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President Stewart H. Smith



... From My
Viewpoint ...

(Editor's Note: Paul W. Smith Jr., a sophomore student residing in the Residence Hall for Men, sent President Stewart H. Smith a letter on Dec. 12, 1964, in which he requested explanations about three issues. "Feeling that his questions and my answers would be of interest to other students," the President said, "I asked an received his permission to reply to his letter through my regular Wednesday Parthenon column.")

Dear Paul:

I have appreciated your writing me for information concerning certain matters that are troubling you and some of your fellow students. When I suggested that you come to my office to discuss your questions, you said that you thought I was too busy to be bothered by a student. I admit that I am busy as are all other administrative officers, but I am not too busy to see a student. I welcome the opportunity to talk with students and feel that nothing I can do is more important than to make myself available for such talks. All that you and other students need do is to come to my office and ask my secretary for an appointment.

Many times I can see students and others at the time they call. If I cannot see them then, they should ask for an appointment later that day or on the following day.

It is true that I cannot always do what people ask of me, but I can and do give a sympathetic hearing and give assistance whenever the request is reasonable and a solution possible.

I shall take up your questions in the order in which they were asked. Question one. Why was the cafeteria meal book cost increased last September?

Frankly, the meal book rates should have been raised two years earlier. Reasons for the increase last fall were as follows:

1. The costs of food, supplies and utilities continue to rise from year to year.

2. Each year some equipment must be replaced. Some years the replacement costs may be low while in other years major pieces of equipment must be acquired.

3. The wages and salaries of some of the cafeteria staff members must be increased from time to time. Some staff members have not had wage increases for almost two years.

4. A part of the income of the Main Dining Hall and the Residence Hall for Men including the dining room is pledged toward paying the bonded indebtedness and interest on the Residence Hall for Men and its dining facility.

In 1963-64, the total payment on the indebtedness of this dormitory and dining hall was \$58,718.74 (\$33, 718.74 for interest and \$25,000 on the principal).

All revenue producing facilities on the campus are required to be self-supporting. These include the Student Union, the dormitories, the dining halls and the housing for married students.

In order to secure H.H.F.A. (Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency) approval for a loan in the amount of \$1,263,223.84 to build and equip the Residence Hall for Men and the dining hall and kitchen facilities, the University, as previously stated, had to pledge a part of the income from that dormitory and dining hall and from the Main Dining Hall toward the amortization of the total debt.

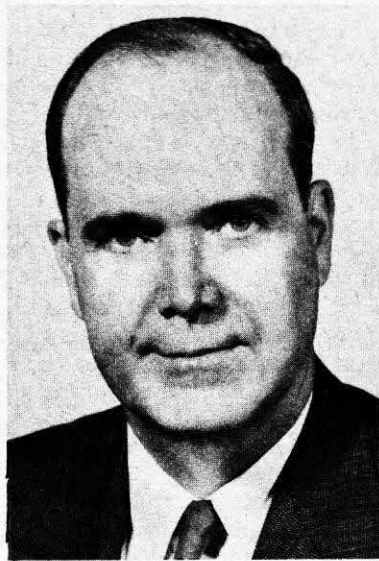
If the Residence Hall for Men were required to raise sufficient revenue to finance its own total operation and debt-reduction, both the room and board rates there would have to be increased substantially. It is customary among our state-supported institutions to finance new revenue producing facilities through the income from them and from related debt-free facilities (in this instance the Main Dining Hall). As you can see, this makes it possible to keep the room and board rates of these new facilities more reasonable.

Question 2. You question the new student activity-service fee. Why should students not taking courses in which expendable

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DR. A. E. HARRIS



DR. R. LLOYD BECK

Drs. Harris, Beck Die; MU Flag At Half-Staff

Two prominent Marshall educators, Dr. A. E. Harris, former dean of the Graduate School and mayor of Huntington, and Dr. R. Lloyd Beck, head of the Department of Philosophy, died during the Christmas holidays.

Dr. Harris, who died Dec. 29, was born Aug. 12, 1898, in Little Birch, W. Va. He attended Glenville State Normal School from 1920 to 1923. From 1923 to 1925 he was principal of Central School in St. Albans, and in 1926 earned his A.B. at Marshall. He was then employed as assistant instructor of history at the University of Pennsylvania until 1928, earning his M.A. there.

