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MBC Gym Dedicated to W.L. Muncy Jr.

From February 22, 1986, on, the athletics building at Missouri Baptist College will be known as the W. L. Muncy, Jr., Gymnasium in honor of MBC's eighty-four year-old Distinguished Professor of Religion.

The first faculty member to be hired by the college, Dr. Muncy will have been teaching here thirty years in 1987. "While at MBC, the W. L. Muncy, Jr., Bible Certificate Program was formed as training for non-degreed pastors. In 1957, Dr. Muncy received the Outstanding Educator of America Award. In 1977, he received recognition in the form of the Religious Heritage Gold Medal Award. He was designated Distinguished Professor of Bible in 1982. On October 6, 1985, Dr. Muncy celebrated sixty-six years in the ministry. He has served as full-time and interim pastor of several churches."

"Most campuses don't name their gymnasiums after their Bible professors," Former Coach Richard White said in his speech before a packed house Saturday

night, "but here it seems very appropriate." White, who was basketball coach when Muncy first came to MBC, recalled with pride Dr. Muncy's lifelong interest in the athletes on the team -- a point present Coach Lee McKinney underscored.

"I always know when the phone rings at 6 P.M. in the evening that it's Dr. Muncy explaining how tomorrow night's practice should go. And I always know that at 6:50 P.M. he's saying a prayer for the team," McKinney said.

After Dr. Copley's welcome and introduction, SGA President, Link Luttrell, presented Dr. Muncy with a plaque commemorating the event.

The resolution to name the gym in Dr. Muncy's honor started among SGA members. It then became a joint resolution from Presidents' Club and SGA members who requested that MBC's Board of Trustees approve it. This, the trustees did at a board meeting, Thursday, February 20, 1986.

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SAVANNAH AVENUE ANNIVERSARY
MUNCY STYLE

"I've never had such an inspiring, revealing, or rewarding experience as this one," W. L. Muncy, Jr., said, speaking of his recent trip to Savannah Avenue Baptist Church, site of his pastorate from 1931 to 1945. Savannah celebrated its seventieth anniversary on January 26, 1986.

Dr. Muncy began preaching there during the Depression; and even in those trying times, all but five of his listeners were converted in his first year. When Muncy started his work in 1931, church membership was 285; by 1945, the congregation had grown to 1,217.

"It's been forty years since I was there, but I remembered all but two people," Dr. Muncy said. He told those assembled in a filled church at St. Joseph, "I have had a marvelous and a satisfying career, and you have made it."

Dr. Muncy's son, William, of First Baptist in Van Nuys, California, had been elected by the members of his church to serve as a special messenger to greet Savannah on the occasion of their anniversary. Speaking with relatives that night, William summarized his father's rapture, saying, "You ought to see Dad. He's lit up like a headlight."

RELIGIOUS RELISH

On February 20, the third annual Staley Lecture Banquet was attended by 41 students, faculty, and guests. Dr. Eric Rust of Southern Theological Seminary was the speaker at the banquet held in honor of religion students.

After the meal, Dr. Sansom handed out several "door prizes" including a cowboy hat to Mike Jones, a broken drain pipe to John McRoy, and an elephant statuette to Rick Satterthwaite. Also, Dr. Davis delivered a humorous monologue applying famous (or infamous) quotes to the students and faculty.

The highlight was a message by Dr. Rust on "Science and Religion." His thesis was that the two concepts need not be mutually exclusive. This idea seemed to be well accepted and stimulated much dialogue afterwards.

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A trophy case is currently being planned among alumni. It will contain one of Dr. Muncy's Bibles, his cowbell, and the game ball from Saturday night's game. An oil painting of Dr. Muncy will also be given to MBC.

The quoted biographic material above came from the Dedication Program and was written by Dean of Students, Mrs. Jo Ann Miller.

TRACK NATIONALS

MBC's tracksters competed in the NAIA Track and Field Championships February 21-22 in Kansas City with these results: Gene Pittman, Gary Jones, Terry Plunkett, and Anthony Leaks put forth an outstanding effort to capture first in the two-mile relay with a time of 7:46;

Tony Chatman, Anthony Leaks, Gary Jones, and Danny Bryant also distinguished themselves by taking second place in the distance medley with a time of 10:14.2;

Danny Bryant placed third in the 3,200 meters with a time of 9:05.34;

Jamie Burnam took seventh in the 5,000 meters with a time of 14:52;

Tiny Evans, Dorothy Young, Kathy Burgdorf, and Kelly Cox competed in the mile relay final for fifth place with a time of 4:09;

Jenny Evans pulled a muscle in the final of the mile relay;

The men's team finished FIFTH out of 117 teams, and the women came in twenty-fourth out of 124 other teams.

