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New policy adopted on student protests

By NANCY SMITHSON
Editor-in-Chief

The West Virginia Board of Education has adopted a policy on sit-ins and student demonstrations at state colleges and Marshall University.

The document deals with use of campus facilities, interference with activities and the operation of the institution.

According to the policy, "Conduct which directly interferes with legitimate pursuits of any member of the college or university community, or of any member of the college or university community, or of any authorized guest is unacceptable."

The policy emphasizes a portion from the recently adopted Policies on Student Life Programs:

"Policies and procedures affirming the student's freedoms of expression and voluntary assembly shall indicate that the exercise of such freedoms must be peaceful and orderly and must not disrupt institutional activities, including teaching, research, service, administration and other authorized activities conducted on campus property."

According to Dr. Constantine Curris, director of educational programs, the policy was adopted to provide a written statement of what students can and cannot do to exercise freedom of expression on campuses.

The policy specifically prohibits:

1. Unauthorized occupancy of college or university facilities or buildings.
2. Interference with the rights of members of the academic community or guests to gain access to campus facilities for purposes of attending classes, pursuing studies, participating in interviews, conferences or any other legitimate purposes.
3. Interference with orderly operation of the institution by breach of the peace, physical obstruction or coercion, false fire alarms, false bomb threats, or by tumult or other forms of disturbances and deliberate interference with pedestrian or vehicular traffic on campus.

Dr. Curris said the policy is a "suggested policy" that has been adopted by the State Board of Education, but the responsibility for enforcing the guidelines has been left to individual institutions.

"Each institution will set up its own policies to put the statement into effect," he said.

Dr. Curris said the adoption of such a policy was not prompted by any specific incidents in state schools.

"We haven't had any problems with actual disruption of schools, such as incidents that have been occurring in other parts of the country. There have been a few minor incidents at Bluefield State College, but no campuses have had activities disrupted," he said.

Dr. Curris said West Virginia's Board of Education requested a written statement of student demonstrations to define student rights and responsibilities before any incidents did occur.

He said this Board of Education is one of a few throughout the country trying to establish written guidelines before incidents of disruption.

According to Dr. Curris, the State Board of Education established the policy on the premise that academic freedom depends on the orderly conduct of the academic community. Academic freedom "can't be fulfilled under conditions of personal harassment, intimidation, disruption or disorderly conduct."

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Mattice to head ROTC

By BETH SPENCE
Staff Reporter

Col. Edson Mattice has been named chairman of the Military Science Department. He is replacing Col. Henry C. Bowden, who has been assigned to the First Army Headquarters, Fort Meade, Md.

Col. Mattice was notified of his appointment Oct. 31 while serving in Korea. He said that he has not planned any changes in the department because "the worst thing you can do is to

come in and change things."

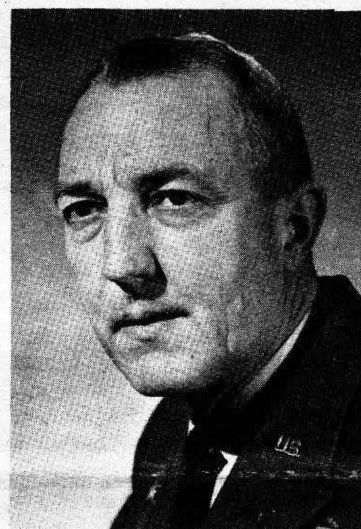
Col. Bowden "has done a tremendous job" and "everyone here works together well," said Col. Mattice. Col. Bowden has been with the department since November 1966.

Col. Mattice was commissioned in the ROTC at the University of New Hampshire and then joined the Army. He served in the 82nd Airborne Division in World War II.