Serving as instructor of English and social science at Glenville State College from 1928 to 1934, he also attended the George Peabody College for Teachers during that time. After obtaining his Ph.D. at the State University of Iowa in 1936, he joined the Marshall faculty in the fall of that year.

Dr. Harris was named dean of the Graduate School in 1947 and retired Sept. 1, 1963. He

continued as chairman of the Department of Social Studies and taught political science as well.

University President Stewart H. Smith, in commenting upon the death of Dr. Harris, said:

"Through his life and work, Dr. Harris exerted an immeasurable influence in molding strength of character in the lives of young men and women. His personality radiated cheerfulness and confidence and he was as genuine to the humble person as to the person of distinction.

"He was a straight-forward, candid and warm-hearted man. All of us who were associated with him will remember him with deep affection and admiration. Thousands of his former students serve as living memorials to this man who loved his University, loved his family, his friends, his home and his country."

Friends of Dr. Harris may contribute to the A. E. Harris Graduate Loan Fund through the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs Office.

Acute leukemia took the life of Dr. Beck on Jan. 1. He had been at Marshall for 30 years.

Dr. Beck was born May 10, 1904, in Lexington, N. C. A graduate of Wake Forest College, he received his Ph.D. from Cornell University in 1931. He served as head of the Philosophy Department at Upsala College, East Orange, N. J., from 1931 to 1934. He joined the Marshall faculty in 1934 as head of the Department of Philosophy.

A member of the American

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Dr. Smith OK's Price Complaint

By LLOYD D. LEWIS
Staff Reporter

A motion making students eligible for Student Government Research Grants, and the reading of a letter from President Stewart H. Smith endorsing the Student Senate's position on Memorial Field House and Fairfield Stadium concessions stands, highlighted the Dec. 16 Senate session.

The research grant motion, made by Follansbee senior Larry LeMasters, chairman of the Senate Academic Affairs Committee, provides for qualified students to obtain up to \$500 for scientific research, subject to recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee and approval of the Student Senate.

In reading President Smith's letter to the Senate, Student Body President Dick Cottrill, Huntington senior, quoted him by saying that the legislators' "protests in this matter are justified." The Senate passed a co-resolution in its Dec. 9 meeting asking President Smith to "intervene on behalf of the student body" in the concession stands issue.

Other items on the agenda included reports by Sen. Andy MacQueen, St. Albans senior, and President Cottrill; the resignation of one senator and the administering of the oath of office to two others, and a brief report by Robert P. Alexander, director of placement and Senate adviser.

According to Senator LeMasters, Student Government Research Grants were formerly open only to faculty members and were to be used solely for the hiring and supplying of one or more student assistants.

With the passage of this motion, however, selected students may now conduct their own research and they will not be required to hire assistants. As stated in the motion, "Each grant shall be judged according to its own merits."

President Smith, in his letter to the Senate, stated that he would send a "strong" letter to the Fairfield Stadium Board asking for a special meeting of the Board to consider the Senate's protests. In addition, he would also write to the Cabell County Recreation Board, which controls Memorial Field House.

Student Body President Cottrill stated that he had written two letters himself concerning the matter. He said, "We should do everything possible to alleviate this situation at the Field House now."

John Hill, commissioner of student government affairs and Mallory junior, wrote a petition some time ago asking lower prices, better quality food, and continuous service at the concession stands. Copies of the petition have been circulated among the student body and the move has been approved by the Student Cabinet and the Student Senate.

President Cottrill announced the recent election of Dr. Simon

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Student Asks Questions, President Smith Replies

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supplies are used be asked to help pay for such supplies?

This is an interesting question which suggests further questions. One might ask why student teachers are not required to pay the stipends paid by the University to their supervising teachers? Why are students using expensive equipment in their classwork and for practice such as pianos, typewriters, Home Economics Department equipment and the like not charged additional fees? Why do students who ride the University bus on field trips not pay for this extra service?

Some courses require much research in the library. As all of us know, books are very costly. Should the students who make much use of library books pay more than those who use them infrequently or not at all?

In view of the examples cited above where many students receive free use of expensive equipment, free supervision of student teaching, and free use of library books and other materials, one can logically ask why one group of students should be required to pay for the supplies they use when a large number of students pay nothing directly toward equipment and supplies used in other courses.

