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## Budget increased \$694,677

By DAN FIELDS  
Editor-in-Chief

Marshall fared better in its budget allocations than at first had been expected, according to President Stewart H. Smith.

The University requested \$7,611,100 and the Legislature approved Saturday a budget of \$6,832,916 for fiscal 1968-1969. This represents an increase of \$694,677 over the current budget for Marshall.

"While the budget increases for 1968-1969 are the second largest in the history of the institution, they fall short of meeting some of our very serious needs," Dr. Smith said.

"Because the budget was not as much as the University had originally requested, Dr. Smith noted some of the cut-backs necessitated by the budget.

"We had requested 37 new teaching positions," he said, and now we have to reduce this figure to 22."

One of the largest cutbacks must be made in the area of non-teaching positions, Dr. Smith added.

"Most of the proposed non-teaching positions (such as secretarial and clerical employees) must be eliminated because of the budget," he said.

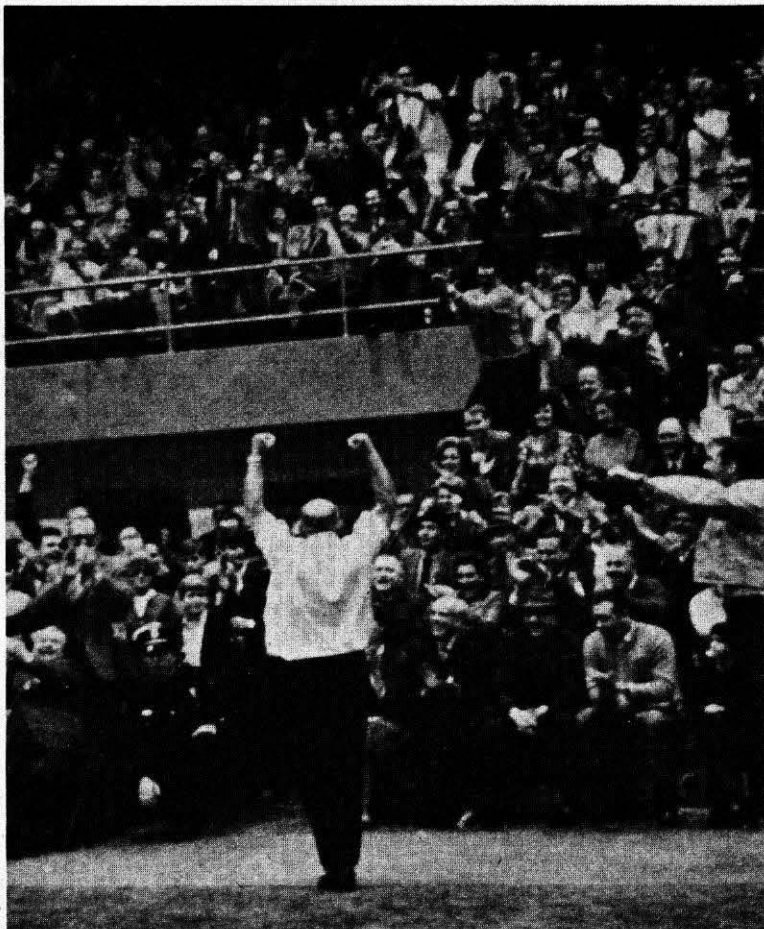
On the whole, Dr. Smith said he felt that higher education did rather well in this session of the Legislature.

"I think in view of the overall budget and the apparent effort of the Legislature to maintain the status quo, higher education came out rather well. The legislature did not have much money to allocate," Dr. Smith said.

One of the largest increases Marshall received was in the area of new equipment. Dr. Smith said this area was increased by about \$25,000.

The current expenses category remains the same as for the current fiscal year, but in the area of repairs and alterations the University received approximately \$2,150 less than for the present budget.

West Virginia University received \$21,114,325, compared to \$19,747,091 last year.



Victory salute

DISCARDING COAT and tie, Coach Ellis Johnson triumphantly walks off the floor Saturday with Marshall leading Toledo 93-89 and only four seconds remaining in the game. (Photo by J. Preston Smith).