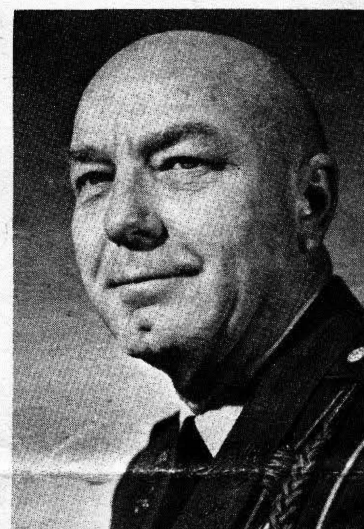
He served in Germany three times and Korea twice. He has

served in Japan, and he also was a professor of military science at East Tennessee State University from September 1964 to August 1967. He has assisted with the special forces since 1952, and served with the 10th and 7th Special Forces groups in Europe and the United States.

Col. Mattice is married and has three children, all of whom are living in Johnson City, Tenn. Mrs. Mattice is attending East Tennessee State University where she is working toward her Master's degree.



COL. HENRY BOWDEN
... Leaves post



COL. E. R. MATTICE
... Heads department

Dormitory hours extended

Extension of dormitory closing hours for freshmen women on Sunday night was among the recommendations approved by Associate Dean of Students Lillian H. Buskirk and Dean of Student Affairs Olen E. Jones to become effective Feb. 1.

New curfew hours for freshmen women are equivalent to those of upperclassmen: 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday; 2 a.m. on Saturday night following the Homecoming dance, and now midnight Sunday.

Disciplinary measures for closing hour infractions have been revised, doing away with the "campus" and substituting only one- and two-night restrictions. The restriction includes

the same withdrawal of privileges as a "campus", but the duration is 7 p.m. until 7 a.m. the following day on a Friday or Saturday for a one-night. A two-night restriction is from Friday 7 p.m. until 7 a.m. Saturday and Saturday 7 p.m. until 7 a.m. Sunday.

An addition to the closing hour infraction regulations provides for a "grace" period of 15 minutes. For each semester every woman is allowed 15 minutes, either accumulated or at one time, after closing hour. At the accumulation of 15 minutes, the present rules governing infractions of closing hours go into effect.

Visiting hours have been extended from noon until 15 min-

utes before closing every day.

There will be no breaks in "quiet hours" at any time during the semester. The committee also requested that quiet—especially during exam week—be more strictly enforced.

The Housing Regulations Committee, composed of 28 women from the dormitories and sorority houses submitted their recommendations—the result of weekly meetings from Oct. 31 through Dec. 4—on Dec. 16. They were approved Dec. 18 by the deans.

A recommendation on the demerit system is pending while the committee studies disciplinary systems at other institutions.

Basketball traced to 1906

By TIM BUCEY
Feature Writer

For the past 62 years the Thundering Herd has been traveling throughout the country playing basketball teams from Maine to China.

And over those years beginning in 1906, when Marshall played their first recorded game against the Charleston Taw Club, the team has compiled a record of 668 wins and 437 losses.

Through the first eight years, the Marshall cagers played an average of only five or six games a season, meeting such teams as

Huntington High School, Charleston High School, Morris Harvey or the Ashland YMCA.

It was during these years that low scoring games were commonplace. For example, in the 1907-08 season set a record which still stands for fewest points scored in a game. In that contest the Herd edged Charleston, 7-6.

