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Huntington, W.Va.

Dunlow man gets new start

By HOMER W. VAN SCOY
Staff reporter

Leslie Wilson, a 52-year-old farmer from Dunlow in Wayne County, is traveling 80 miles, five days a week to attend Marshall University and learn to read and write.

Wilson's school experience was limited to that of janitor at a one-room school on Billy's Branch in Wayne County in 1929. After the death of his father, Wilson worked for 40 cents a day to help his mother raise eight other children.

"I was so concerned with keeping the place warm and the floors clean," commented Wilson, "I just forgot to learn to read and write."

Tutoring Wilson is 24-year-old Mrs. Stephen Dare, a graduate student in special education at Marshall.

"He's a good student," continued Mrs. Dare. "When we first became acquainted, he couldn't write his name. Now he can write his name and spell one syllable words such as go, blow, slow, and row. He hasn't managed the two syllable words yet, but he is making progress."

According to Dr. Richard Waite, academic coordinator of New Careers, "Mr. Wilson is not actually a member of New Careers. He's strictly a volunteer. But we are tremendously proud of this man. We call him 'the little man with the big heart'."

"He does have a lot of courage," added Mrs. Dare. "What motivates him? He's trying to communicate with a younger and more educated generation. This man is so eager to learn he often stops on his way home to visit a country school near Dunlow. As for my method of teaching him, I use the Grace Fernald technique. He traces the word with his finger, while I form the word with my lips."

"I've stayed close to the land all my life," said Wilson. "I raise chickens and vegetables. One day a farm agent told me about this school. I came in and was admitted to New Careers. Back in 1929 an automobile couldn't get into Billy's Branch. Now I can drive my farm truck 80 miles and get more learning in one day than I did all winter back then."



MRS. STEPHEN DUNN AND LESLIE WILSON
teacher and student

Debate season to end

Marshall University debaters closed their fall season Saturday at the Marietta College Open Debate Tournament in Marietta, Ohio.

"The 12 schools debating in the tournament competed for the experience since no trophies were presented to winning teams," said Connie Clark, Huntington freshman.

"Marshall also went to the tournament for the experience of working with new team mates." Jan Malcolm, Huntington sophomore said, "We wanted to debate with our new partners in competition so that we might get accustomed to each other's patterns of argument."

Jacqueline White, instructor of speech and novice debate coach, said that speaker points were excellent for Marshall's debaters. Out of 30 possible points MU's entries were ranking in the middle and upper 20's on each debate.

Representing Marshall on the affirmative side of the national debate proposition on federal revenue-sharing was Dave Dorworth, Parkersburg sophomore; John Snider, Clarksburg freshman; Jan Malcolm, Huntington sophomore; and Steve Hayes, Huntington freshman.

Negative debaters were Frank Hubbard, Ft. Gay junior; Miss Clark Huntington freshman; Dave Buchanan, Huntington freshman; and Robert Dardinger Mt. Vernon, Ohio, junior.

MU's next tournament will again be at Marietta College, according to Miss White.

Merit system will be evaluated

A resolution calling for formation of a committee to study and evaluate the faculty merit system will be considered at a special faculty meeting today.

The meeting was called by the Office of the President last week and will be conducted by President Roland H. Nelson, Jr.

Dr. Clarke Hess, professor of education and president of the Marshall Chapter, American Association of University Professors, will present the resolution to the meeting.

The statement is the result of a petition to the University Council signed by: Richard Rosswurm, instructor of political science; Walter Sawaniewski, instructor of English; B. W. Hope, professor of speech; O.D. Amick, instructor of art; Hite Compton, instructor of speech; William G. Cook, associate professor of economics; Louis B. Jennings, professor of sociology; William P. Sullivan, professor of English; and William E. Coffey, assistant professor of social studies.

The faculty merit system, which was instituted last year, is used as a basis for determining faculty salary increments, promotions, tenure or termination. Dr. Donald N. Dedmon, executive vice president, commented that the merit system had been well received by faculty. He also said increased financial support should be based on merit.