## Coeds seek changes in dormitory policies

Coeds in two of the three women's dormitories are seeking changes in house rules they term "archaic."

Laidley Hall has initiated a petition to revoke the present women's dormitory policy of not being permitted to wear slacks or shorts in the lounges.

The Laidley Council has made three proposals to support a dress policy change if it was desired by dormitory residents, to have residents circulate a petition separate from that of the council to further confirm the dormitory desire for a rule change, and to suggest that the Inter-Dormitory Council support the proposed policy change.

One Laidley Hall resident said of the present policy: "Usually you study in slacks or shorts and when you have an unexpected caller you have to take time to change into a skirt just to give someone from your English class the reading assignment for the next day. It's just too inconvenient."

Prichard and West Halls have also discussed changes.

According to Prichard Hall Housemother Mrs. Beatrice Terry, Prichard Hall has appointed a committee to examine the present house rules, including restrictions on dress.

If changes in these rules are sought, the revisions will be referred to Mrs. Lillian Buskirk, associate dean of students, for approval.

Mrs. Terry said this committee was not formed to examine the dress rules alone. They will discuss all house rules.

West Hall has made no proposals.

## Exam, class cuts considered today

By NANCY SMITHSON  
Staff Reporter

"I would like to urge students to back me and their Student Government in a final effort today to let the faculty know how we feel about the two proposals coming before them for a vote," said Student Body President Mike Farrell.

Farrell goes before the faculty this afternoon to present the final argument favoring passage of the two Student Government proposals abolishing the English Qualifying Examination and changing the present class cut policy.

Farrell said the final effort students can make to voice their opinions on the two matters is to talk to their instructors today.

"Each student should let his teachers know how he feels and how other students feel," he said.

He urged that students discuss their ideas with individual faculty members to find out the faculty viewpoint and strengthen their understanding of the student viewpoint.

"The interested backing of the entire student body will have an impact with the faculty," he said. "And the only way to let them know we are interested is to speak up."

Farrell recently said the outlook for abolishing the English Qualifying Examination "looks good."

This opinion is based on endorsement of the idea by several faculty members. Some of these endorsements appeared in a pamphlet published by the student government. The pamphlet, entitled "We Dare You," was made available to faculty and students last week.

"It will be a little more difficult to pass the classcut changes," he said.

President Stewart H. Smith said Monday debate and discussion on the English Qualifying Examination and the class cut policy would take up most of the time at the faculty meeting.

"Unless there is a motion for postponement, a vote on each of the subjects should be taken at the meeting," Dr. Smith added.

He said he was not taking a stand on the subjects at this time because of his position as president of the meeting.

"The time when I will take a position comes after I have received the recommendations of the faculty for approval or rejection," the president said.

### An Editorial

## Paper views English test, unlimited cuts

A decision will be made by the faculty today regarding the University's ambiguous class cut policy and the abolishment of the English Qualifying Examination.

There has been no definite guideline on class cuts. General "policy" for some faculty members is reporting a student to his academic dean if he misses more than twice the number of times the class meets per week.

The Parthenon feels this so-called "policy" is neither effective nor fair for mature college students. We feel an unlimited class cut policy should be adopted for upperclassmen, juniors and seniors. In general, these students are more mature and have shown they are capable of handling such a policy.

Concerning the English Qualifying Exam The Parthenon feels it useless and unfair.

If the faculty again deems this exam necessary, it is admitting requirements for lower level compositional courses are not strict enough to prevent an unqualified student from advancing to his junior or senior year. This in itself would say very little for the academic quality of the University.

Likewise, if a student has progressed to the third year of his major field, it is ridiculous to assume a 300-word theme could prove a great deal, certainly not enough to determine whether or not a student should graduate.

## Students favor class cut policy change

By RUTH ANN CORNELL  
Staff Reporter

Seventy per cent of 100 students who replied to Parthenon questionnaires on class cut policy at Marshall felt the current system was unfair. The other 30 per cent accepted it.