All of the top six performances in each event received All-American honors. Coach Clark Wille summed up the weekend by quoting, "We came; we saw; we conquered."

SPARTAN STATS

The basketball Spartans surrendered to UMKC 71-82, Monday, February 17. High scorers were: Vince Spencer (17 points), Anthony Moore (13), and Bert Bazemore (12). Saturday, February 22, the Spartans couldn't hold off the School of the Ozarks Bobcats. Final score: 58-70. Anthony Moore led the Spartans by scoring 19 points. The Spartan record now stands at 18-7.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

David Nyrongo of Malawi, Central Africa; Akram Hussien of Jordan; Fuad Marmash of Kuwait; Abdeladim Langi of Libya; and Nihad El-Shoubaki of Egypt attended the February 13 meeting of the St. Louis Rotary Club. Guest speaker Lauralee M. Peters, director of the U. S. State Department's Office of Monetary Affairs, spoke to those assembled in the Mayan Room of the Bel Air Hilton about "The Outlook for the U. S. Dollar in the International Economy". MBC's international students were the guests of Director of Development, Mr. Fred Gault. "It was a very good chance for me to practice my English," Akram Hussien commented.

"Effortlessness is the offspring of discipline." - Anonymous

March						SATURDAY
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
Sker-Ballenger Recital in Choir Room 3:00 p.m. 2	Mid-term Grade Cards Due from Faculty 3	Executive Committee Trustees Presidents Club 1:30 p.m. Baseball: St. Louis U. 3:00 p.m. Away Missions Week (-March 6) 4	5	SGA Meeting 11:30 a.m. 6	Men/Women Indoor Track District 16, William Jewell College (- March 8) 7	Resident Hall Closes at 12 noon Baseball Trip (- March 13) SPRING BREAK (- March 16) 8
9 SPRING BREAK - - -	10	Administrative Council Meeting 8:00 a.m. 11	12	13	Softball: St. Louis Univ. 11:00 a.m. Double Header, Away Baseball: Union Univ. 1:00 p.m. Home Double Header 14	Softball: Larkio/SIU 12:30 and 3:30 p.m. Home Baseball: Union Univ. 1:00 p.m. Home Double Header 15
Resident Hall Opens at 12:00 noon Softball: MacMurray 2:00 p.m. Home Double Header 16	Student Payroll Time Sheets Due Dean's Council 8:30 a.m. St. Louis Symphony Trio in Chapel 8:00 p.m. Student to Pick Up Grades from Advisors----- 17	Administrative Council Meeting 8:00 a.m. SGA Elections Spring Fling Court Elections Baseball: St. Louis U. 'til March 21 18	Faculty Meeting 3:30 p.m. Softball: Forest Park CC 1:00 p.m. Home Double Header Baseball: Greenville Away 19	Softball: UMSL 2:30 p.m. Home Double Header 20	Softball: William Woods Tourney Baseball: Southern Missouri Tourney 21	Softball: William Woods Tourney Baseball: Southwest Baptist University 1:00 p.m. Home Spring Banquet 22
Baseball: Southern Missouri Tourney 23	Baseball: Missouri Western Away 24	Administrative Council Meeting 8:00 a.m. Baseball: Central Methodist 1:00 p.m. Home 25	Softball: William Woods, 3:00 p.m. Home Double Header Baseball: Washington U. 2:00 p.m. Away 26	Class Meetings 10:30 a.m. SGA Meeting 11:30 a.m. Baseball: Westminster 1:00 p.m. Double Header 27	SIU Tourney (- March 29) EASTER RECESS (- March 30) 28	29
30	- April 4 FALL PRE-REGISTRATION Baseball: Harris Stove----- 31	---11:00 a.m. Away				

A NICE GUY FINISHES FIRST AT MBC

He gesticulates wildly with his baseball cap, wearing it backwards when he gets mad. "Be late and be left," he forewarns roadies ready to venture out to another away meet. En route, Danny Bryant's 'impersonations' call forth laughter and that inevitable, accompanying blush that rises above the beard that's grown annually for Nationals.