The practice of collecting fees from students enrolled in courses where expendable supplies are used was begun many years ago. Were appropriated funds adequate, these fees would not be necessary.

In addition to the question of an equitable distribution of fees is that of the collection of fees for certain courses. At present, fees are collected in 110 courses, and I have requests from several department chairmen for more fees. The collection of course fees complicates, slows and prolongs the registration process. It is also impossible to inform parents and prospective students of the total cost of tuition and fees until the student has registered for the term or semester. This is a handicap to the University because many people compare such costs when selecting an institution.

We have reviewed many university and college catalogs and have found that almost without exception other institutions charge a standard fee to all students for activities and services. It may also be worthy of note that Marshall's proposed fee is below those collected in most other institutions of our size and stature.

The entire amount paid by students for this general activity-service fee will be used to support student activities and to purchase necessary supplies.

You asked whether the University would have imposed this fee if the Student Senate had vetoed it. The answer is "No." Regardless of its questionable fairness and administrative cumbersomeness, we would have had to continue the present system. The University has never instituted or raised a student activity fee that was not previously approved by the Student Senate. The course fees, it is true, have never been referred to the Senate but have been imposed when department chairmen requesting them could offer proof of their need and when the academic dean had approved them.

Question Three. You state that the Residence Hall for Men was without heat and hot water on several occasions this fall and that the rooms are frequently too hot or too cold. I have checked with Dean of Men John Shay about this and he has verified some recent trouble with the heating system.

I understand that the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds had our maintenance staff examine the heating system. After an extensive inspection, a leak was found and repaired. This did not fully correct the trouble, however, and further investigation revealed a malfunctioning part in the circulating pump. This part has been replaced. A thorough examination of the heating system was made during the Christmas vacation period.

I can appreciate the irritations that such conditions cause. Our home is a part of the University utility system, and from time to time we have been without electricity and without heat. Occasionally equipment will break down, a boiler will not function, a break will occur in the campus electric conduit system or a transformer will burn out. When such situations arise, we do the best we can to restore services promptly.

There may be times when the difficulty arises from a human rather than a mechanical factor. The regulation of boilers and furnaces is a human responsibility, and we expect those in charge to give good care and attention to this equipment and to make every possible effort to keep it functioning properly and regularly. If there is evidence of neglect, then such matters should be reported immediately to the person in charge of the building. Should the condition continue for some time, then the matter should be reported to the administrative officer responsible for the operation of the facility, in this case, the Dean of Men.

This letter has grown much too long. I hope that the information included in it answers your questions. If there are further questions about my campus issues or condition, I will be glad to discuss them either personally or in writing.

Fraley Is Named Financial Director

Mr. George Fraley is the new Director of Financing Assistance in the Dean of Men's Office. Mr. Fraley graduated from Marshall in 1950 with a degree in accounting. He had previously attended Bluefield College.

Before accepting this position, Mr. Fraley was a cost accountant at Hercules Powder Company in Radford, Va., which makes types of powder used in missiles. The new Financial Director plans to reside in Barboursville.

Van Cliburn To Open New Year Of University Cultural Programs

The new year for Marshall's cultural program will start Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. when Van Cliburn, internationally renowned pianist, presents an Artists Series concert at the Keith-Albee.

The month of February has several programs scheduled. A convocation Feb. 11 will feature the Netherlands Chamber Choir with a concert which is an object lesson in the difference be-

tween recordings and live music. During the evening a portrayal of America's national parks will be presented by James Metcalf.

Direct from Wales, The Royal Welsh Male Choir will present another Artists Series program Feb. 15.

The Abbey Singers will be featured at a Convocation Feb. 18. They will explore the worlds of music, from the vocal literature of the Renaissance through the important composers of today. Also on Feb. 18, "I Solisti Di Zagreb," a program of chamber music, will be presented at a Community Forum.

Another Forum Feb. 23 will have Eris Pavel presenting a talk on "Six Gateways to the Caribbean." The remaining program in February will be two days later. It will be a Convocation featuring Brooks Hays, who has written "This World: A Christian's Workshop," and "A Southern Moderate Speaks."

Tickets for the Artists Series will be distributed a week before each performance. Convocations and Forums may be attended by showing activity cards at the door.

