43	7-5	Zack Curlin
1943-44	Unknown	Zack Curlin
1944-45	5-7	Zack Curlin
1945-46	7-5	Zack Curlin
1946-47	11-7	Zack Curlin
1947-48	13-10	Zack Curlin
1948-49	11-11	McCoy Tarry
1949-50	12-9	McCoy Tarry
1950-51	13-7	McCoy Tarry
1951-52	25-10	Eugene Lambert
1952-53	10-14	Eugene Lambert
1953-54	15-9	Eugene Lambert
1954-55	18-4	Eugene Lambert
1955-56	20-7	Eugene Lambert
1956-57	24-6	Bob Vanatta
1957-58	15-7	Bob Vanatta
1958-59	17-6	Bob Vanatta
1959-60	18-5	Bob Vanatta
1960-61	20-3	Bob Vanatta
1961-62	15-7	Bob Vanatta
1962-63	19-7	Dean Ehlers
1963-64	14-11	Dean Ehlers
1964-65	10-14	Dean Ehlers
1965-66	10-15	Dean Ehlers
1966-67	17-9	Moe Iba
1967-68	8-17	Moe Iba
1968-69	6-19	Moe Iba
1969-70	6-20	Moe Iba
1970-71	18-8	Gene Bartow
1971-72	21-7	Gene Bartow

TIGER 1,000-POINT CLUB



MIKE BUTLER
1,409 (3 years)



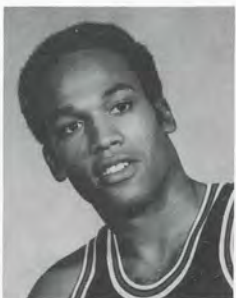
FORREST ARNOLD
1,303 (3 years)



WIN WILFONG
1,203 (2 years)



LARRY FINCH
1,148 (2 years)



JAMES DOUGLAS
1,143 (3 years)



DON HOLCOMB
1,118 (3 years)



BOB NEUMANN
1,117 (2½ years)



JOHN HILLMAN
1,009 (3 years)



HUNTER BECKMAN
1,007 (3 years)

POST SEASON TOURNAMENTS

NCAA

- 1955—Penn State 59, MSU 55, Lexington, Ky.
 1956—Oklahoma City 97, MSU 81, Wichita, Kan.
 1962—Creighton 87, MSU 83, Dallas, Texas.

NIT (New York)

- 1957—MSU 77, Utah 75; MSU 85, Manhattan 73; MSU 80, St. Bonaventure 78 (third round); Bradley 84, MSU 83 (final).
 1960—Providence 71, MSU 70.
 1961—Holy Cross 81, MSU 69.
 1963—MSU 70, Fordham 49; Canisius 76, MSU 67.
 1967—Providence 77, MSU 68.
 1971—Oral Roberts 94, MSU 74.

MEMPHIS STATE'S 100-POINT GAMES (41)

1950-51—103, Memphis Navy	54	1960-61—118, Calif. (Davis)	52
1951-52—100, Southwestern	39	102, No. Tex. St.	56
1952-53—118, Chattanooga	71	111, Mo. Rolla	50
1953-54—104, Marshall	85	104, Richmond	73
1954-55—105, Arkansas Tech	102	1961-62—107, San Fran. St.	49
104, Arkansas St.	79	103, N.W. La.	83
106, Abilene Christ.	71	101, Seton Hall	84
1955-56—136, Union	70	101, Loyola (So.)	58
102, Hardin-Sim.	52	1962-63—101, New Mex. St.	77
112, Southern Miss.	76	1963-64—108, Alabama	75
112, N.W. La.	78	1964-65—116, Pepperdine	90
105, Miss. St.	73	1965-66—107, Xavier, O.	110
106, Murray St.	72	1970-71—113, South Dakota	98
101, Centenary	82	108, Mo., St. Louis	86
100, Murray St.	94	102, Bradley	87
1956-57—105, Murray St.	92	113, St. Joseph's	
101, Tenn. Tech	74	(Ind.)	97
1958-59—105, Chattanooga	56	1971-72—108, Mo.-Rolla	66
101, Tampa	63	123, MacMurray	62
1959-60—107, U.T.E.P.	48	101, Union	79
100, Richmond	74	108, Wichita State	98

OPPONENTS' 100-POINT GAMES (10)

1952-53—100 by Marshall	76	1963-64—105 by Seattle	88
1954-55—111 by Morehead	90	1965-66—100 by W. Ky.	61
102 by Ark. Tech	105	104 by OCU	89
1956-57—106 by OCU	96	115 by Creighton	82
		110 by Xavier	107
		1970-71—102 by Louisville	73

HOLIDAY TOURNAMENTS

Sugar Bowl, New Orleans

1957—MSU 65, Loyola of the South 63.

MSU 47, Maryland 46 (championship, triple overtime).

1958—MSU 73, Loyola of the South 71.

Mississippi State 73, MSU 55 (Final)

1960—MSU 94, Western Kentucky 74.

West Virginia 86, MSU 82 (final, overtime)

1957—Davidson 55, MSU 41
MSU 73, Michigan State 57.