"I cannot imagine that a Board of Regents or a legislature would approve any straight percentage or across-the-board raises. Overall, I think the faculty wish to move forward with the merit system," Dedmon commented. "I hope all the faculty will attend this meeting, and, if they decide to elect a committee, I hope it will be a prestigious one."

"This request for a special meeting apparently emanated from some members of AAUP. The request is constitutionally acceptable--the chairman of the University Council also requested that we have a meeting," he added.

The resolution to be presented states:

"Therefore be it resolved that the president of the Marshall Chapter of AAUP shall present at a general faculty meeting the following motion:

"1. That the faculty elect a special committee composed of nine members to make the following study and recommendations:

"a. An evaluative inquiry into the merit system as a basis of determining faculty salary increment, promotion, tenure, and/or termination.

"b. The merit criteria and scale that might be used for such a system.

"c. The type of machinery appropriate for conducting such a program.

"2. That the special committee shall complete a reasonable thorough study as expeditiously as possible and report its findings and recommendations to the general faculty for its consideration.

"3. That the operation of any

merit system at Marshall University be postponed pending the report of the special committee and action by the general faculty, and that the administration for one year give an across-the-board percentage raise."



SUE ANN MELHORN AND FRIEND

Santa enjoys his work

(photo by Frank Frashier)

Cafeteria has Christmas meal

Santa Clause came to town Tuesday night to visit MU's cafeterias. He distributed gifts to each table.

A packet, consisting of a 1970 calendar, a nail-file, a pen, a comb and a note pad, was given to each student from the ARA Slater Food Service.

"I think it was great," Richard Sisk, Mullens sophomore, answered when asked how he liked it. "You could tell they put in a lot of time and effort,"

he said.

"I enjoyed it," Susan Cox, Parkersburg junior, replied. "I thought Santa Claus added a lot of spirit to the dinner."

Someone said Santa was, "Too good not to believe in. He's never let me down."

Many students however voiced that they did not believe in Santa Claus. Some of their replies included:

"He never leaves anything for my cat, Junior," or "He's

just a ghost and I don't believe in ghosts."

One student said, "The spirit of Santa Claus lives. What would the world be like without him?"

"Although there are many Santas running around the city streets, he still remains the greatest promoter of happiness."

As one student said, "I want Buckeye on the map--so Santa Claus can find it." Her roommate screamed, "And laeger, too."

Standing Room Only

A Page Of Opinion



AN INSIDE VIEW

By SUZANNE MADDOX
Student senator

What our student body needs is a year-round Student Senate.

No matter how organized a governing body is, it is not 100 per cent effective unless there is continuity between administrations. This continuity has been lacking in at least the last four years.

The fault can't be laid at an individual's feet. The fault lies in the present election procedure.

After the general election (now in March) each administration takes at least a month to organize committees and plan initial programs. This is completed just in time for finals and the end of the year.

While the student body officers and committee chairmen are pushing to complete projects at the end of their terms, senators contract "second semester slump."

Thus, it's my contention that Senate operates effectively for no more than five months per year. And under our present system we can expect no more.

For these reasons the Rules Committee has proposed a plan providing for a rotating Senate. That is, half the senators would be elected in the spring and half in the fall. No matter when elected they would serve for a year.

The constitutional amendment reads:

Article I, Section 6

B. The remaining senators shall be elected in the regular elections in February and October of each year. Their term of office shall be one year.

Under this plan one half the Senate membership would change each semester. Senate then would consist of old AND new members--thus, continuity between administrations--thus, a year-round Senate.

Since this proposal calls for two general elections per year, the number of senators elected should be cut in half. We now elect one senator per every 200 students. The Rules Committee proposed this amendment based on one senator per every 400 students.