Students were asked six questions concerning class cuts and were asked to comment.

As it stands now Marshall has no official class cut policy other than "no cuts" except in cases of illness. Each professor is free to decide and adopt his own policy towards absences. Most professors, according to answers from professors and students,

use the system of allowing twice the number of hours in the course for cuts.

After an excessive number of absences, a professor sends the student's name to the Dean's Office where a copy is then mailed to the student and one is kept for the files.

The questionnaire asked if the student felt an official cut system should be adopted by the school. One student wrote that an official system would "take care of the confusion over cuts."

Seventy-two per cent of the students agreed an official stand on absences should be taken by the school.

Mike Farrell, student body president and Huntington senior, said "Many freshmen are misinformed or simply do not understand about class absences."

Students surveyed reported 61 per cent of the professors used the twice the number of weekly class meetings for cuts. The majority of the remaining students said their professors permitted "no cuts" while four per cent were given as many as they wished.

Thus, it seems the extremes are from "no" cuts to "unlimited" cuts.

One student whose professor did not adhere to the basic cut

system said, "My professor leaves cuts to the discretion of the students. If an instructor is interesting, students won't cut."

Although most students seem to worry about class cuts, excessive absence slips are not numerous at Marshall.

Dr. A. E. McCaskey, dean of the College of Applied Science, said, "We have a low percentage of excessive absences and these are almost totally freshmen. Our upper division students cannot afford to miss class."

At the student Leadership Seminar last fall a policy was recommended whereby there

would be no cut policy, there would be no penalties for cuts, and it would be a student's responsibility to meet the class requirements. A total of 92 per cent of the students agreed with the seminar proposals. The eight per cent protesting this system were those against unlimited cuts for freshmen.

One student explained his decision by saying, "Upper-division classes should be unlimited but lower division classes and freshmen should still have some supervision. They are not ready for the responsibility this places upon them."

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# LETTERS:

## Views on exam, voter polls

### To the editor:

In answer to the criticism by Congressman Arch Moore of Dr. J. Melvin Miller and the voter preference poll conducted by Dr. Miller's political science classes:

The Feb. 2 edition of The Parthenon stated Arch Moore was critical of Dr. Miller's involvement in the poll. However, Dr. Miller's only involvement was as the instructor of his class. He did not conduct the poll or compile the results. Mr. Moore's criticism of Dr. Miller's political affiliations is completely unjust. Is a man not entitled to support who he believes is best qualified for public office?

The poll, which was taken in the students' home districts, was completely valid. Although it was not a statewide poll, it accurately shows the preference of a small cross-section of the state's voters. And, in light of the unfounded criticism by Congressman Moore, it appears the voters' preference of Cecil Underwood was definitely a wise choice.

**TOMMY RUBIN,**  
Beckley junior



### To the editor:

A green sheet (prepared by whom?) has appeared. On its cover are the words "We Dare You" followed by an exciting exclamation point. This challenge is superimposed on an op-art design which has six radiating textures. Or is it twelve? Such a question would be difficult to resolve since one of the doctrines of op-art proponents is that "reality" or "what is" is in a state of flux (things cannot be seen clearly for what they are) so that one purpose of this type of art is to show us the difficulty of perception.

And, how difficult it is to see clearly! The purpose of the green sheet we are told in a most pompous word is the "abolishment" of the English Qualifying Examination as a graduation requirement. I have something to

say about this. I do not want to argue the point that the purpose of the examination is misinterpreted. I do not want to argue the point that some members of the English Department are "easier graders" than others. Though it is possible to pass in one course while it would have been impossible to in another, I do not want to tell from personal experiences that some of the papers I have seen (papers by people who passed 101 and 102) have been less thoughtful and less expressive than the finger-painting of a cretin. No, I wish to point out that the paper which was prepared by the people who wish to abolish the English Qualifying Exam is proof that not only do we need to retain the exam but to make it more stringent in some ways.