All-College, Oklahoma City

1956—MSU 99, Texas Tech 77.

Seattle 84, MSU 76.
MSU 77, Marquette 76 (third place).

1962—MSU 76, Toledo 61.
Loyola of Chicago 94, MSU 82.

MSU 80, Oklahoma City 77 (third place)

1969—MSU 67, Arizona State 62.
Oklahoma State 72, MSU 58.

Tennessee 51, MSU 72 (fourth place).

Senior Bowl, Mobile

1954—MSU 94, Spring Hill 83.
MSU 105, Arkansas Tech 102 (championship, overtime).

1955—MSU 79, Miami (Fla.) 71.
Spring Hill 69, MSU 65 (final.)

Gulf South Classic, Shreveport

1961—South Carolina 79, MSU 78.
MSU 103, Northwest Louisiana 83.

MSU 79, Murray State 67 (third place).

Vanderbilt Classic

1963—Vanderbilt 85, MSU 79.
MSU 88, Western Ky. 83.

1971—MSU 74, Ole Miss 71
Vanderbilt 83, MSU 82

Memphis State Classic

1964—MSU 95, SMU 92 (ot).
Indiana 91, MSU 68 (final).

1955—Texas 80, MSU 72.

MSU 85, Missouri 72.

1966—MSU 43, Arkansas 36.

MSU 55, Maryland 53 (championship).

Poinsettia Classic

1968—The Citadel 76, MSU 73.

MSU 79, Furman 69.

Queen City, Buffalo

1965—Drake 80, MSU 65.

Canisius 92, MSU 89.

Liberty Bowl

1969—MSU 82, Mississippi State 74.

Tulsa 82, MSU 72.

California Winter Classic

1970—MSU 93, Columbia 62.

Calif. Santa Barbara 85, MSU 81.

Sun Bowl

1971—MSU 82, San Francisco 77

UTEP 85, MSU 79



WITH THE TIGERS

BOB JONES

Bob Jones, who will be covering Memphis State's basketball campaign for the Commercial Appeal, will be in his third season with the Tigers.

Jones, who attended Memphis State, began his newspaper career with The Commercial Appeal in 1960. He joined the public relations staff of the National Cotton Council in 1967, served as sports editor of the Pine Bluff Commercial in 1968 and returned to The Commercial Appeal sports department last year.



BUCK PATTON

Buck Patton, a veteran reporter for the Memphis Press-Scimitar for 18 years, has been covering the Memphis State sports scene for that paper since graduating from MSU in 1956. A native of Dyersburg, Tenn., Buck is a member of the ethics committee of the United States Basketball Writers Association. In addition, Buck also is a select member of football's Heisman Trophy voting committee. Besides his MSU assignment, Buck writes a column and covers the outdoor field.



VOICE OF THE TIGERS

JACK EATON

The account of Memphis State University's action on the basketball court again will be handled by Jack Eaton, who will be in his 14th season of calling the play-by-play.

Eaton, of WMC Radio in Memphis, is a former basketball player at Washington and Jefferson. He has been with the WMC stations in Memphis since 1956, and broke into sportscasting at WDAK-TV, Columbus, Ga.

Eaton's color commentators on the broadcasts will be former Tiger great George Kirk, for the home games; and Buck Patton, columnist and sportswriter for the Memphis Press Scimitar for the road games.



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MEMPHIS STATE UNIVERSITY VARSITY BASKETBALL vs. MAJOR OPPONENTS (1921-1972)