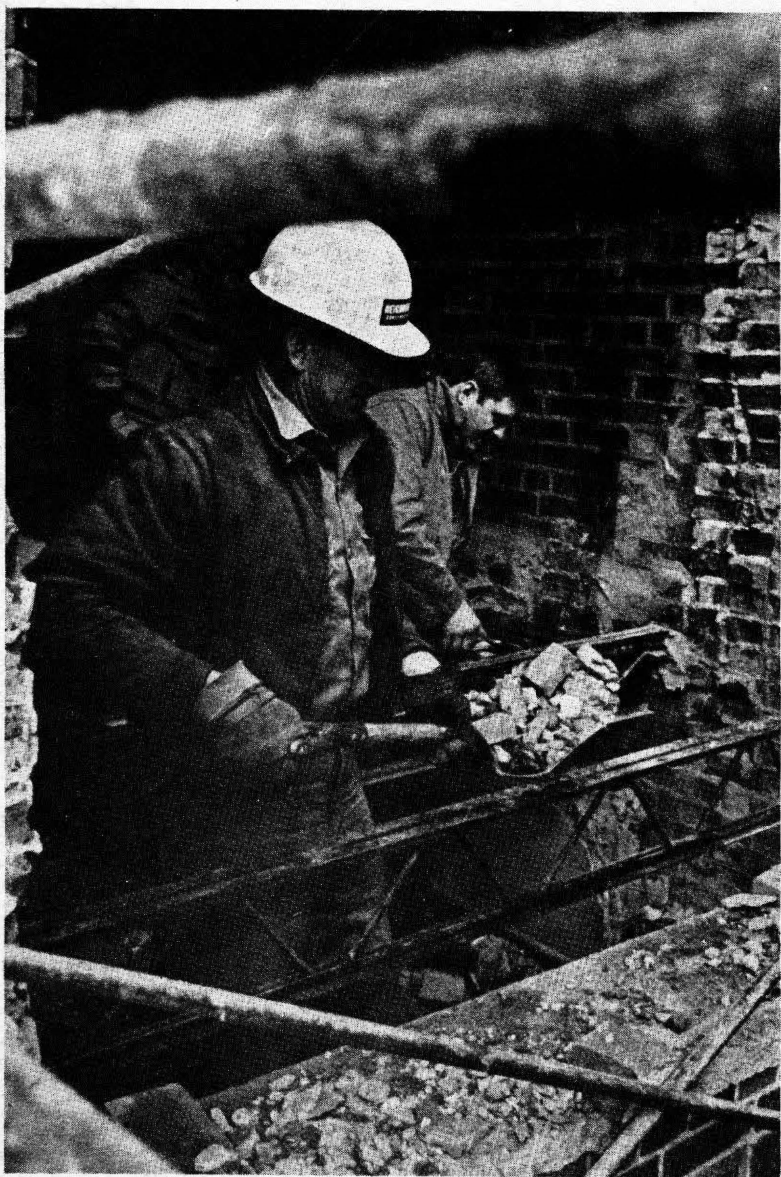
In the final game of the season that year, another record was set when Marshall held Ashland to two points, and defeated them 21-2. In the 1926-27 season, the Herd had its most frustrating

game offensively it has ever experienced, when they were trounced by West Virginia Wesleyan, 35-5.

West Virginia University, who many fans would like to see on the Marshall schedule in the near future, has met the Herd four times and won every game between the years 1928 and 1931.

But perhaps the most unusual opponent the cagers ever met was in the first game of the 1954-55 season when they defeated the Republic of China, 91-58.

Four conference championships (Continued on Page 2)



WORKMEN continue renovation of Hodges Hall. Construction is scheduled to be completed by Jan. 15. According to Housing Director Warren S. Myers, men will be able to move into the residence hall before the beginning of the second semester.

Work continues . . .

Journalism evaluators due

A three-man accreditation team from the American Council on Education for Journalism will visit the Journalism Department Monday and Tuesday.

Members of the team are Dr. Robert Jones, director of the School of Journalism and Mass Communications at the University of Minnesota, and chairman of the visitation group; Prof. John Adams of the University of North Carolina, and Richard Hainey, executive editor of the Chicago American.

The news — editorial sequence — one of four journalism programs — is being evaluated. Report on the visitation probably will be made public next May, according to Baskett Mosse, executive secretary of the coun-

cil and journalism professor at Northwestern University.

On the agenda for Monday are a tour of the journalism facilities, visitation to classrooms, an 11 a.m. meeting with journalism majors in SH 330, lunch with the journalism faculty, a meeting at 1:30 p.m. with Dr. Donald N. Dedmon, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and a meeting at 3:30 p.m. with President Roland Hill Nelson, Jr.

On Tuesday, the team will meet with journalism majors at 9 a.m. in SH 330, visit classrooms, meet with individual faculty members, and conclude its visitation with a conference with President Nelson.