Article I, Section 6

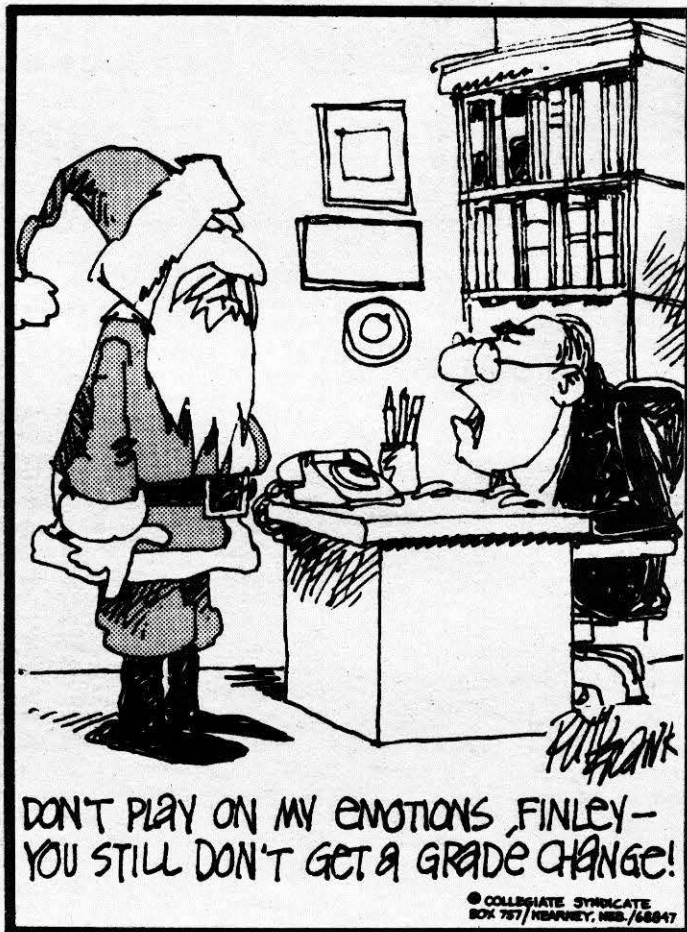
E. The number of senators shall be according to the number of students in each constituency in accordance to the following table:

1-499 students	1 Senator
600-499 students	2 Senators
1000-1299 students	3 Senators
and so forth...	

Now that we've taken care of the senators what do we do with the student body and class officers?

Student body officers need the extra summer months so we would have them elected in the spring. Rules Committee members suggested electing class officers in the fall.

FRANKLY SPEAKING by Phil Frank



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Campus briefs

Phi Mu activates members

Phi Mu Sorority activated five members Sunday. They are Jimelle Walker, Beckley junior; Carol Brunner, Columbia, Mo., sophomore; Bonnie Medley, St. Albans sophomore; Gail Morehouse and Becky Evans, both Huntington sophomores.

Lambda Chi Alpha has formal

Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity will hold its annual Winter Formal at Riverside Country Club on Jan. 10 from 8-12.

Alpha Beta Alpha takes pledges

Alpha Beta Alpha, library science honorary, pledged the following new members: Roberta Ferrell, Williamson junior; Ruth Miller, Ashland, Ky., senior; Mary Jane Getty, Pt. Pleasant sophomore; Rebecca McClung, Barboursville sophomore; Susan McCoy, War junior; Carol Ann Whitaker, Iaeger junior; Janet Ripley, Huntington freshman; Belinda Zerkey, Gassaway senior; June Eiselstein, Huntington junior; Connie Williamson, Crum senior; Jonnie Johnson, Wayne senior; Beverly Garrett, Clarksburg junior; Joan Harrah, Linda Kitchen, and Wayne McElwain, Huntington seniors.

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Letter to the editor

To the editor:

It is quite obvious that Billy Hutchinson is talking through his toy helmet in his letter to the editor of December 17.

The Veterans Club has not and will not take a stand on the war as a club. Our anti-moratorium signs merely sup-

ported the men, not the war. As a Vietnam veteran, I condone any and all moral support for the men.

We, the Veterans Club, condemned the moratorium only because it was not showing both sides as it claimed originally. If it were two sided, we would

not have said a thing.

After all, Billy, supporting equal representation is obviously neutral.

By the way, Billy, you are always welcome to come to the meetings and join if you please.

HOWARD SALSITZ
Parkersburg junior

OUR MAN HOPPE

Mediocreman vs. Santa Claus

By ARTHUR HOPPE

Faster than a Senate confirmation, more powerful than an inflationary curb, able to straddle tall issues in a single straddle, it's...MEDIocreman!