Opponent	Won	Lost	First Game	Last Game
Abilene Christian	2	0	1955	1969
Alabama	4	0	1959	1965
Alabama State	2	0	1954	1954
Arizona	3	2	1953	1966
Arizona State	1	0	1970	1970
Arkansas	3	1	1942	1972
Arkansas A & M	0	2	1934	1934
Arkansas State	18	13	1922	1957
Arkansas Tech	2	2	1951	1955
Auburn	0	1	1953	1953
Austin Peay State	8	3	1936	1952
Baltimore	1	0	1952	1952
Baylor	4	0	1954	1962
Bethel College (Tenn.)	9	1	1925	1952
Birmingham Southern	3	0	1948	1959
Bradley	3	8	1957	1972
Brigham Young	2	0	1961	1963
Brown University	1	0	1969	1969
California-Davis	2	0	1961	1971
Calif. (Santa Barbara)	0	1	1971	1971
Canisius	0	2	1963	1966
Centenary College	7	5	1953	1963
Christian Bros. College	2	0	1920	1920
Cincinnati	0	6	1968	1970
Citadel	3	2	1958	1969
Columbia	1	0	1971	1971
Connecticut State	0	1	1950	1950
Creighton	3	3	1962	1967
Dartmouth	0	1	1970	1970
David Lipscomb	4	1	1933	1935
Davidson	0	1	1968	1968
Dayton	2	9	1954	1967
De Paul	2	1	1957	1965
Delta State	13	12	1928	1951
Drake	3	8	1966	1972
Duquesne	0	2	1965	1966
East Tennessee State	1	1	1953	1954
Eastern Oregon	1	0	1952	1952
Eastern Washington	1	0	1952	1952
Florida State	10	5	1953	1967
Fordham	1	1	1963	1965
Furman	1	0	1969	1969
Gen. Mtrs. Inst. (Mich.)	1	0	1952	1952
Hardin-Simmons	3	0	1956	1959
Hartwick College (N.Y.)	1	0	1953	1953
Hawaii	1	1	1952	1963
Hendrix College	2	1	1922	1923
Holy Cross	0	1	1961	1961
Houston	2	0	1957	1957
Howard University	1	1	1948	1948
Idaho	0	1	1952	1952
Indiana	0	1	1965	1965
Indiana State	1	0	1971	1971
Jacksonville University	3	0	1966	1967
Jacksonville State (Ala.)	1	0	1936	1936
Lamar University	1	1	1960	1968
Lambuth College	8	5	1925	1954
Louisiana College	1	0	1961	1961
Louisiana State Univ.	1	0	1972	1972
Louisiana Tech	1	1	1953	1953
Louisville	5	15	1949	1972
Loyola of Chicago	1	3	1958	1963
Loyola of the South	22	7	1951	1971
MacMurray College (Ill.)	1	0	1972	1972
Manhattan	1	1	1953	1954
Marquette	3	1	1957	1972
Marshall University	1	1	1953	1954
Maryland	2	0	1958	1967
McNeese State	2	0	1963	1964
Miami (Fla.)	3	2	1956	1968
Michigan State	1	0	1968	1968
Middle Tennessee State	18	7	1934	1961
Millsaps College	1	0	1936	1936
Minnesota	1	1	1962	1963
Mississippi	12	0	1922	1972
Mississippi College	1	0	1933	1933
Mississippi State	10	8	1947	1970
Missouri	1	0	1966	1966
Missouri at Rolla	2	0	1961	1972
Missouri at St. Louis	1	0	1971	1971

Opponent	Won	Lost	First Game	Last Game
Montana State	1	0	1961	1961
Morehead State	0	2	1954	1955
Murray State	18	16	1935	1963
Nebraska	1	0	1955	1955
Nevada at Las Vegas	1	0	1971	1971
New Mexico	1	0	1957	1957
New Mexico State	2	0	1962	1963
New York University	0	1	1964	1964
Northeastern Louisiana	2	0	1960	1961
North Texas State	9	5	1960	1972
Northwestern Louisiana	3	0	1956	1962
Ohio State	0	1	1960	1960
Oklahoma City	6	7	1956	1970
Oklahoma State	1	1	1971	1972
Oral Roberts	0	1	1972	1972
Penn State	0	1	1955	1955
Pepperdine	2	0	1965	1966
Pittsburgh	1	0	1950	1950
Portland	0	3	1952	1964
Princeton	1	0	1971	1971
Providence	0	2	1960	1967
Rice University	2	0	1967	1968
Richmond	3	0	1960	1962
Rhode Island	0	1	1964	1964
Rollins University	1	0	1959	1959
St. Bonaventure	1	1	1956	1957
St. Francis (N.Y.)	0	1	1953	1953
St. Francis (Pa.)	0	1	1953	1953
St. Joseph's (Ind.)	1	0	1971	1971
St. Louis	2	9	1967	1972
Sam Houston State	1	0	1970	1970
San Francisco	1	0	1972	1972
San Francisco State	1	0	1962	1962
Santa Clara	0	1	1965	1965
Seattle	1	4	1952	1965
Seton Hall	1	1	1953	1962
Sienna College (N.Y.)	0	1	1953	1953
South Alabama	1	0	1972	1972
South Carolina	0	1	1962	1962
South Dakota	1	0	1971	1971
Southeast Missouri State	0	2	1935	1935
Southern Illinois	0	1	1950	1950
Southern Methodist	1	1	1954	1965
Southern Mississippi	11	2	1941	1967
U. of South (Sewanee)	2	0	1948	1948
Southwestern at Memphis	20	9	1925	1952
Southwestern Louisiana	1	0	1965	1965
Spring Hill College	6	2	1952	1960
Stetson University	1	0	1958	1958
Tampa	2	0	1959	1959
Temple University	0	1	1953	1953
Tennessee	0	1	1970	1970
Tennessee at Chattanooga	6	2	1947	1959
Tennessee Tech	23	18	1932	1961
Texas	0	1	1966	1966
Texas at Arlington	1	0	1969	1969
Texas at El Paso	2	1	1956	1972
Texas A & M	4	4	1956	1967
Texas Christian	2	0	1967	1968
Texas Tech	4	0	1955	1963
Texas Wesleyan	3	0	1960	1970
Toledo	1	0	1963	1963
Toronto	1	0	1959	1959
Tulsa	2	11	1965	1972
Union University (Tenn.)	28	14	1920	1972
Utah	1	0	1957	1957
Vanderbilt	0	2	1964	1972
Villanova	2	6	1961	1967
Virginia Military Inst.	1	0	1958	1958
Washington U. (Mo.)	1	0	1956	1956
Wayne State U. (Mich.)	0	1	1953	1953
West Virginia	1	1	1956	1961
Western Kentucky	5	6	1934	1967
Whitman College (Wash.)	0	1	1952	1952
Whitworth Col. (Wash.)	2	0	1952	1952
Wichita State	5	7	1959	1972
William & Mary	1	0	1962	1962
Xavier (Ohio)	1	5	1955	1967
Yale University	1	0	1967	1967
TOTALS				Pct.
(159 Opponents)	448	319		.578