Just recently the department

was accorded membership in the American Society of Journalism School Administrators.

"We are optimistic about the accreditation visitation," said Dr. William Francois, department chairman. "We have excellent facilities and a fine program in the news-editorial sequence."

The department, organized in 1927, is seeking accreditation for the first time.

"Previously it was not possible to seek accreditation because of the poor facilities in the basement of the library," Dr. Francois said.

Accreditation means that students will find it easier to enter graduate programs in journalism and to find more job opportunities, the chairman added.

GRIPELINE!

Dear GRIPELINE,

Why is the library so understaffed as to cause major tieups at both desks? I spent two hours in the library one evening recently — one hour and 45 minutes of which time was spent waiting. Why?

Signed,
Tired of waiting

Dear Tired:

You spent all that time waiting because you didn't get smart and leave. You probably didn't get what you wanted by waiting anyway, did you?

Seriously, though, I checked with Librarian Harold Apel, and he said the difficulty arose from the fact that several student helpers had called in sick, that others had quit their jobs, and that the mechanical devices that were supposed to help out haven't been completely functioning yet.

He says that things look better every day and soon all should be normal.

Dear Seeker of Truth:

Have you ever tried to find Lost and Found? It seems there's no such animal. Since coming to Marshall I've lost an umbrella, a pair of leather gloves, two books, and now a pair of mittens. Lost and Found seems to consist of chasing the cleaning lady around to see if she saw the missing article in her travels. There has to be a better way!

A mitten-less kitten

Dear Kitten,

There is a central Lost and Found located in the Student Affairs Office, and there are several articles there now. Articles found in Old Main are usually taken to this office, while those found in other buildings are taken to janitor's rooms.

Start making the rounds. You'll soon have a wardrobe and something to read. Maybe.

Dear GRIPELINE:

Why can't practice rooms in the Music Hall be left open for majors to practice on Sundays?

Wondrin'

Dear Wondrin':

According to Dr. C. Lawrence Kingsbury, professor of music, the building can't be left open because there are no janitors or guards of any sort here from 3 p.m. Saturday until Monday morning. Opening the Music Hall opens the entire Smith Hall, he says, and that just can't be done.

Dr. Kingsbury says that he has requested for some means of blocking off the Music Hall from Smith Hall so practice rooms could be opened, but no action has been taken on the request.

Dear GRIPELINE:

What's this about a cattle kingdom for Marshall over on Enslow Boulevard? Do those cows belong to MU or did we just put a fence up around them?

Cowboy Sam

Dear C. S.:

Are you sure there are cows there?

I talked to Buildings and Grounds, and they said we don't own any property on Enslow Blvd. And they don't know anything about any cows.

I checked with Home Ec. on the outside chance that they might be planning to make their own milk, but they said not.

The Zoo Dept. assures me they're not planning to dissect them, either, so . . . who knows?

The general consensus, though, is that not only are they not our cows but neither is it our fence.

GRIPELINE is a serious attempt on the part of The Parthenon to find answers for students. If you have a gripe or question, let us know. Until next time . . .

Peace,
GRIPELINE

Coed receives scholarship

Leslie Flowers, Huntington junior, formerly of Newark, Calif., is one of 45 college students selected to participate in the Wall Street Journal's Newspaper Fund editing internship program for 1969.

Miss Flowers will spend three weeks of intensive study in editing at the University of Nevada, in Reno beginning June 9. After completing her studies she will be assigned to one of the 45 participating newspapers where she will work as a copyeditor for the remainder of the summer. At the end of the summer she will be awarded a \$500 scholarship by the Newspaper Fund.

The purpose of the Newspaper Fund program is to encourage journalism students to explore the field of copyediting. Paul Swensson, former executive

director of The Newspaper Fund, said talented young copy editors, "will be needed more and more by newspapers, especially during the 1970s. Editors of large, medium and small-sized newspapers agree that there is a shortage of talent for editing roles."