The simple, incontestable fact is that the magic green sheet is full of errors in the usage of the English language. It is a double irony that such errors went un-

### IMPACT MEETING

All Impact committees are asked to attend a meeting at 3:15 p.m. today in the Smith Hall auditorium. The purpose of the meeting is to continue outlining the Impact program, announced Jim Slicer, co-ordinator.

noticed by those exhorting us by modern advertising methods to do away with one of the means of enforcing some standards for. And are there ever errors. Apostrophes to indicate possession are the correct use of the language. omitted. A professor who is opposed to the exam is quoted and in her statement against the exam there is a subject-verb agreement error. Both went undetected by those who wish to do away with the exam. Another professor is quoted as follows: "In my discussion with collegiates at Marshall I have found that the opposition to the English Qualifying Examinations that it is an extra examination." Not only is the sentence impossible to figure out, the writer has used an adjective, "collegiate," when he should have used the noun form, "collegian." This too was not detected. Also, the same writer has the construction, "a composition and content basis," which statement is, as everyone knows, the noun-noun-noun jargon of the social sciences, where the rule is: never use a preposition when a noun or two will do.

Thank God the English teachers quoted did not make errors as the others. But, and this is a small point, in typing out Mr.

Hungate's quotation someone did not know that the word, "achieved," is a two syllable word which, according to usage and the dictionary, is not broken into syllables at all, much less broken in the middle as "achi-" "eved." This too went unnoticed.

Many people will say that this writer is just quibbling, that these are small points. It is true that these are small points, each in each. But taken together I think they indicate something. I certainly do not believe that they indicate that the qualifying examination should be done away with. If they indicate anything, these errors might point to the need for a more stringent examination. And they point to other things too which need to be mentioned. Being a member of a department whose

responsibility and duty it is to teach correct expression, I am somewhat frightened by the implications it has for me as a teacher and for my department. And in a broader sense the whole American idea of the rush-rush diploma grabbing quickness of education today is brought up to the surface. It is good that these questions should be raised. It is good that the question of the abolition of the examination is asked so that the students may see the need for it. Marshall should not graduate people who cannot write correct English.

The last thing in the world the green sheet suggests to me is that the abolition of the examination would be a good thing.

**JOHN MCKERNAN,**  
Instructor in English

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The Parthenon reserves the right to correct spelling and language, to condense letters without changing their meaning and to reject any letters.

The letter should be typed (double-spaced) and the writer must then present it in person to an editor of The Parthenon who will ask to see your I.D. card. This precaution is taken to prevent bogus letters from appearing in the newspaper.

Letters can be delivered to The Parthenon editorial offices on the third floor of Smith Hall.

## THE COFFEEHOUSE

### Campus Christian Center

#### Schedule of Events

- 9 (Fri.) **GREAT DECISIONS, 1968, #1**  
9:00 p.m. "The Middle East"  
... Stuart E. Colie  
Assoc. Prof., Political Science
- 10 (Sat.) Folksinging  
9 & 11 p.m. ... Jack Adkins  
Marshall Student
- 14 (Wed.) "Pills, Pot and Acid"  
9:00 p.m. ... Donald G. Klinestiver  
Marshall Physician
- 16 (Fri.) **GREAT DECISIONS, 1968, #2**  
9:00 p.m. ... "Upheaval in Communist China"  
... Francis K. Aldred  
Assoc. Prof., History
- 17 (Sat.) Folksinging  
9 & 11 p.m. ... David and Alice Bicking  
Huntington
- 21 (Wed.) "Police State Mentality"  
... Mrs. Gerald R. Phillips, Huntington
- 23 (Fri.) **GREAT DECISIONS, 1968, #3**  
9:00 p.m. "The Other War" in Vietnam"  
... Henry C. Bowden  
Prof. Military Science
- 24 (Sat.) Folksinging  
9 & 11 p.m. ... Thayer Richie  
Center College, Ky., Student
- 28 (Wed.) "The Psychology of Riots"  
9:00 p.m. ... Elizabeth B. Wolfe, Prof.  
Psychology