TIGER SCOREBOARD 1948-72

1947-48 (13-10)

Coach: Zack Curlin

53	Mid. Tenn.	45
56	Aus. Peay	48
41	Aus. Peay	48
43	Murray St.	61
51	Ark. State	53
54	Union	40
54	Sewanee	42
63	Chattanooga	64
32	Tenn. Tech	43
46	NATTC	32
32	Delta State	52
51	S'thwestern	42
46	Murray St.	37
37	Howard	32
58	Ark. State	61
40	S'thwestern	35
44	Tenn. Tech	58
42	NATTC	52
40	Birm. So.	39
63	Union	38
62	Sewanee	42
52	Howard	59
71	Birm. So.	51
1131		1093

1948-49 (11-11)

Coach: McCoy Tarry

51	Union	50
71	Aus. Peay	65
50	Conn. St.	60
43	NATTC	39
53	Louisville	72
53	S'thwestern	50
71	Chattanooga	74
62	Aus. Peay	63
59	Ark. State	55
51	W. Kentucky	78
67	Tenn. Tech.	57
53	NATTC	31
50	Union	68
48	Delta State	44
52	Murray St.	56
58	Delta State	80
52	Chattanooga	42
62	Murray St.	60
56	Mid. Tenn.	68
51	Tenn. Tech	63
52	Ark. State	61
75	S'thwestern	65
1240		1301

1949-50 (12-9)

Coach: McCoy Tarry

57	NATTC	39
58	Louisville	79
64	Mid. Tenn.	50
68	Aus. Peay	63
50	Conn. St.	60
51	Union	52
52	S'thwestern	43
64	NATTC	44
71	Aus. Peay	62
49	Tenn. Tech	66
54	Ark. State	49
73	Union	33
66	Delta State	75
56	Tenn. Tech	39
58	Delta State	67
57	Pittsburgh	39
51	Ark. State	52
62	Chattanooga	49

56	So. Illinois	58
57	Murray St.	64
82	S'thwestern	50
1256		1133

1950-51 (13-7)

Coach: McCoy Tarry

48	Ark. Tech.	46
103	NATTC	54
59	Tenn. Tech	51
51	Murray St.	71
75	Aus. Peay	53
50	Ark. Tech	52
81	Keesler AFB	51
57	Loyola U.	59
51	Murray St.	55
48	Louisville	51
71	NATTC	55
58	Louisville	67
82	Union	46
81	Delta State	49
87	Loyola (So.)	63
62	Aus. Peay	55
58	Delta State	53
90	Union	50
58	Chattanooga	54
40	Tenn. Tech	57
1310		1102

1951-52 (25-10)

Coach: Eugene Lambert

82	Bethel	55
58	Miss. State	60
60	Mem. Navy	50
48	Idaho	51
52	Whitman	55
63	Seattle	66
49	Portland	58
79	E. Oregon	63
67	E. Wash.	53
69	Whitworth	60
66	Whitworth	55
61	Hawaii	68
60	GM Inst.	58
62	Air. Trng. S.	47
47	Spring Hill	48
72	Miss. So.	57
51	Murray St.	47
85	S'thwestern	39
65	Bethel	31
79	Miss. So.	57
70	Union	56
74	Aus. Peay	51
92	Mid. Tenn.	57
70	Murray St.	72
89	Union	55
47	Mississippi	42
60	Aus. Peay	64
61	Mid. Tenn.	46
66	Lambuth	57
100	S'thwestern	39
62	Mem. Navy	52
52	Mid. Tenn.	39
45	Tenn. Tech.	38
60	Baltimore	39
48	Portland	73
1871		1858

1952-53 (10-14)

Coach: Eugene Lambert

78	Centenary	86
71	E. Tenn.	75
91	Lambuth	81

70	La. Tech	63
71	St. Fran. (NY)	76
65	Wayne St.	74
61	St. Fran. (Pa.)	76
76	Marshall	102
64	Auburn	78
75	Arizona	56
90	Spring Hill	60
62	Mid. Tenn.	77
40	Tenn. Tech.	55
64	Temple	71
93	Hartwick	67
59	Siena	72
85	Seton Hall	103
96	Tenn. Tech.	83
72	Centenary	62
87	Florida St.	73
73	Miss. So.	81
83	La. Tech	93
72	Mississippi	65
118	Chattanooga	71
1816		1800

1953-54 (15-9)

Coach: Eugene Lambert

96	Union	67
89	Lambuth	59
71	E. Tenn.	68
59	Morehead St.	69
104	Marshall	85
63	SMU	66
67	Ark. Tech.	83
71	Baylor	64
73	Murray St.	82
75	Mid. Tenn.	68
73	Tenn. Tech	84
68	Ala. St.	60
47	Murray St.	45
82	Mid. Tenn.	65
53	W. Kentucky	63
86	Miss. So.	73
70	Centenary	80
87	Ark. State	77
59	Dayton	66
81	Tenn. Tech.	58
82	Mississippi	75
75	Ark. State	85
98	Alabama St.	61
65	Centenary	57
1784		1671