Since 1960 The Newspaper Fund has given \$421,000 in scholarships to 895 young men and women. In addition to scholarship aid, The Fund also operates a clearing house of journalism career information and sponsors workshops for high school journalism teachers and publication advisers. The Fund is supported by Dow Jones and Co., publisher of The Wall Street Journal, the National Observer, and Barrons National Business and Financial Weekly.



LESLIE FLOWERS
... Scholarship recipient

Student part-time policeman

By TIM BUCEY
Feature Writer

A pre-law student is gaining some first-hand experience in his major field by working as a part-time policeman on week-ends in his home town.

Steve Frame, Poca sophomore, who has been nicknamed "Barney Fife," is a member of the Poca Police Reserves.

Every Friday and Saturday night, he along with other policemen, patrol all home football and basketball games and dances at Poca High School, and Frame is the only member of the 13-man reserve force who patrols the area by car.

For this small town, 20 miles from Charleston, a reserve force was a welcome addition since the regular police force has only

four members.

The reserve force is strictly voluntary, Frame explained, much like the volunteer firemen.

"You've got to have an interest in the job and take it serious. Those are the only requirements," the patrolman added, "besides being willing to give your time."

"Reserve meetings are held twice a month on week nights which means after my last class I have to leave for the meeting and then return the same night which constitutes a trip of 101 miles."

The reserve force is permitted to carry a nightstick and chemical mace.

To show the value of the force, attendance at athletic events has tripled since the reserves were

activated to help curb a rash of fights that at one time plagued the games.

Patrolman Frame first joined the force about a year ago when he attended a meeting with a friend. "I took an interest in my community and decided I wanted to help."

Frame comes from a family of policemen. His father is now a Putnam County Deputy Sheriff and at one time was on the police force in Poca. Frame's brother plans to become a state policeman when he gets out of the service.

1946-47 good season for cagers

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have been won by Marshall teams, including three in the Buckeye Conference, which the Herd won three consecutive years between 1938 and 1940 under Coach Cam Henderson and the Mid-American Conference crown in the 1955-56 season. It was in that year that Marshall went to the NCAA tournament for the first and only time but were beaten by Morehead, 107-92.

Basketball here reached a height in the 1946-47 season when MU won the NAIB championship at Kansas City, under Coach Henderson, who coached for 20 years and was the winningest coach ever at Marshall with 367 wins and 158 losses.

The Herd finished the regular season with a 27-5 mark and earlier that season had won the

Midwest Tournament at Terra Haute, Ind., before going into the national tournament and defeating all five foes they faced.

The following year, the little Huntington school had become known nationally, and was invited and went on to win the Los Angeles Invitational Tournament defeating West Texas State, Idaho and Syracuse. MU return-

ed to the NAIB Tournament that same year but was defeated in the second game by San Jose State, 74-72.

For two straight years, 1954-55 and 1955-56, the Herd won the Fayetteville Invitational and it was in the latter tournament that Marshall hung one of its worst defeats ever on an opponent as they annihilated Boston College in the opening round, 130-69.

TECHNOLOGY MEETING

Dr. S. Werthammer, pathologist and director of the school of medical technology at Cabell-Huntington Hospital, will speak at 11 a.m. Thursday in Science Hall 209. His topic will be "The New School of Cytotechnology". The meeting is open to all students and is sponsored by the campus medical technology group.

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By ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — A secret report on an Air Force-financed investigation of flying saucers will say there is no scientific evidence to indicate that these unidentified flying objects are spaceships from another world.

Informed sources told The Associated Press that this will be the primary thrust of the closely-guarded report on a two-year study by a team of nongovernment scientists.

WASHINGTON — The Nixon defense team will have a civilian Air Force boss whose background suggests new emphasis on military space work.

He is Dr. Robert C. Seamans Jr., a former top official of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and a professor at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, who was presented Monday along with two other men tabbed by Secretary of Defense-designate Melvin R. Laird as civilian secretaries of the Army and Navy.