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- 1 (Fri.) **GREAT DECISIONS, 1968 #4**  
9:00 p.m. "American Power and Foreign Policy"  
... J. Melvin Miller, Asst. Prof.  
Political Science

## Campus briefs

### TICKETS TODAY

Tickets for "On a Clear Day You Can See Forever" may be picked up today until 3 p.m. in the back hall of Old Main's first floor. The Artists Series presentation is 8:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Keith-Albee Theatre. The hit musical will also be presented Monday night as the Community Artists Series and students who will be unable to attend Tuesday may get tickets Saturday for Monday's presentation at the Keith-Albee with an ID card and \$1.

### SPEAKER'S BUREAU

The newly formed Speakers' Bureau, sponsored by the Speech Department, will have its second meeting at 7:30 p.m. today in the Campus Christian Center. Anyone interested in panel forums, dramatic or humorous readings, travelogue speeches or current topics may attend.

## Students feel grades suffer

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In a press conference Jan. 8, President Stewart H. Smith said, "If the faculty were to approve a system whereby honor students or those with a certain grade point average would have unlimited cuts, I would approve it also."

Only 14 per cent of students questioned had ever received excessive absences slips. Most of them said no action had been taken after students received them.

"Most absences occur in general courses which the students either don't understand why they must take or else refuse to accept the reason," said Dr. Robert B. Hayes, Dean of the Teachers College.

Although 61 per cent said their instructors gave them four to six cuts before taking action, 85 per cent had never received an excessive absence, and 92 per cent were for unlimited cuts, the questionnaire showed that over 65 per cent felt a class absence did affect grades.

One such student wrote, "People who are adult enough to go to college should be able to decide whether class attendance is necessary to obtain knowledge and a grade."

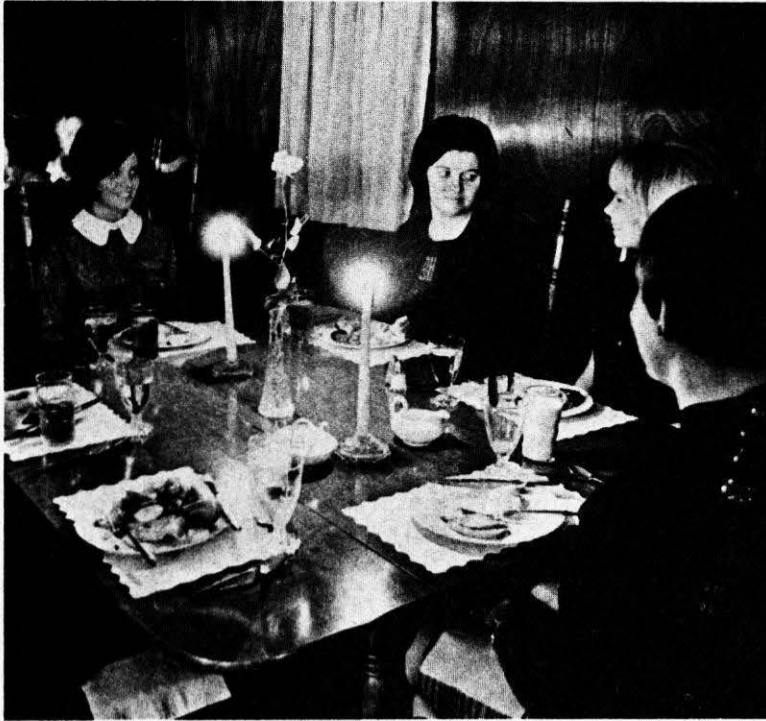
## MU grad added to staff of TKE

A Marshall graduate, Joseph B. O'Toole, has joined the professional staff of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

As a traveling supervisor and representative of the fraternity, O'Toole will visit the chapters of Tau Kappa Epsilon in the Southeastern portion of the United States.

O'Toole attended Belmont Abbey College in Belmont, N.C., during his freshman and sophomore years before transferring to Marshall.