1954-55 (18-4)

Coach: Eugene Lambert

95	Mid. Tenn.	80
69	Dayton	88
72	Xavier	81
90	Mo'head St.	111
70	Murray St.	68
75	Texas Tech	66
86	Nebraska	79
99	Union	67
94	Spring Hill	83
105	Ark. Tech	102
67	Murray St.	56
96	Tenn. Tech.	73
104	Ark. State	79
91	Mid. Tenn.	86
95	Centenary	82
81	Xavier	67
94	Miss. State	68
106	Abil. Chris.	71
86	Ark. State	71
83	Tenn. Tech	45

TIGER SCOREBOARD 1948-72

68	Centenary	70
55	Penn. State	59
1881		1652

1955-56 (20-7)

Coach: Eugene Lambert

136	Union	70
84	Texas A&M	71
102	Hardin Sim.	52
112	Miss. So.	76
75	Hardin Sim.	73
71	Texas West	70
98	Arizona	92
112	N.W. La.	78
79	Miami (Fla.)	71
65	Spring Hill	69
80	W. Kentucky	64
74	Ark. State	64
75	Louisville	85
73	Washing. U.	71
105	Miss. State	73
97	Ark. State	67
106	Murray St.	72
67	St. Bonaven.	79
84	W. Virginia	69
96	Tenn. Tech	77
71	Dayton	85
101	Centenary	82
100	Murray St.	94
81	Tenn. Tech	90
80	Centenary	84
78	N.W. La.	65
81	Okla. City	96
2383		2039

1956-57 (24-6)

Coach: Bob Vanatta

88	Ark. State	68
89	Miss. State	78
82	Houston	78
71	Miss. So.	70
77	Texas West	48
96	New Mexico	72
70	Spring Hill	62
99	Texas Tech	77
76	Seattle	84
77	Marquette	76
93	Arizona	76
68	Okla. City	80
71	Louisville	93
85	DePaul	81
105	Murray St.	92
101	Tenn. Tech	74
89	Tenn. Tech	73
86	Miss. State	83
93	Murray St.	72
81	Louisville	78
86	W. Kentucky	84
78	Centenary	90
96	Houston	86
96	Okla. City	106
98	W. Kentucky	82
87	Ark. State	75
77	Utah	75
85	Manhattan	73
80	St. Bonaven.	78
83	Bradley	84
2562		2348

1957-58 (15-7)

Coach: Bob Vanatta

96	Union	69
72	V.M.I.	68

67	Texas A&M	71
54	Miss. State	58
70	The Citadel	63
69	Manhattan	88
53	Okla. City	50
75	Murray St.	66
65	Loyola (Co.)	63
47	Maryland	46
59	Florida St.	56
64	Stetson	58
54	The Citadel	62
76	Tenn. Tech	59
85	Mississippi	62
64	Tenn. Tech.	63
76	Loyola (Chi.)	79
56	Murray St.	50
59	Okla. City	67
68	Florida St.	51
55	Loyola (So.)	68
70	Spring Hill	54
1403		1371

1958-59 (17-6)

Coach: Bob Vanatta

105	Chattanooga	56
64	Rollins	48
59	Alabama	55
101	Tampa	63
74	Hardin-Sim.	42
96	Toronto	56
73	Loyola (So.)	71
55	Miss. State	73
66	Okla. City	61
75	Florida St.	72
79	Tenn. Tech.	82
85	Birming. So.	33
65	Mississippi	63
52	Miss. State	53
72	Loyola (So.)	87
95	Tampa	65
92	Wichita	95
93	Florida St.	69
82	Centenary	62
63	Tenn. Tech	60
68	Okla. City	71
96	Loyola (So.)	62
77	Spring Hill	37
1786		1438

1959-60 (18-5)

Coach: Bob Vanatta

55	Ohio State	94
90	N. Texas St.	58
107	Texas West	48
71	Baylor	56
67	Lamar Tech	45
70	Murray St.	57
79	Miss. Satte	62
88	N.E. La.	40
81	Okla. City	68
86	Florida St.	71
52	Dayton	58
84	Tenn. Tech.	65
96	Mississippi	57
63	Alabama	37
67	Tenn. Tech	69
100	Richmond	74
83	Florida St.	67
75	Wichita St.	79
54	Loyola (So.)	38
70	Okla. City	66
96	Spring Hill	55

79	Loyola (So.)	63
70	Providence	71
1783		1398

1960-61 (20-3)

Coach: Bob Vanatta

118	Calif. Aggies	52
84	Baylor	58
102	N. Texas St.	56
75	Brig. Young	72
77	Montana St.	50
86	Seattle	81
111	Mo. Mines	50
95	W. Kentucky	74
82	W. Virginia	86
72	Miss. So.	55
85	N.E. La.	58
54	Loyola (So.)	45
96	La. College	39
70	Murray St.	60
88	Mississippi	61
83	Tenn. Tech	70
77	Dayton	96
104	Richmond	73
78	Villanova	74
81	Mid. Tenn.	61
82	Tenn. Tech	73
85	Loyola (So.)	51
69	Holy Cross	81
1869		1418