Stanley R. Resor was a surprise reappointment to the Army job. Former Rhode Island Gov. John H. Chafee, a one-time Marine, was picked to replace Paul R. Ignatius as secretary of the Navy.

Seamans, who succeeds Harold Brown, made it clear from the outset he thinks space activity should be a major part of the Air Force.

MADISON, Wis. — Anti-war demonstrators interrupted the oath-taking ceremony of Gov. Warren P. Knowles to read a statement decrying the draft.

As Knowles, a Republican, started to speak to a crowd of about 500 at his third inaugural ceremony, four demonstrators emerged with clenched fists. Knowles waited while the four read the statement.

NEW YORK — National Educational Television launched, with a marked lack of fireworks, an experimental venture that might be called a part-time network.

For the next six months, under substantial grants

from the Ford Foundation and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting plus reduced rates by the telephone company, NET will broadcast simultaneously to some 130 stations for two hours on five nights a week.

NEW YORK — President-elect Nixon is expected to name millionaire publisher Walter Annenberg to be ambassador to Britain, one of the major diplomatic assignments.

Nixon aides, in keeping with their usual practice, declined to comment publicly on the matter. However one said he did not anticipate announcement of any ambassadorial nominations until after Nixon is inaugurated Jan. 20.

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Robert H. Finch, secretary of health, education and welfare-designate, says American classrooms need a shaking up to improve teaching and reduce the number of years a person must spend in school.

Use of computers, year-around schooling, staggered vacations and more challenging classes are seen by Finch as possibilities in what he regards as "probably the area of real concern" in education—elementary and secondary schools.

LOS ANGELES — Sirhan Bishara Sirhan was to go on trial Tuesday in a heavily guarded courtroom on charges he murdered Sen. Robert F. Kennedy but there was a possibility the defense would seek a fourth postponement.

Grant B. Cooper, one of three defense attorneys, said Monday it might be in Sirhan's best interests if the trial were delayed.

Cooper was ordered to appear Tuesday afternoon in U. S. District Court to answer a federal grand jury's questions—which he has said he will not do—or show cause why he should not be held in contempt of court. The Sirhan case was to start several hours before Cooper's federal court appearance.

At a preliminary hearing, Sirhan pleaded innocent

but did not enter a separate plea of innocent by reason of insanity. This is permissible under California law.

SAIGON — Battling under the light of flares, a task force of 600 American infantrymen tried to encircle an outnumbered Viet Cong company in the marshy Mekong Delta Monday night.

The Viet Cong force was believed to number 100 or more, and the Americans reported killing 48 of them. But the rest slipped away sometime before dawn today.

U. S. casualties were eight killed and 11 wounded.

BELLINGHAM, Mass. — Mrs. Marie Hennessey, 36, is running for tax collector, and her 16-year-old son Todd is a candidate for parks commissioner in this small community.

The mother-son duo took out nomination papers Monday after a town council ruling that there is no law preventing a teen-ager from running for the parks commissioner post.

MIAMI — Scientists aboard a deep-ocean drilling ship report finding conclusive evidence the Atlantic Ocean floor is spreading and pushing Europe and America farther apart.

They said giant, mysterious "convective cell" movement within the earth is forcing semimolten material to the ocean bottom along the mid-Atlantic mountain range, thus spreading the continents.

DETROIT — Gov. George Romney, who is joining President-elect Nixon's Cabinet, urged Monday night that Michigan private and parochial schools consider abandoning secular education.

"I don't want the parochial schools closed," Romney told a reporter after his televised farewell address. He is resigning later this month to become U. S. secretary of housing and urban development.

Parochial schools should be "evaluated," Romney said. "I think they should look to having class in the afternoons like the Jewish Hebrew schools."

Campus

briefs

STUDENTS INJURED

Vivian Samples, Clendenin junior, is a patient in Charleston General Hospital following an automobile accident January 1. Miss Samples suffered broken bones when she and her finance, Larry Maynor, Blue Creek junior and assistant sports editor of The Parthenon, were victims of a head-on collision north of Charleston. Maynor was not hospitalized, but Miss Samples will remain in the hospital from four to six weeks.