At thirty-four, Clark Wille is the Chevrolet Corvette of track coaches -- an amalgam of excellence and assurance. A proven "classic," Having won six consecutive state championships in his Herculeaneum days (1977-1987), status doesn't appeal to him. "I've had enough glory - I'm here for the kids," he says. "And they realize that he really, genuinely cares about them," his wife Chris adds. "He has a very special gift for kids. He can go into a swimming pool and ten minutes go by and you look over and say, 'Where's Clark?' And he's surrounded by kids."

Wille performs well on the straightaways: give him a student with ability and Clark's enthusiasm and insistence on the best that's in that person ignite to produce track-burning results. (Four of Mo. bap.'s All-Americans are track men: Danny Bryant, Toney Chatman,

Quentin Johnson, and Anthony Leaks.) "If he knows you are doing your best, he won't yell at you. But if he knows there's more in you, then he'll ask for it," a ladies' team member shares, smiling.

Fearless of big school competition, he enters the team at large university meets. "We ask to enter and all they can say is no. We want our kids to get used to running with the heat on." What's the difference between a Wille and other coaches? According to Tammy Dill, it's that extra measure of drive: "Other coaches will say, 'You could be an All-American.' Wille says, 'You SHOULD be an All-American!' He gets you goin' when you don't think you have a chance. At cross country districts it was pouring rain, but three of our girls wound up qualifying for Nationals 'cause he kept telling us, 'You worked hard and you deserve to be here.'"

He lives in the same house that he grew up in; still has a lot of the same friends he's had since kindergarten days; and, six years after their meeting, married the girl he met in his junior year at Lindbergh Senior High. Chris says he loves playing with his kids, Stacy, ten, and Jake, seven. "From the

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PHONE-A-THON

The idea that "no gift is too great or too small" set the tone for the 1986 Annual Alumni Drive Phone-a-thon held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings in February. Seven nights of calls produced \$1,561 in pledges and cash from alumni who wanted their commitment to the college demonstrated financially as well as spiritually.

A total of 196 alums in all were approached, with 90% of those called donating what they could. Overall, of the 550 students that have graduated from MBC since 1973, 162 (77%) have pledged so far.

To maximize future corporation support, the Alumni Association's goal is to encourage a large percentage of givers rather than a few people giving a large amount.

The phone-a-thon concept has been used effectively by Lindenwood College, another school in the five-school consortium of which MBC is a member.

Alumni Association President, Jo Ann Miller, stated that "due to the response and the fun we have had talking to our old friends, we have extended the phone-a-thon to every Tuesday and Thursday until the end of the month."

Gifts can still be mailed in care of the Development Office.

MBC RETURNS TO MID-TERM GRADES

This semester, the college is returning to the policy of issuing mid-term grades to all students, instead of deficiency notices to those in danger of failing a course, on a trial basis. Faculty will be returning mid-term grade cards to the Academic Dean's Office to be distributed to each student's academic advisor. Postcards will be sent out this week to all students notifying them of the change in policy and informing them who their advisor is.

Beginning March 17, students should schedule an appointment with their advisor to pick up mid-term grades before Wednesday, April 2, the last day to drop a class without penalty.

Students are also advised to use this time for planning class schedules for May and summer terms as well as the fall semester. Pre-registration for Fall, 1986 will be March 31 - April 4; pre-registration for May and summer will be April 17 and 18.

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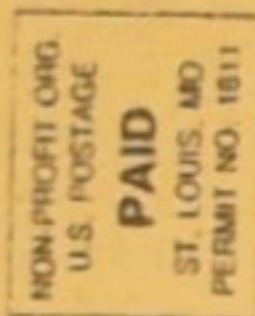
very first he would take them for walks in the woods and be with them - really take right over," Chris explains. "His family to him is the most important thing in his life; his job is second." Third are Oreo cookies and milk.

Tickets for the MBC spring musical, The Music Man, will be available starting next week. The production will be presented April 3, 4, and 5 under the direction of alumnus Kerry Brooks. Tickets are \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for MBC students and children under 12. Reservations are available on a first come, first served basis.

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"He giveth power to the faint;
and to them that have no might
he increaseth strength. Even the
youths shall faint and be weary,
and the young men shall utterly
fall: But they that wait upon
the Lord shall renew their
strength; they shall mount up
with wings as eagles; they shall
run and not be weary; and they
shall walk and not faint."

--Isaiah 40: 29-31

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