O'Toole, a business administration major, was sergeant-at-arms and president of the Beta Nu chapter at Marshall. In addition, he held the office of treasurer for the Interfraternity Council and was a member of two honorary fraternities.



### By candlelight

A CANDLELIGHT DINNER honoring Alpha Xi Delta's Province President, Mrs. Susan Holstein of St. Albans, was held Friday at the sorority house.

## Union bill is passed

A bill raising the interest rate for revenue bonds to finance Marshall's new Student Union construction was passed by the Legislature.

The measure, increasing the interest rate from five per cent to six per cent, will be in effect in time for the State Board of Education to issue \$3.4 million in revenue bonds in April for the new student union.

Under the old law, MU bond sales would suffer on the current bond market, according to State Board of Education officials.

The new law affects bonds sold for the construction, improvement, addition, furnishings, access roads, and maintenance of student unions at all state colleges and universities.

The bill also stated that any revenues or income derived from the operation of the Student Union may be used for the maintenance of the building or for the debt services on the bonds issued.

## Health education program needed

Marshall needs a good health education program, according to Dr. Donald G. Klinestiver, director of the Student Health Center.

In an interview Dr. Klinestiver said, "The status of health education is particularly lacking among Marshall students." He added that most students think that antibiotics are a "cure-all."

In the area of health education, Dr. Klinestiver said he would help any student obtain material for an assignment that concerns health or medicine.

He also said Marshall's health service meets the minimum standards as set by the American Association of College Health Services.

Concerning the out-patient clinic, Dr. Klinestiver said it is adequate for the students who use it, but that a part-time physician could possibly be used.

The minimum requirements for a college health service state

there should be a student infirmary with four beds for every 1,000 students. Presently, Marshall does not meet this requirement, but Dr. Klinestiver said a proposal which would establish an infirmary at C&O Hospital is being discussed. The hospital is located one block from the campus at 18th Street and Sixth Avenue.

Marshall should also have X-ray facilities and a medical library, but Dr. Klinestiver said these are readily available at local hospitals.

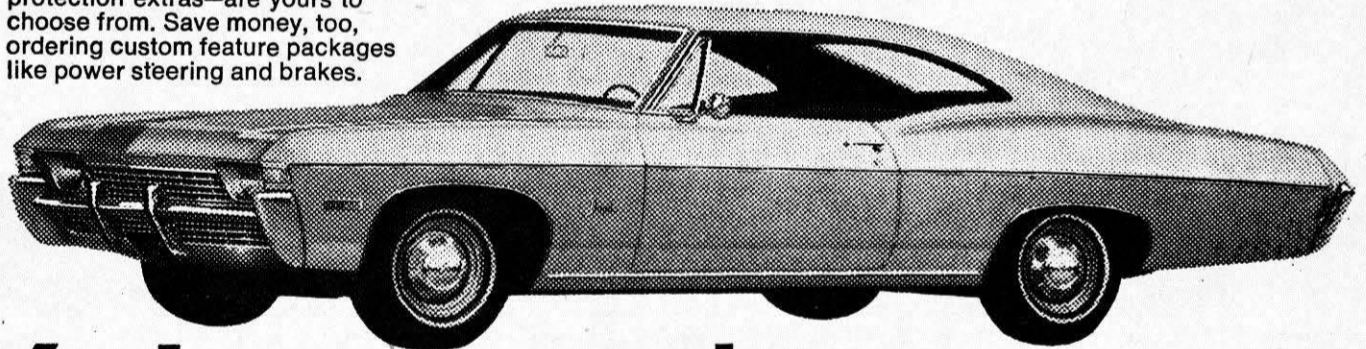
Other areas in which Marshall has adequate facilities are medical records, a clinical laboratory and a day ward. The day ward is open until 8 p.m. for students who become ill.

Two long-range goals of The Student Health Center are the addition of dental facilities and a University pharmacy. Dr. Klinestiver commented that both of these goals are good ones, but that the budget will not allow them at the present time.