ECUMENICAL SERVICES

Ecumenical services at the Campus Christian Center will be held on Thursdays at 9:15 for the rest of the academic year according to Rev. William R. Villars, campus Methodist minister. The reason for the change is that more students are on campus during the week than on Sunday when the services were previously held.

DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE

Student directories are now available in the Student Government Office, according to Martha Boatman, Bainbridge, Ohio, junior and coordinator of the directory. There is no charge for the booklet.

SEMINAR ON SEX

Dr. Joseph Mock, psychologist, will speak at a Seminar on Sex at 4 p.m. today in West Hall lounge. The discussion is sponsored by Campus Christian Center and is open to all students.

MIX TONIGHT

Tonight's mix at the Student Union features The Trolls, from St. Albans. The mix will be held from 8 to 10 and is free to all students.

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Value Showdown is on.

Eagles get by Thundering Herd 71-70

By KIM JAMES
Sports Writer

"It was the roughest basketball game that I have ever seen!" That was the comment made by many of the 5,000 fans who witnessed the 71-70 victory of Morris Harvey's over Marshall Monday night in Charleston.

For Coach Ellis Johnson it was a hard pill to swallow since it was the first time that Marshall has ever lost two games in one year to the Golden Eagles. "The name of the game is shoot and if you don't hit you don't

win," Johnson said, referring to the fourth time in the last five games that the Herd has had trouble finding the range. "If we don't start hitting we are going to be lucky to win six more games," he added.

Rick Meckfessel, coach of Morris Harvey, spoke highly of several players in the game including Dan D'Antoni of the Herd. "I felt," he stated, "that our winning this one was due to four main keys. The first key was when Bobby Wesley came off the bench to score four points

straight and give us a psychological lift. The second was the outstanding play of senior Jim Hayes who took over the club leadership like we had seen him do on some occasions before.

The third key was the rebounding of Steve Quinn in the last moments of the first half as we closed the gap on Marshall. There is no doubt that the other one had to be when D'Antoni collected his fourth personal foul. I have always said that when he is out of the line-up Marshall is an entirely differ-

ent team," he concluded. D'Antoni received his fourth foul with a little better than fifteen minutes left in the game and the Golden Eagles scored eight straight points with him out of the game.

Blaine Henry gave Marshall the initial lead as he hit a lay up to put Marshall on top 2-0 and the Herd remained in the lead until John Eaton hit a field goal to knott the game at 7-7 with 17:50 left in the half. Marshall then got hot as Davidson hit three, Bradshaw two, and Smith hit on two as Marshall surged into its biggest lead of the night at 22-13 with 13:29 left in the half. The Eagles then scored seven straight points to cut the lead to 22-20 but Marshall held on to take a 40-39 lead into the dressing room at halftime.

Marshall jumped into a 44-41 lead at the beginning of the second half but with 14:49 remaining in the game Morris Harvey took the lead at 50-48 and then expanded it to eight at 56-48 before Marshall began to come

back.

Marshall then regained the lead at 62-61 with five minutes remaining but lost it at 69-68 with 1:12 to go. Dave Smith finally hit a jumper to put Marshall ahead at 70-69 but with five seconds remaining Roger Bartrum hit a three-footer to put the fatal nail in the Herd's coffin.

Meckfessel summed the game up by adding, "I feel that Marshall's defense came at us better tonight than in any other game that we have played them and when they tell they are going to win ball games."

That was the roughest game that I have ever coached," said Johnson, "and I can't imagine a game that was so rough finding us only going to the foul line once in the second half."

Bernard Bradshaw was the major bright spot for the Herd as he shared team scoring honors with Smith, 15, and led both teams in rebounds with 16. D'Antoni and Davidson were also in double figures with 14 and 10 respectively.

West Hall volleyball champs

Women's volleyball playoffs, played Thursday, Dec. 19 prior to Christmas recess, saw West Hall win the championship.