Student Grants Sought

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Perry, assistant professor of political science, as the new Student Cabinet adviser. Dr. Perry replaces Dean of Men John E. Shay, who resigned because of other responsibilities.

Senator MacQueen reported that his special committee, which is studying the feasibility of a student-faculty mediatory board, had recently held meetings with several administrators, including President Smith, Vice President of Academic Affairs Harold E.

Walker, and Dean of Men John E. Shay.

MacQueen said he hopes to begin open faculty hearings after Christmas and remarked that he has had "several favorable comments" on his proposed board.

"The 1964-65 student directories are now at the printer's," said President Cottrill. "They should be on sale as soon as we get back from Christmas vacation."

The announcement by President Cottrill of the resignation of Lewisburg Graduate Sen. Ted Wiley, due to "overwork," was approved by the legislators.

Also, June Patton, Huntington senior, and Jean Cattano, Wheeling junior, took the senatorial oath of office and filled the vacancies left by the recent resignations of John Cross, Huntington senior, and Danie Stewart, Barboursville junior.

Auditorium OK; Ready For Use

The renovation of Old Main Auditorium has been completed and the auditorium is now ready for use.

A final inspection of the auditorium was made December 29 by George T. West, member of the West Virginia Board of Education; C. S. Szekely, superintendent of buildings and grounds; Walter S. Donat, Huntington architect, and Charles Neighborhood, constructor and found substantially complete. The West Virginia Board of Education then accepted the project as complete.

The major expense of the \$90,000 renovation program resulted in replacing the wooden beams in the ceiling with steel trusses. A new roof, new lighting, refinishing the inside of the auditorium, new seating, carpeting the aisles and air conditioning completed the program.

Old Main Auditorium was ordered closed early in March of last year when a separation in the ceiling was discovered.

Drs. A. E. Harris, R. Lloyd Beck Die

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Philosophical Association, the West Virginia Philosophical Association, and the First Congregational Church of Huntington. Dr. Beck was also a former member of the Huntington Rotary Club.

Dr. Smith said of Dr. Beck: "A fine scholar and teacher, he was beloved by all who knew him. He gave his time and talents to his students in large measure. In all his relationships, he was kind and considerate, always mindful of the sacredness of human personality and ever tolerant of human frailties.

"The very modesty of his bearing sometimes seemed to conceal the superior talents he possessed. Dr. Beck was a great motivating force for higher standards of scholarship and conduct on this campus. Thousands of Marshall students are better men and women today because of Professor R. Lloyd Beck."

The campus flag was flown at staff last week for Dr. Harris, and is being flown at half-staff through today for Dr. Beck.

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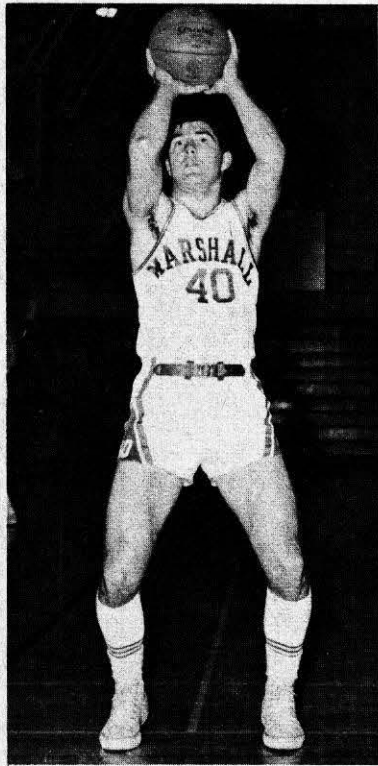
By TIM MASSEY
Sports Co-Editor

There are many good ways to bring in a new year but coach Ellis Johnson will tell you nothing beats a basketball victory—especially if it follows six straight losses.

That's how Marshall's previously winless hoopsters began 1965 Saturday night when the victory-hungry Big Green downed West Virginia Wesleyan, 93-74, at the Field House.

Something that would make Coach Johnson's grin a little broader is a triumph over Morris Harvey tonight in Charleston.