As we join Mediocreman today, kids, he's in his stuffy Oval Office disguised as the mild-mannered President. His pretty secretary, Lotus Lane (who doesn't know his true identity) enters, looking worried.

Lotus: Terrible news, Mr. President. Inflation's running away. And with holiday shoppers on the loose, prices will go out of sight. Christmas this year will ruin the country!

The President: Well, Lotus, perhaps if I issued a strongly-worded attack against Christmas...

Lotus (angrily): You'd be crucified! What good would that do? (stomping out) Oh, I wish Mediocreman were here.

The President: Hmmm, I think Lotus is right. This sounds like a job for Mediocreman!

(He quickly whips off his stuffy old blue suit to reveal underneath a stuffy old grey suit, the uniform of...MEDIocreman! He pushes a secret button under his desk and up through a trap door pops his trusty sidekick... Spiro-Hero!)

Spiro-Hero (saluting): You called, Chief? Mediocreman: Right, Spiro. I wanted to tell you want good jobs you've been doing for me lately.

Spiro-Hero (glowing): You mean my statesmanlike appraisal of those effete, intellectual impudent, snobbish, ideological eunuchs who are parasites of passion?

Mediocreman: I couldn't have put it better myself, Spiro, if I weren't trying to lower my voice and bring the people together.

Spiro-Hero (modestly): I consider it my sacred duty, Chief, to stand up before the people, come what may, and speak your mind.

Mediocreman: And let me say how much I admired your courage in taking on the television networks, the most powerful opinion-molding force in history.

Spiro-Hero (stoutly): I sure showed that tiny, closed fraternity of privileged men that their querulous criticism can't scare us--without involving you in any way, sir.

Mediocreman: Right, Spiro. And now I've got another job for you--Christmas.

Spiro-Hero (beaming): Oh, good, Chief. I'm all for Christmas.

Mediocreman (frowning): I'm against it.

Spiro-Hero (still beaming): I'm against it. Oh, I'll rip cheap, tawdry, maudlin Christmas up one side and down the other. I'll tell the kids there's no Santa Claus and I'll...

Mediocreman (clapping him on the back): That's the ticket, Spiro. And when they attack and revile and castigate you, take heart in the knowledge that you are keeping my sacred promise--namely that they won't have me to kick around any more.

(Later, Lotus and the President are watching Spiro-Hero on television as he wallops "the effete merchants of snobbish inflation who fatten their coffers of the parasites of the Christmas passion.")

Lotus (admirably): I hear Mediocreman put him up to it to save the country. (angrily) Oh, why can't you be more like Mediocreman?

The President (winking into the camera after she's stormed out): Never forget, kids, that when the time comes for a man to stand up and take a dangerous position, a good leader will always find one to stand up and take it. (Copyright Chronicle Publishing Co. 1969)



WHEN SHE was still only four years old (upper right) Gay Hill had already become the mascot of the Martinsburg High School band. Intense practice started early in life for her.

MISS HILL as she appears today (left) projects the charm and beauty that won for her over 600 awards. She has been the featured baton twirler at MU for the past four years.

AT THE AGE OF SIX, (lower right) Gay entered a twirling contest in Chicago and was noticed by singer Eddie Fisher and photographed with him. Later, films of her were shown on his television show, and Fisher dedicated a song to her.



MU twirler is winner

By JOHN HENDRICKSON
Staff reporter

What has brown hair, blue eyes, talks in a soft voice and has more trophies and medals than all the athletes on campus combined?

Answer is Gay Hill, Martinsburg senior, and feature baton twirler for Marshall's band for the past four years. She's the winner of over 600 awards. Miss Hill's awards are results of competition in twirling contests and beauty pageants.

Describing her favorite trophies, Miss Hill said, "One is almost as tall as I am, (she's five feet, 3 inches), and was donated by the governor for winning Miss Majorette of West Virginia in 1967."

Her second favorite is the result of being named Miss Valentine at the Valentine Twirling Tournament at Rockville, Md., in 1966.