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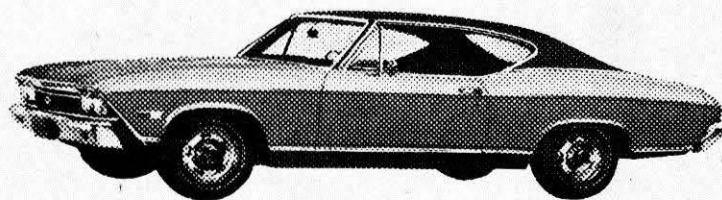


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# 'Good team effort' beats Rockets



## Victory ride

ENTHUSIASTIC FANS reward team Captain Bob Redd with a victory ride after Marshall beat Toledo, 93-89. Fans later gave Redd one of the nets cut down from a Field House basket. The win over Toledo puts Marshall back into the race for the MAC title. (Photo by J. Preston Smith.)



By **TIM BUCEY**  
Sports Co-Editor

When you're number two you've got to try harder, and that's exactly what Ellis Johnson and his "Iron Man Five" did.

The name may sound like a musical combo, and they were playing sweet music Saturday afternoon against the Toledo Rockets, much to the delight of the exuberant capacity crowd at the Field House.

One of the most enthusiastic audiences in the Field House this year saw George Stone regain the shooting accuracy that made him number one in the MAC last year. The big man from Covington, Ky., contributed several key buckets in the last six minutes that insured a win for the Herd over the conference's number one team.

But it wasn't Stone alone that led the determined team to its 13th win and third in a row. Danny D'Antoni played his usual outstanding game at guard position, exhibiting excellent ball-handling ability throughout the contest and especially in the final minute when the Herd attempted to run out the clock by stalling the ball. One visiting sports writer, who was watching the Thundering Herd for the first time, praised Dandy Dan as being the number one man on the court. There are more than a few people that agree with him.

Bob Redd was fantastic once again. The scrappy 6-3 forward wanted this one badly and it was evident. When asked last week if he thought Toledo would lose two more games he replied, "I know one they're going to lose." His 21 points insured that his prediction would come true. Two weeks ago the team captain was the MAC player of the week against Houston and Bowling Green.

Jumping Jim Davidson second on the ballclub in total points (tied with Bob Redd), pumped in 12 in the game, while concentrating most of his effort in the second half on stopping Bob Miller, who had 18 points by halftime. Davidson's efforts paid off as Miller scored only two field goals in the second half and finished with 24 points.

Bob Allen pulled down 16 rebounds in addition to hitting the hoop for 13 points. He was the game's leading rebounder.

In the final seconds of the contest it was evident that mayhem was about to be displayed by the students, and with the final buzzer half the fans went streaming through a rope barrier set up to keep people off the court, while the other half remained in the stands, chanting "we're number one." The nets were ripped down in record time by the jubilant supporters while others carried the players to the dressing room.

The winning coach left for the showers several seconds before the final buzzer in order to avoid the rush.

All in all, it was a day to remember.

## Frosh compile 9-2 standing, top UK, 81-76

The Marshall freshman team won its third straight game and raised its record to 9-2 with an 81-76 victory over the University of Kentucky freshmen.

In the game played at Memorial Field House Saturday night, Bernard Bradshaw and Dave Smith led scorers with 25 points each. Smith, who also led in rebounding with 27, has been the top rebounder for the Herd in every game this season.

Larry Steele and Greg Starck were leading scorers for Kentucky with 23, while Steele led in rebounds with 11. Marshall made 36.3 per cent of its shots and Kentucky hit on 36.9, but Marshall out-rebounded the Wildcats, 64-47.

## Fullback accepts first football grant

Dave Spears, a 6-2, 202-pound fullback from Ironton High School, Ironton, Ohio, signed the first football grant-in-aid of the year.

Spears was signed by Coach Larry Coyer who said, "This boy has great ability and can play many positions. He's the first one we've signed and we think we've got a blue chipper."

The prospect's father is a Marshall graduate.