The Big Green dropped a heartbreaking 98-96 setback to the Golden Eagles "last year"



BILL FRANCIS

Campus Briefs

CLASSICALS TO MEET

The Marshall Classical Association and the classical honorary Eta Sigma Phi will meet next Monday at 3 p.m. to discuss "The Libation Bearers," a play from Aeschylus' "Oresteia." All those interested in the classics and ancient Greek tragedy are invited to attend the meeting in Room 210 of Old Main, according to Charles Lloyd, president of Eta Sigma Phi.

GULLICKSON HALL

Otto Gullickson Hall was completed in 1961 and named in 1963 to honor an outstanding Marshall leader and teacher. The building houses the Athletic Department, Department of Physical Education for Men, Military Science Department and the University Health Service. Facilities include classrooms, a main gymnasium with seating for 1,550, three auxiliary gymnasiums, a regulation swimming pool with seating for 350 spectators, a rifle range, a 30 bed dormitory and physical therapy rooms.

BUILT BY DONATIONS

The Campus Christian Center, erected in 1960, was built and is maintained by private donations. The Center includes a 200 seat chapel, 250 seat fellowship hall, library, kitchen, conference rooms and offices of religious counselors.

NORTHCOTT HALL

Northcott Hall, completed in 1915 and named in honor of the late G. A. Northcott, a distinguished citizen of Huntington, provides facilities for the Departments of Art, Business Administration and Home Economics.

after leading by 15 points at half. Seemingly pleased with his team's performance Saturday night, Johnson praised the play of Bill Francis, who poured in 34 points, but indicated that the margin of victory should have been greater than it was.

"There were several instances when we should have broken the game open but our boys didn't make the best of the opportunities. We just don't have that killer instinct," Johnson continued.

This has been evident all season. Marshall has led at halftime on three occasions only to see their opponents storm back to win in the second 20 minutes. Against such formidable opponents as Eastern Kentucky, Ohio and Miami, the Big Green was close during the early going but folded in the stretch.

"We went into our full-court press in those games and our boys were tired in the second half," Johnson explained. "Against Wesleyan our boys weren't as tired since we played the zone defense."

The MU mentor indicated that he planned the same type of defense against Morris Harvey in hopes of stopping a repeat performance by the Golden Eagles and Roger Hart. Hart, a 5-8 dynamo, whipped in 30 points in their first game and was the inspirational leader in the startling comeback.

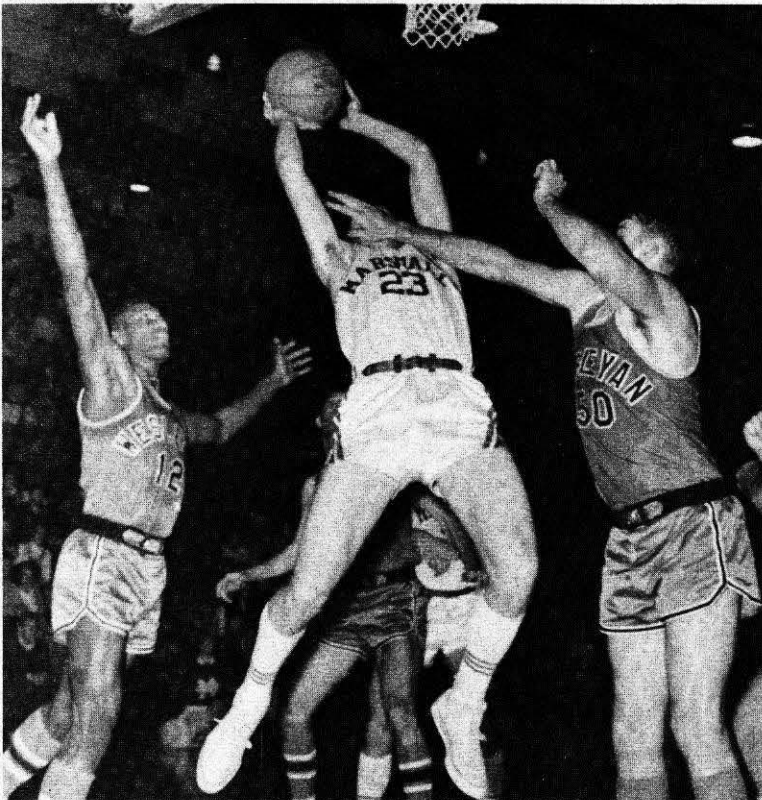
But the man of the hour in the last meeting was the Eagles' Pete McAtee, who dressed only because coach Sonny Moran had an extra uniform. It was McAtee who calmly toed the foul line and tossed in the winning points with two seconds remaining. Coach Moran will probably have another extra uniform around tonight.

