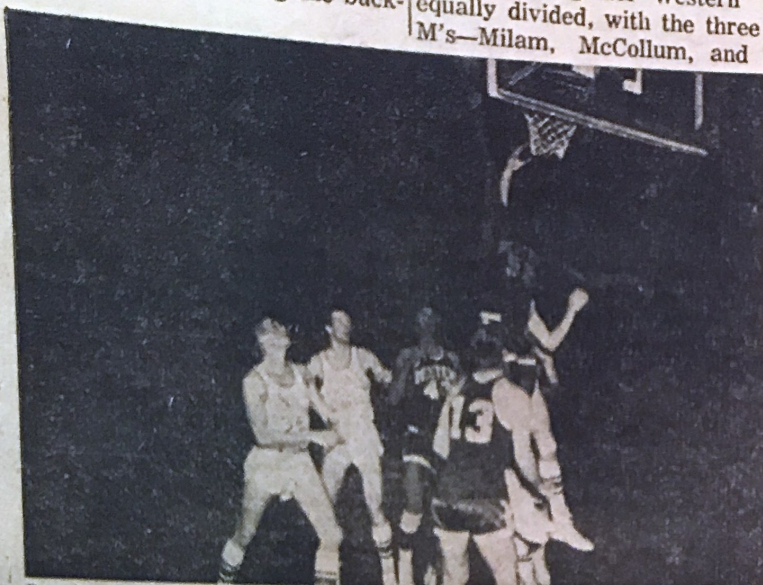


managed to keep hitting the buck-

they played at Western. The scoring for Western was equally divided, with the three big M's—Milam, McCollum, and Mc-



Grady McCollum goes up to tip in a basket against Eastern Mich.

In the first half it looked like Western was sure of a victory. Grady McCollum was showing his rebounding ability in high standards by controlling both boards.

Jack Milam, the 6' 4" hook shot artist, played another outstanding offensive game as well as sharp act of defense work. The Eastern fans were impressed by his key-hole hook shots.

It wasn't until late in the last half that the Leathernecks started to look like a polished team. Bill McAfoos who along with the rest of the Western cagers has had his share of bad luck. Mac didn't score a bucket until the second half, but made up for it by hitting 7 field goals for 11 attempts. Although Western's shooting was average, it wasn't good enough to take the victory. With three seconds to go in the game Western was behind by a 74 to 73 margin, but was unable to get the shot away. Tucker, a short stocky jack-rabbit, was high with 15 points. Milam and McAfoos also had high honors from the field.

After losing a heartbreaker Friday night the Leathernecks travel-

Yanks Sign Bonus "Baby"

By MAT RATT

The Percyville Yanks signed sixty-two year old righthander, Stan "The Man" Smedley, to a bonus contract today. Smedley was reported to have received a year's supply of booze plus a 1937 roadster.

When asked why he waited so long to sign pro, Smedley revealed that he played 28 years of high school ball and twenty years of service ball. Smedley was selected on the all Foreign Legion team for

Afoos—leading scoring attacks.

This Friday the Leathernecks travel to Springfield, Mo., to play in the NCAA tournament. Their first game is with Centenary. Let's give them a final backing by going to the game and supporting our Leathernecks. Just because Western has lost a few more games this year than usual don't under estimate them. They still have a great team and we should be proud of them.

Spring Drills Open March 16

By "DEEK" POLLARD

Coach Lou Saban announced that spring football practice will begin March 16. Football equipment will be issued on March 9 with drills starting the following week. During the last week of practice students and faculty will get a chance to see the squad participate in an intra-squad game. The intra-squad game will be held April 9 in the afternoon.

Coach Saban is expecting 50 players to report for practice many from last fall's championship team and additional help from several newcomers. With a loss of very few regulars from last year's squad, and a lot of hard work this spring Western can once again repeat its championship form as displayed last fall. Western's record last fall was six wins, one tie, and one defeat.

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the loss occurred the first meet of the campaign minus several of the top point getters.

The 400 yard medley relay team got the meet started on the right note as Cowe, Vincek, Oberg, and Hall splashed to a win and seven big points.

On the 220 yard freestyle, Ross Harry, who had yet to lose, was edged by Fitzgerald as the Billikan's ace set a new pool record. Don Barrett finished behind Harry to give the Leathernecks four points.

Warren Deatherage won the sprints once again as the freshman won the 50 in 24.5 and the 100 in 56.7.

Tom Beattie and Terry Sims finished first and second in the diving and when Don Oberg won the 200 yard butterfly, the Leatherneck lead swelled to 37 to 15.

St. Louis came roaring back to pick up eight points in the 200 yard backstroke as Bob Crowe finished third.

Again Fitzgerald beat Harry and Barrett to the wire in the 440 freestyle but Tom Vincek put the meet on ice as he won the 200 yard breaststroke and Beattie finished third.

St. Louis won the 400 yard freestyle relay but it was too late to catch the Leathernecks.

Swimming Team Rips Bradley

The Western swimming team splashed to an easy victory over Bradley, 9½-11½.

The Braves from Peoria did not capture one first place. The best they could do was second in the backstroke.

Ross Harry set two new pool records, 220 yd. freestyle with a time of 2:25.5 and a record in 440 yd. freestyle with a time of 5:21, 65.

Dan Oberg set a new pool record in the 200 yd. butterfly with a time of 2:32.6.

Other winners for the Leathernecks were Warren Deatherage in the 100 and the 50 yard freestyle, Tom Vincek in the 200 yard breaststroke. And Tom Beattie in the fancy diving. The 400 yard midlay relay team had no trouble winning. Crowe, Vincek, Oberg, McKay. Also the 400 yard freestyle team of Barrett, Oberg, Kneiper, Crowe had no trouble.

Crowe also won the 200 yard backstroke. Hall was a close second to Deatherage in both the 50 and 100 yard freestyle events.

ly sophomore and junior congratulations to the team Red Miller.

The swimmers have met left and figure to top three. Western Michigan figure to finish place behind Southern

The basketball team another pair of games we e k-end. The loss Michigan surprised the beating at Centenary shock to many. The record to 17-8. The more than Western three previous seasons er (7), but lets brag Western was 11-1 at the road. This inab the road cost Western title. Western dropping games on the road. cy College court o a chance to show the road, they were there.

This does not par mend Western as threat.

We learned of to the South Regional too late last week, so we some research o The winner will ville, Indiana, t finals. The final team affair with region open Great Lakes r In all probability Wheaton, so i manage to squ will all get to we've been wa gional opens M field, Mo. with ing Centenary La. 11-13) and home club 19 ene Christian the Seventh the

and the loser place. Good I It looks like t ces are better total to 10 rat ories total to 1 Ricci got toge 1954-55 season 18 games whi lets all hope

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