## HONORS SEMINAR SET

The Honors Seminar will feature Dr. Shiv K. Kumar, visiting professor of English literature. Dr. Kumar has selected "Time and the Novel" as his lecture for today at 6:30 in the Smith Center Auditorium.

## George Stone hits 35 points; MU defense holds Mix to 18

By **T. M. MURDOCK**  
Sports Co-Editor

The Thundering Herd knocked the University of Toledo from sole possession of first place in the Mid-American Conference, 93-89, Saturday at Memorial Field House.

"I just think it was a tremendously good team effort," said Head Coach Ellis Johnson. "It had to be because Toledo played a good game too."

The Herd, which played its typical run and shoot game, held Toledo's high-scoring Steve Mix to only 18 points — none in the second half.

"I feel that stopping Mix was a big thing," Coach Johnson said. "Bob Redd and Dan D'Antoni helped by dropping back on Mix. Of course, Bob Allen did a very good defensive job on him too."

George Stone had his best scoring game of the year by dropping in 35 points.

A flurry of key buckets by the big forward in the final minutes helped pave the way to the four point victory.

Bob Redd, the energetic team captain, scored 21 points and handed out numerous assists. Redd and D'Antoni teamed up on a couple of occasions to attack the Toledo defense.

Many coaches around the conference have said that improved defense has been a huge factor in MU's recent conference surge.

"I don't think our defense is any better," Coach Johnson said. "We always work on it — our defense has been good all year."

Toledo and Bowling Green are tied for the MAC lead with 6-2 marks. MU and Western Michigan are close behind with records of 7-3 and 5-3 respectively.

"It's going to be tight," commented Coach Johnson. "We'll just have to win our two remaining conference games and hope someone gives us a little help."

Coach Johnson was referring to the fact that both Bowling Green and Toledo have to be beaten before the Herd can win the MAC title.

## Herd to meet tough Loyola; win important

By **GREG CARRANTE**  
Sports Writer

Although tonight's Marshall-Loyola of Chicago contest is not a Mid-American Conference game, there is no reason to believe that it is not important.

If the Thundering Herd fails to lead the MAC at the end of the season, and if it succeeds in capturing second place, a National Invitational Tournament bid for Marshall, as runnerup, will exist only if it has an attractive overall record.

Coach Ellis Johnson said that the game "is going to be tough. Loyola won the national championship three or four years ago, and they are usually always a national power."

Backing up Coach Johnson's statement is a Loyola 12-5 record, along with a Saturday night 81-75 triumph over nationally 10th-ranked New Mexico State.

## Editor views Toledo contest: team game for team audience

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The decision, if you can call it that, was based on a choice of remaining at home and watching the game of the year on TV or being an active participant at the arena.

Like I said, there wasn't much of a choice. I decided to go. Besides, I wanted to see if Captain Bob Redd was being prophetic when he predicted, "we can win with dignity."

Upon arriving at Memorial Field House, I was greeted with a Toledo University fight song. A sizeable contingent of TU partisans had made the long trip down to watch their Rockets go.

The TU fans weren't the only guests at the game. MAC Commissioner Bob James and his wife were on hand along with an estimated one million TV viewers. To say the stage was set is putting it mildly.

At about this time I realized what a complete addict I had become with this game of basketball. My pulse rate had increased about 50 per cent. My eyes were blinking uncontrollably and my mouth kept saying Go! Go! Go!

A thought crossed my mind between the fight song and a cheer. If the pressure was this bad in the stands, what would it be like on the floor?

The answer was immediately forthcoming. The Rockets were slow in overcoming the hometown freeze. The Herd led 9-3 in the opening minutes and hope against hope of a rout began to formulate in my mind. Suddenly, the momentum was broken. Toledo had overcome their nervousness through some outstanding shooting, and the deadheat type of game that was expected began to take shape.

I started to console myself with the past. The Herd had always shown poise in the face of defeat. In my mind, they had never given up and I wasn't about to give up on them.

Too quickly it was all over, Coach Ellis Johnson had raised his arms in victory and the chant of "We're No. 1," had died away. A five man team had played a team game before a team audience.