Bruce Belcher, who started his first game Saturday night, will again get the nod over sophomore Bill Whetsell. "Bruce played a good game before he got into foul trouble and will be in there again Wednesday," Johnson said. "Whetsell hasn't been shooting as well as we had expected. He is capable of breaking open a lot of games if he can hit. When he snaps out of it he'll start again."

Hustling Bill Francis' high-scoring performance was the best by a Marshall player this season and hiked his season average to 21 points a game. His co-captain and backcourt mate Tom Langfitt slipped to 19.4 and second place in the team standings. High-jumping George Hicks continues to be the big rebounder for the Big Green. His 16 retrieves against Wesleyan brought his average to a hefty 13.4 a game.

CORDS FOR UNIFORMS

The Drum and Bugle Corps of the Marshall ROTC battalion was presented new shoulder cords recently, according to Sgt. Maj. James J. Dowling, group adviser. The new red and white cords were presented at drill by Maj. Lawrence M. Kelly, assistant professor of military science. The musical group is a charter member of the National ROTC Band Association.



BEHEADED — Marshall's Tom Langfitt looks as if he is about to lose his head as Wesleyan's big center Mickey Reeves makes a futile attempt to stop his layup. However, neither he nor Charlie Miller (12) could stop the Big Green ace from scoring two of his 16 points.

No More Low-Cuts For Marshall Five

By RICK EDWARDS
Sports Co-Editor

Starting tonight at the Charleston Civic Center the Marshall basketball team will wear high-top basketball shoes.

The decision was made by MU basketball mentor Ellis Johnson, after watching his team play West Virginia Wesleyan last Saturday night.

"I am tired of seeing our boys have to stop during a game and replace those low-cut shoes," said Johnson.

The Big Green players have had trouble with the shoes all season, and the player having the most trouble with the shoes has been Jerry Katz, MU's 6-6 transfer forward.

Jerry has always liked the low cut shoes ever since he started wearing them when he was at Dade County Junior College, in Miami, Fla.

"I like low-cut shoes because they help build-up my ankles," said Katz, when asked about the shoes recently.

But even though Katz likes the shoes he has had his share of problems with them. In at least five of the seven games that the Big Green has played to date, Katz has lost a shoe; and under the current basketball rules an official cannot stop the clock for a minor equipment repair. This means that whenever Katz, or any other MU player, loses a shoe and he stops to replace it, the Big Green will be playing one-man short until the player rejoins them.

Take for example last Saturday's game, Katz lost his shoe twice in that contest and both times the Wesleyan Bobcats were able to regain the basketball without a score being made by the MU four. Katz was at the other end of the floor replacing a shoe.

Katz explains why he has trouble keeping them on his feet, by saying:

"I play under the boards and

there is a lot of contact under there, somehow somebody steps on my heel and the next thing I know I'm out of my shoe."

George Hicks, the leading rebounder on the Marshall squad, had the same problems earlier in the season, and so have most of the other regulars on the team.

"I don't like the low-cut shoes and I never have, so from now on its going to be the high-top shoes in the games. The boys that want to can continue to wear the low-cuts in practice but not in the games, I'm tired of trying to beat the opposition with just four men," said Johnson.

Dave Life Leads Scoring In Intramural Cage Play

By WOODY WILSON
Sports Reporter

Dave Life, Men's Dorm's fast scoring guard, leads the Intramural Basketball League in scoring with a 21.2 average.

Life, who has played in five games, also leads in points scored. He has 106 points to his credit.

Buddy Peaytt of the Panzies is second in scoring with a 19.4 average and has tossed in 97 points. He has played in five games.

In the intramural league standings, New Men's Dorm No. 1 and the Beavers are tied for

Unbeaten Frosh Seek Seventh Triumph At MH

Marshall's undefeated freshman basketball team will seek its seventh victory of the season and third win over the Morris Harvey junior varsity tonight at Charleston.

The Little Green downed tonight's opponent, 104-89 Saturday night at Memorial Field House, and previously thumped the Little Eagles 122 to 90.