1961-62 (15-7)

Coach: Bob Vanatta

92	Texas West	51
81	Minnesota	89
59	Baylor	46
63	Texas Tech	62
62	Texas A&M	60
107	S. Fran'co St.	49
71	Miss. State	83
96	Richmond	77
78	S. Carolina	79
103	N.W. La.	83
79	Murray St.	67
85	N. Mexico St.	70
101	Seton Hall	84
87	Loyola (So.)	76
76	Loyola (Ch.)	100
84	Villanova	109
86	The Citadel	72
90	Murray St.	72
88	Wm. & Mary	70
101	Loyola (So.)	58
67	Dayton	78
83	Creighton	87
1869		1622

1962-63 (19-7)

Coach: Dean Ehlers

80	McNeese St.	52
101	N. Mexico St.	77
67	Texas A&M	78
79	Texas Tech	66
66	Miss. State	77
70	Minnesota	70
78	Mississippi	62
76	Toledo	61
82	Loyola (Chi.)	94
80	Okla. City	77
99	Brig. Young	76
96	Hawaii	60
75	Loyola (So.)	78

TIGER SCOREBOARD 1948-72

82	So. Miss.	69
90	Centenary	85
60	Murray St.	58
71	Miss. State	65
54	Villanova	59
72	The Citadel	63
76	Louisville	55
61	Dayton	59
55	Loyola (So.)	48
90	Centenary	79
70	Creighton	95
70	Fordham	49
67	Canisius	76
1967		1798

1963-64 (14-11)

Coach: Dean Ehlers

57	McNeese St.	44
79	Mississippi	57
88	Marquette	74
73	Miss. State	65
108	Alabama	75
98	Mississippi	78
79	Vanderbilt	85
88	Western Ky.	83
66	Rhode Is.	68
57	Louisville	69
64	Loyola (So.)	90
80	So. Miss.	55
90	Florida St.	91
69	Miami (Fla.)	78
83	Loyola (Chi.)	65
81	Miss. State	66
66	Portland	75
88	Seattle	105
87	Creighton	86
98	DePaul	67
83	Florida St.	71
73	Dayton	83
71	New York U.	95
93	Loyola (So.)	49
86	Xavier	99
2006		1873

1964-65 (10-14)

Coach: Dean Ehlers

82	Texas A&M	73
78	S.W. La.	71
71	Texas A&M	81
83	Alabama	73
63	Tulsa	80
77	Seattle	89
95	SMU	92
68	Indiana	91
71	Fordham	73
70	DePaul	99
72	Creighton	66
71	Loyola (So.)	65
61	Fla. State	74
80	So. Miss.	86
64	Arizona	99
116	Pepperdine	90
79	Santa Clara	92
70	Fla. State	81
82	Marquette	70
77	Dayton	71
84	Loyola (So.)	54
74	Xavier	95
58	Villanova	91
87	Duquesne	93
1833		1949

1965-66 (10-15)

Coach: Dean Ehlers

77	Union	59
69	Arizona	94
85	Pepperdine	66
61	West Ky.	100
84	Texas A&M	93
69	N. Texas St.	67
72	Texas	80
85	Missouri	72
65	Drake	80
89	Canisius	92
97	S. Miss.	77
97	Okla. City	87
78	Loyola (So.)	86
63	Florida St.	67
69	Villanova	70
107	Xavier	110
89	Okla. City	104
82	Creighton	115
81	Florida St.	66
71	Loyola (So.)	69
77	Dayton	90
86	Miami (Fla.)	72
84	Jacksonville	61
79	Duquesne	92
78	Villanova	84
1994		2057

1966-67 (17-9)

Coach: Moe Iba

44	Western Ky.	52
66	Tex. A&M	56
63	Rice	54
56	TCU	54
64	No. Texas	57
43	Arkansas	36
55	Maryland	53
58	Villanova	40
44	St. Louis	63
57	Yale	43
55	Union	47
65	So. Miss.	52
43	Tulsa	54
46	Fla St.	42
78	Xavier	88
76	Loyola (So.)	50
63	Jacksonville	58
63	Miami (Fla.)	88
51	Fla. State	55
56	Dayton	81
61	Miss. St.	53
52	Layola (So.)	46
74	Creighton	66
62	Jacksonville	39
48	Villanova	66
68	Providence	77
1511		1470

1967-68 (8-17)

Coach: Moe Iba

54	Union	41
64	Rice	56
52	Bradley	80
66	Miss. St.	71
47	Tulsa	64
65	TCU	61
44	Davidson	51
73	Mich. St.	57
75	Drake	76
58	Louisville	78
69	Wichita St.	77
68	Cincinnati	75

69	Bradley	92
48	Tulsa	52
67	No. Texas	65
53	St. Louis	60
67	Miami (Fla.)	44
72	Loyola (So.)	64
67	Wichita St.	55
53	Loyola (So.)	56
52	Louisville	76
61	Drake	89
63	Cincinnati	72
62	No. Texas	63
65	St. Louis	77
1534		1652