As a result of competing against 17,000 other twirlers in the George Washington Memorial Twirling Tournament in Washington, D.C., Miss Hill was named princess of the event based on the number of points earned. She was 11 years old at that time.

Quitting twirling competition after her first year at Marshall, Miss Hill said, "I now teach twirling and judge the same type of events I competed in."

Winner of Miss Cherry Blossom Twirling Queen in 1966, Miss Hill also reigned as Miss Eastern Panhandle in 1967. Locally, she was first runner-up in 1969 to Miss Huntington and was also Miss Pike's Peak.

"The best thing about twirling is traveling," Miss Hill said. Her trips to foreign countries include Babenhausen, Germany and Quito, Ecuador.

Miss Hill has conducted twirling camps at Syracuse University, Syracuse, N.Y., West Virginia Wesleyan College, Buckhannon and Ferrum Junior College, Ferrum, Va.

Describing the most exciting incident during her twirling career, Miss Hill said when she was six years old she participated in the Chicagoland Music Festival in Chicago.

"At the citation banquet, Eddie Fisher was drinking Coke and I asked for a Coke, too," she said. "Later that night at Soldier's Field, the celebrities were driven around the field

in convertibles. When I saw him I yelled, 'Eddie, Eddie.' He stopped the car, picked me up, and I rode around the field with him."

A film of the festival was shown on Fisher's TV show. "He dedicated 'You've Gotta Have Heart' to me," Miss Hill said.

She continued, describing the funniest incident that happened to her.

"I have my own majorette corps called the Gay Hillbillies," she said. "We were at

the World's Fair in New York and my fall started slipping, so I just pulled it off. Other members of the corps didn't know what to think."

The speech major rehearses her routines separately and then practices with the band.

Adv.



PAUL WETHERALL
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Chief Justice pictures due

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Students are to put their hometown, name and major on the back of the picture.

Student Court will meet

Student Court will meet today at 9 p.m. in SH 161, according to Chief Justice Greg Wallace.

Revenue agent will speak

Alpha Kappa Psi, professional business fraternity, will sponsor William H. Bailes, revenue agent for the Internal Revenue Service as speaker, tonight at 9 p.m. at the Campus Christian Center. Everyone is welcome.

Phi Mu elects officers

Phi Mu Sorority elected officers for 1970. They are Grace Moore, Buckeye sophomore, president; Sidney Biggs, Nitro junior, vice-president; Sue Cabali, Beckley junior, recording secretary; Robin Curtis, Wayne, Pa., junior, corresponding secretary; and Barbara Wilson, Kenova junior, treasurer.