After a close first 10 minutes on Saturday, Marshall blitzed the visitors with a high-powered fast break and opened up a 64-44 lead at intermission. The Little Green maintained a 20 point margin throughout most of the second half, however Morris Harvey did trim it to a final difference of 15 as Marshall substituted freely near the end of the game.

The Little Green was led by George Stone who tossed in 28 points and grabbed 23 rebounds, his season's high in both. Orville Stepp scored 25 points, Bob Redd pitched in with 16 points and 17 rebounds, while Joe Dawson collected 13 points.

Bob Allen had eight points and nine rebounds, Jim Jordan scored eight points and Glenn Justice contributed six markers to round out the Marshall scoring.

Morris Harvey was led by Bill Robinette with 26 points. Kenny Minor and Pete McAtee had 24 and 20, respectively.

Marshall finished with a 44 per cent shooting average to 39 per cent for Morris Harvey. The Little Green had 47 field goals and 10 free throws, while the Little Eagles dropped in 35 from the floor and 19 at the foul line. The Little Green dominated the backboards, outrebounding their smaller opponents 76 to 48.

The frosh will make their next appearance this Saturday against Lockbourne Air Force Base of Columbus, Ohio.

first in the first bracket with 5-0 records while K-Vees lead the second bracket with a 6-0 mark.

Kappa Alpha No. 2 is the front runner of the third bracket with five wins and no defeats while the Panzies lead the fourth flight with a 5-0 record.

In the fifth flight, Pi Kappa Alpha No. 4 is the leader with five wins and no losses while the sixth flight leader is the Rinky Dinks with a 4-0 mark.

Here is the top 10 scorers in the Intramural Basketball League after seven weeks of action:

INTRAMURAL TOP TEN

Player, club	G.	Pts.	Ave.
Life, Men's Dorm	5	106	21.2
Peaytt, Panzies	5	97	19.4
Simpson, Rinky Dinks	4	75	18.7
Maynard, Cavaliers	5	89	17.8
Marvin, Beavers	5	87	17.4
Lowther, LCA	5	87	17.4
Haugher, Vikings	6	102	17.0
Sparks, C3H5 (NO3)3	5	79	15.8
Van Arsdale, SAE	5	75	15.0
Whitley, KA	5	74	14.8

Faculty Member Reviews 'The Deputy'

By HAROLD MURPHY

Assistant Professor of Spanish

A joint faculty-student committee appointed to select a book of the semester has departed from the customary novel and instead, has selected a play to serve as a basis for discussion groups on campus this semester. I have been asked to write this article to familiarize the student body with this work and to present some possible viewpoints for discussion.

Rolf Hochhuth's "Das Stellvertreter", translated into English by Richard and Clara Winston as "The Deputy", is probably the most controversial drama to appear in recent years. It is an unabashed "J'accuse" flung directly at Pope Pius XII. The author's grievance is that Pope Pius, as God's deputy on earth, failed to speak out publicly and specifically to denounce the Nazi extermination of six million Jews during World War II.

In this modern morality play, Hochhuth uses an imagined young Jesuit priest, Father Riccardo Fontana to voice his protest. The author makes Fontana the son of a highly placed Roman noble, an economic adviser to the Vatican decorated by the Pope for his services to the Church. Thus, Father Fontana's social position makes him the friend of high church officials; cardinals, nuncios, members of the curia, etc. He is a trusted young emissary sent on delicate diplomatic missions and most important, he has access to the Pope.

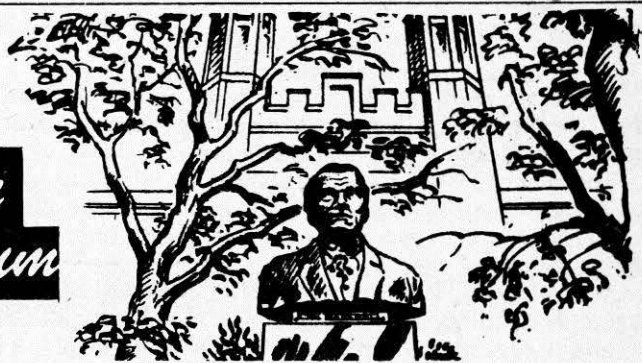
Stripped of all extraneous elements, the play's story line extends from Father Fontana's appearance in Berlin to his confrontation with the Pope to his own death at Auschwitz. The first scene takes place in the Papal Nuncio's palace in Berlin where Father Fontana has been sent for duty in December of 1942. The abrupt appearance of an SS Lieutenant, Kurt Gerstein, based on a real character who infiltrated the SS to combat Hitlerism, who has come to beg the Nuncio to make a plea for a formal protest from the Holy See, first confirms the fact that Jews are being killed in Treblinka and Belzec, Poland. Fontana later visits Gerstein and meets Jacobson, a Jew whom Gerstein is hiding. He is so moved by Jacobson's plight that he gives the man his diplomatic passport to help him flee Germany.