In the beginning rounds of semi-finals, Prichard Hall defeated Delta Zetas two games to one with scores of 15-3, 13-5 and 12-9, successively.

In the next round, West Hall romped over Prichard Hall two by two successive games with scores of 15-8 and 15-6.

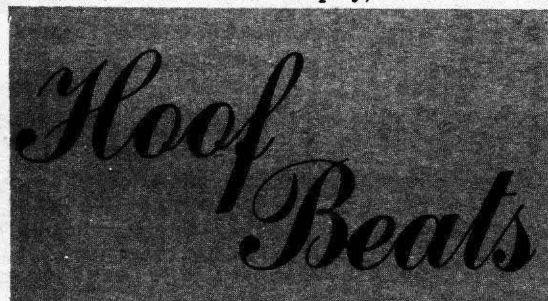
West Hall went on to defeat Prichard one by two successive games with scores of 15-2 and 13-8

In the final rounds of play, West Hall and

Sigma Kappa one played two rounds, (after the first round the winner was undetermined). West Hall became the victor by winning two successive games with scores of 16-14 and 15-3.

As an addition to Intramural sports games, each player of the winning team received a certificate of participation and the team as a whole received a certificate for the championship.

The next Intramural sports will be handball. See Judy Robson, Intramural director or Miss Mary Marshall, physical education instructor about sign-up sheets.



By TOM MURDOCK
Sports Editor

What's going on between Ellis Johnson and the Thundering Herd?

That's the question circulating around campus of late. However, it's safe to say that all is well in the camp of the mighty and the only trouble that Coach Johnson has is getting his players to hit the hoop.

A few things need to be cleared up before they go any farther and this is as good a place as any to start. If anyone remembers the Miami game of last Saturday, then Herd Co-captain Jim Davidson's sudden departure after he was lifted from the game is probably part of that memory. Well, here's what happened — contrary to anyone's amateur opinion.

The local fans have been rather hard on Big Jim of late. True, he has not had some great games recently, but, nevertheless, he's been in there trying. For some unexplained or unknown reason, Davidson is doomed to the role of being the villain in a Herd loss.

If Jim had scored 30 points in the Miami game he'd have been the "best forward in the Mid-American Conference." Well, he didn't and zingo — instant villain, along with the referees.

Two fans were overheard talking about the game and one remarked, "Davidson takes bad shots." Well, to this yoho all that can be said is to look at the statistics. Jim took three shots all night and hit one of them. And, needless to say, some of the other regulars shot percentages a heck of a lot lower than that.

Still, why did Davidson run directly to the locker room after he was taken from the game by Coach Johnson. Was it a disciplinary thing as some probably think?

No, it was not . . . unless one can call emotions disciplinary. Here it is in Coach Johnson's words: "Jim was in the dressing room crying, he just broke down when the crowd applauded when he left. I think the applause was for the other boy coming in but it hurt Jim. You or I would have probably done the same thing. Jim has had some bad games and the reaction of the crowd didn't help any. When he regained his composure, he came back out on the floor and sat with the team throughout the rest of the game."

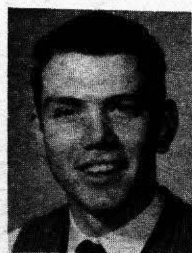
This puts Davidson in a different light. How many other players have wept for the Herd? How many other people — spectators — have shed a tear for the Herd? Not many, if any, but they do know four letter words to call referees and the players of both teams.

Now who's the villain?

It really is disgusting to see the type of unsportsmanlike conduct shown by the MU fans at the Miami game. Maybe it's a good thing that the Herd will be on the road for the next few games so things can cool here.

A few years back, MU had the reputation of gathering a bad crowd. In the last couple of years, though, conduct has been better and better. Even MAC Commissioner Bob James noted that the atmosphere in Huntington had taken a 180 degree turn.

However, the type of thing displayed against Miami is repititious of by-gone years. If this keeps up certain officials will have to report the conduct to the conference and well . . . haven't we got enough trouble?



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