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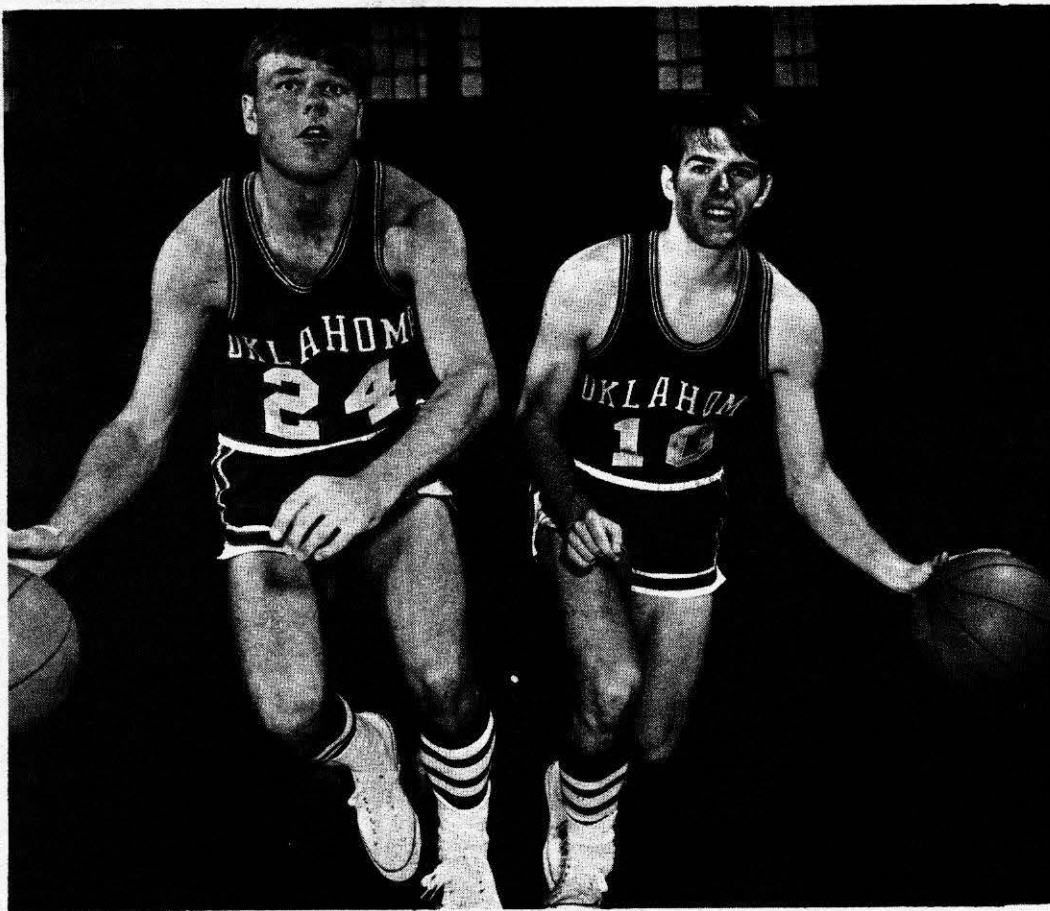
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Sooners are coming

SCOTT MARTIN, left and Kirby Jones are a pair of sophomore guards expected to add some punch to Oklahoma's backcourt against MU Friday.

National league victorious in intramural basketball play

The SAE Threes, Krip Kickers Five, Silverfish, and the Sig-Ep Ones, scored National League victories Tuesday in intramural basketball competition.

In four other contests played between American League teams, Pi Kappa Alpha Ones, Southern Comforts, Lambda Chi Alpha, and Meline's Magicians triumphed.

Buddy Rogers, Myrtle Beach, S.C., graduate student, led the Silverfish with 40 points and a win over the Phi Kappa Tau's 112-29; Krip Kickers Five won over the Alpha Sigma Phi's

by the slim margin of 58-52; Sigma Phi Epsilon Ones defeated the SAE Twos 64-21; and the SAE Threes beat the Alpha Sigma Phi Threes by a forfeit.

Meline Serdich, Fairview senior, led Meline's Magicians with 7 field goals and a victory over the SAE Fours 91-14; Pi Kappa Alpha Ones won over the South Hall Ones 66-37; Southern Comforts slipped by the Sigma Phi Epsilon Threes 32-28; and the Lambda Chi Alpha Threes won by the margin of 44-36.

There are eight games scheduled for today, four in the

National League and four in the American League.

In the NL, Kappa Alpha Fours meet Pi Kappa Alpha Twos at 6 p.m.; Fire Ones go against Tau Kappa Epsilon Twos at 7 p.m.; Pi Kappa Alpha Threes host Kappa Alpha Twos at 8 p.m.; and East Towers play the Diamond Dukes at 9 p.m.

In the AL, Red Eyes go against Kappa Alpha Ones at 6 p.m.; Phi Kappa Tau's meet Sigma Phi Epsilon Fours at 7 p.m.; Pershing Rifles Twos play host to the Townsman at 8 p.m.; and Zeta Beta Tau Twos face the Ozarks at 9 p.m.

MAC suspension may hurt scheduling

Marshall's suspension from the Mid-American Conference could have some effect on schedules, according to Charles Kautz, athletic director.

"It could have some bearing if we're not in the conference, but I feel some MAC teams will continue to play us," he said.

Being a member of a conference helps scheduling, he said, and it is also a stimulus for team members to try to make all-conference teams.

Kautz said it would take about a month to find out if the suspension has had any effect on recruiting. "We've signed three players and the coaches are still out," he said.