Father Fontana returns to Rome in 1943 and unsuccessfully seeks to persuade his father and a realistic cardinal of the urgency of the situation. It is not until the Nazis begin to round up Jews virtually under the shadow of Saint Peter's that Father Fontana gets the chance to state his case directly before the Pope. When Pius refuses to change his policy of silence, Fontana pins a yellow star on his cassock and joins the Italians being sent to Auschwitz. In the final scene after a philosophical argument with a cynical "doctor", he is machinegunned to death, thus in a real sense becoming God's "deputy."

As a work of art, the play has many defects. It is too long to be performed uncut—it would take about seven hours. It is full of meticulously detailed stage directions and long philosophical speeches. Perhaps its most fatal fault is the characterization of the Pope. Hochhuth makes Pius a fool. This is a possible position



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for a historian to take and to defend but it is a fatal one for a dramatist because it weakens his play. He has not presented Pius as a strong adversary necessary for a powerful confrontation. Hochhuth's Pius is overly concerned with finances, cold, sanctimonious and insipid, in short, a caricature. The dramatist should have made more of an antagonist of him.

This defect in characterization, however, does not negate what Hochhuth is saying. He is haunted by the heinous crimes committed by his countrymen against the Jews and he is crying that all of us share in the burden of guilt. This is another grave defect. He begins by stating or implying the complicity of all people of all faiths in failing to protest to act against Hitler's crime, but he ends by tying the guilt to Pius and thereby excusing the rest of us. At the play's end, everyone should share the guilt, but he does not achieve this.

Was Hochhuth unfair to Pius? It is difficult to accuse the author of a venomous or hysterical attack. He simply felt that as the representative of high spiritual and moral authority, Pius had the obligation to speak out against the wholesale murder of the Jews but shirked this responsibility largely because of political considerations—the growing power of atheistic Russia.

It would have been wiser to present Pius as the diplomat who had prided himself on maintaining a kind of harmony between Germany and the Vatican since the time of Benedict XV. He believed in the need of a diplomatic peace and felt that Hitler was protecting European Christianity from Stalin and Communist atheism. But were these motives

sufficient to remain silent? Could any motive be adequate to account for what he did not do? Motives must be examined—a hard thing to do since we cannot see for certain into the hearts and minds of man. Because no man can be certain that he has fully read another man's mind, the question may never be answered but extraordinary good has come from the mere forming of the question.

Hochhuth has, of course, sided with the Jews and has accumulated an impressive array of documentation to justify his accusation of moral deficiency on the part of Pope Pius. It is a historical fact that Pius did not speak out specifically and strongly against Hitler's policy; that he did not order his priests to pray for the Jews; that he did not seek to give spiritual comfort to the Italians of Jewish connections, some Catholic priests and nuns, who were being deported to Germany.

This quote is most damaging: "On October 28, 1943 Herr Von Weizsacher, Hitler's Ambassador to the Holy See, writes to the Foreign Office in Berlin: 'Although the Pope is said to have been importuned from various quarters, he has not allowed himself to be carried away into making any demonstrative statements against the deportation of the Jews. Although he must expect our enemies to resent this attitude on his part, he has nevertheless done all he could, in this

delicate question as other matters, not to prejudice relationships with the German government. Since further action on the Jewish problem is probably not to be expected here in Rome, it may be assumed that this question, so troublesome to German Vatican relations, has been disposed of.

'On Oct. 25, the Osservatore Romano, moreover, published a semi-official communique on the Pope's charitable activities in which the statement was made, in the style typical of this Vatican newspaper—that is to say, involved and vague—that the Pope extends his paternal solicitude to all men without distinction of nationality and race. There is no need to raise objections to its publication, since

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