1968-69 (6-19)

Coach: Moe Iba

68	Lamar Tech	82
81	Arlington	49
53	Union	61
65	Ab. Christian	62
66	Louisville	67
73	The Citadel	76
79	Furman	69
69	Brown	52
71	Drake	73
69	No. Texas	96
67	Bradley	68
62	St. Louis	63
74	Loyola (So.)	54
69	Tulsa	70
53	Cincinnati	62
69	Wichita St.	71
72	Drake	85
70	No. Texas	89
51	Louisville	60
47	Cincinnati	69
80	Loyola (So.)	62
65	St. Louis	74
62	Bradley	88
61	Wichita St.	71
56	Tulsa	62
1654		1735

1969-70 (6-20)

Coach: Moe Iba

62	Union	63
72	Sam Houston	70
83	Miss. St.	74
72	Tulsa	82
57	Tex. Wesleyan	52
74	Dartmouth	77
67	Ariz. St.	62
58	Okla. City	72
51	Tennessee	72
77	No. Texas	86
62	Drake	72
59	Bradley	74
77	St. Louis	88
61	Tulsa	77
69	Cincinnati	78
91	Loyola (So.)	83
84	Wichita St.	81
76	Drake	82
48	Louisville	77
63	Cincinnati	77
70	No. Texas	82
75	Bradley	91
68	St. Louis	78
78	Tulsa	87
72	Wichita St.	79
82	Louisville	83
1809		1999

"THE BARTOW ERA"

1970-71 (18-8)

Coach: Gene Bartow

99	Cal.-Davis	79
113	South Dakota	98
88	Union	73
87	Oklahoma St.	93
81	Indiana St.	77
86	Princeton	77
108	Mo.-St. Louis	86
93	Columbia	62
81	Santa Barbara	85
83	Nev.-Las Vegas	76
69	North Texas	57
102	Bradley	87
78	Louisville	75
113	St. Joseph's (Ind.)	97
85	Tulsa	90
84	Loyola (So.)	68
87	Wichita State	98
70	Drake	93
73	Drake	72
58	St. Louis	62
71	North Texas	66
74	Bradley	70
60	St. Louis	56
91	Tulsa	94
85	Wichita State	77
73	Louisville	102
2192		2070



1971-72 (21-7)

Coach: Gene Bartow

108	Missouri-Rolla	66
84	Okla. State	68
73	Marquette	74
74	Ole Miss	71
82	Vanderbilt	83
82	San Francisco	77
79	Texas-El Paso	85
92	Arkansas	77
79	Bradley	95
123	MacMurray	62
82	LSU	63
99	Tulsa	72
81	Drake	70
91	N. Texas St.	60
71	Wichita St.	69
101	Union	79
77	Louisville	69
88	South Alabama	71
72	St. Louis	76
87	N. Texas St.	80
70	Bradley	59
73	St. Louis	70
108	Wichita State	98
91	Tulsa	90
80	Louisville	65
70	Drake	69
72	Louisville	83
74	Oral Roberts	94

NCAA FINALS—ST. LOUIS, MARCH 24

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE — NCAA BASKETBALL

EAST REGIONAL

First Round Games at three of the following sites — St. John's, Penn., Wm. & Mary, Princeton (March 10)

- (1) Southern Conference winner vs. Member-at-Large.
- (2) Ivy League winner vs. Member-at-Large.
- (3) Middle Atlantic Conference winner (Univ. Div.) vs. Member-at-Large.

Quarterfinals at Charlotte, N.C. (March 15-17)

- (4) Winner of Game 1 vs. Atlantic Coast Conference winner.
- (5) Winner of Game 2 vs. winner of Game 3.
- (6) Winner of Game 4 vs. winner of Game 5 . . . advances to Finals

Finals St. Louis to play Midwest Regional representative.

MIDWEST REGIONAL

First Round Game at Wichita State Univ., Wichita, Kan. (March 10)

- (1) Southwest Conference winner vs. Member-at-Large.
- (2) Member-at-Large vs. Member-at-Large.

Quarterfinals at Houston, Tex. (March 15-17)

- (3) MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE WINNER vs. winner of Game 1.
- (4) Winner of Game 2 vs. Big Eight Conference winner.
- (5) Winner of Game 3 vs. winner of Game 4 . . . advances to Finals

(St. Louis) to play East Regional representative (March 24).

MIDWEST REGIONAL

First Round Game at Dayton Univ., Dayton, Ohio (March 10)

- (1) Mid-American Conference winner vs. Member-at-Large.
- (2) Ohio Valley Conference winner vs. Member-at-Large.

Quarterfinals at Vanderbilt Univ., Nashville, Tenn. (March 15-17)

- (3) Big Ten Conference winner vs. winner of Game 1.
- (4) Southeastern Conference winner vs. winner of Game 2.
- (5) Winner of Game 3 vs. winner of Game 4 . . . advances to Finals

(St. Louis) to play West Regional representative.