We still have a good chance of getting back in the MAC,"

he said. He continued that the MAC Council of Presidents will meet in February and that there has been a proposal to expand the conference, but Ohio schools will not be considered.

Kautz recently attended a meeting of MAC coaches and athletic directors. He said they were impressed with football coach Rick Tolley and "felt he'd done a real fine job."

He also reported there was a favorable reaction in the MAC to the Board of Regents recommendation that money from a capital improvement fund be allocated to upgrade Marshall's athletic facilities. "They were glad to see we'd moved so quickly," he said.

John S. Calles, director of development, explained Phase I of a four-part, 10-year plan to upgrade Marshall's facilities.

Priorities include installation of artificial turf at Fairfield Stadium, construction of an eight-lane, all-weather track to meet minimum NCAA standards, a football practice field and additional tennis courts.

"Completion of Phase I will give us the ability to host the MAC spring meet," Calles said. He stated that Marshall has had a problem with sports facilities for the past 12 years and had not been able to host the meet, which is a requirement for MAC membership. "We've been hard-pressed to meet academic requirements at the same time other schools are plowing money into their sports facilities."

Kautz said Marshall was not considering becoming a member of any athletic conference other than the MAC.

Oklahoma starts MU Invitational with best record

A sophomore dominated line-up which has compiled a record of 4-1 for Coach John MacLeod's Oklahoma Sooners comes into the Marshall Invitational with the best mark among the 4-team's participating.

Despite this record though, the Sooner coach, even though he is surprised, is not totally optimistic.

"I don't think we've played the tough competition yet to evaluate the team, but I think we are certainly better than we were last year," Coach MacLeod said.

The Sooners of last season finished with a 3-11 conference mark and 7-19 overall and have only one starter back this year, but he was the squad's leading scorer.

This year Oklahoma starts three sophomores and two seniors, with senior Garfield Heard the only returning regular.

The sophomores are 6-5 Bobby Jack; 6-0 Scott Martin; 6-8 John Yule, and 6-1 Harry Brown and 6-6 Heard are the seniors.

MacLeod termed his team's record a 'surprise' thus far.

"They're doing a little better than we thought they would. We have a lot of sophomores and we didn't know how well they'd respond, but they've responded pretty well so far," MacLeod related.

The Sooners, with three men scoring in double figures, have beaten Abilene Christian, 83-59, Nevada Southern, 101-94; South Alabama, 102-68, and Miami of Ohio, 71-57. The only loss was by two points, 66-64 to Texas Tech.

"I think the most important thing is we're playing together as a team. If we have a strong point that's it," MacLeod quipped.

Scoring wise, as a team the Sooners are averaging 84.4 per game while opponents are averaging 68.8.

Once again this year Heard is

leading the scoring and rebounding race with an 18.4 average and 13 rebound average. Other top scorers are Jack at 14.4; Martin at 11.2; Yule at 9.8; Kirby Jones, 8.0 and Brown, 3.6.

The Herd goes into the Oklahoma game trying to even its record at 3-3 and extend the win streak to three.

"They've played some real tough people, so we have not played the competition they have," MacLeod said. "We understand they're real tough. It's a dangerous club so we have a lot of respect for Marshall basketball."

MacLeod terms the key to his team's success as rebounding, team play and free-throw shooting.

"Rebounding is the key to our game. We can't control the games if we can't control the boards," MacLeod commented.

Besides the three big men in the starting lineup (6-5; 6-8; 6-6) on the bench is junior Clifford Ray at 6-9 who was the Sooner's second leading scorer and rebounder last year but was nudged out by sophomore Yule for the starting job.

The Oklahoma - Marshall game begins at 7 p.m. Friday followed at 9 p.m. by New York University and Xavier with the same times set for the finals and consolation game Saturday night.

This is the third year for the tournament which Marshall won in 1967 and finished third last year.

Student tickets may be purchased in the ticket office in Gullickson Hall for \$2.

Weather--cloudy

Tri-State Weather Bureau forecast for Huntington and vicinity today is increasing cloudiness. The high will be 45 with a 20 per cent probability of precipitation.

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