WEST REGIONAL

First Round Game at Utah State, Logan, Utah (March 10)

- (1) Pacific Coast Athletic Assn. winner vs. Big Sky Conference winner.
- (2) Western Athletic Conference winner vs. Member-at-Large.

Quarterfinals at UCLA, Los Angeles, Calif. (March 15-17)

- (3) West Coast Conference winner vs. winner of Game 1.
- (4) Pacific-8 Conference winner vs. winner of Game 2.
- (5) Winner of Game 3 vs. winner of Game 4 . . . advances to Finals

(St. Louis) to play Midwest Regional representative.

NCAA FINALS

St. Louis Arena (March 24-26)

- (1) Winner of East Regional vs. Midwest Regional (1st game Mar. 24)
- (2) Winner of Midwest Regional vs. winner of West Regional (2nd game Mar. 24)
- (3) Loser of Game 1 vs. loser of Game 2 (1st game Mar. 26)
- (4) Winner of Game 1 vs. winner of Game 2 (2nd game Mar. 26)

NATIONAL INVITATION TOURNAMENT

Madison Square Garden, N.Y. (March 16 through March 24)



As has become the custom, fraternities prepare signs through which the Tigers run, both prior to and at halftime of each home game. Alpha Epsilon Pi (AEPi) was the first fraternity to start the procedure and this year will mark their sixth year. (SAVE THAT SIGN, guys!)

MEMPHIS STATE UNIVERSITY RECORDS

Team

WINS, SEASON—25 in 1951-52
LOSSES, SEASON—20 in 1969-70
POINTS, GAME—136 vs. Union, 1955-56
POINTS, SEASON—2,562 in 1956-57 (30 games)
FIELD GOALS, GAME—55 vs. Union, 1955-56
FIELD GOALS, SEASON—924 in 1956-57 (30 games)
FREE THROWS, GAME—52 vs. Northeast Louisiana, 1955-56
FREE THROWS, SEASON—714 in 1956-57 (30 games)
REBOUNDS, GAME—84 vs. MacMurray, 1971-72
REBOUNDS, SEASON—1,366 in 1960-61 (23 games)
SCORING AVERAGE, SEASON—88.6 in 1955-56
POINTS BY OPPONENT, GAME—115 by Creighton, 1965-66
POINTS BY OPPONENT, SEASON—2,348 in 1956-57 (30 games)
WINNING STREAK—17 in 1954-55
LOSING STREAK—9 in 1969-70
POINTS BY BOTH TEAMS, GAME—217 (MSU 107, Xavier 110), 1965-66

Individual

POINTS, GAME—46 by Forrest Arnold vs. Hardin Simmons, 1955-56
POINTS, SEASON—669 by Larry Finch, 1971-72
POINTS, TWO SEASONS—1,203 by Win Wilfong, 1955-57
POINTS, THREE SEASONS—1,409 by Mike Butler, 1965-68
POINTS, FOUR SEASONS—1,854 by Forrest Arnold, 1953-56
FIELD GOALS, GAME—22 by Dick Kinder vs. Marshall, 1953-54
FIELD GOALS, SEASON—241 by Larry Finch, 1971-72
FREE THROWS, GAME—22 by Win Wilfong vs. Oklahoma City, 1956-57
FREE THROWS, SEASON—221 by Win Wilfong, 1956-57
CONSECUTIVE FREE THROWS—40 by Mike Butler, 1965-66
REBOUNDS, GAME—28 by Ronnie Robinson vs. Tulsa, 1970-71
REBOUNDS, SEASON—372 by Ronnie Robinson, 1971-72; by Win Wilfong, 1956-57
REBOUNDS, CAREER—870 by Don Holcomb, 1971-72

TIGER ATTENDANCE FIGURES

(In the Coliseum)

Season	Games	Attend.	Avg.	Home Record
1964-65	13	93,247	7,173	7-6
1965-66	13	80,946	6,227	9-4
1966-67	15	115,714	7,714	12-3
1967-68	13	102,589	7,891	5-8
1968-69	14	85,569	6,112	4-10
1969-70	14	70,355	5,025	4-10
1970-71	15	139,171	9,278	14-1
1971-72*	15	152,529	10,178	14-1
Eight-year Total	112	840,120	7,501	69-43

*Broke all attendance records (11 sellouts)

Overall attendance (28 games—257,138; avg. 9,184).



THE MID-SOUTH COLISEUM

Standing (L to R): Bill Grogan, Sports Information Director; Gene Bartow, Head Basketball Coach; Doug McKinney, Jim Liss, Jerry Tetzlaff, Ken Andrews, Wes Westfall, Larry Kenon, Wayne Yates, Assistant Coach; Charles DuVall, Ronnie Robinson, Billy Buford, Larry Trosper, Shannon Kennedy, Larry Finch, Bill Laurie, LeRoy Hunt, Assistant Coach; Norman McCoy, Assistant Sports Information Director.
Kneeling (L to R): David Kimmel, Ed Deschapper, Bill Cook, Ed Wilson, Eddie Young, Assistant Freshman Coach; John Tunstall, John Washington, Clarence Jones, Ted Turnipseed, Equipment Manager.

