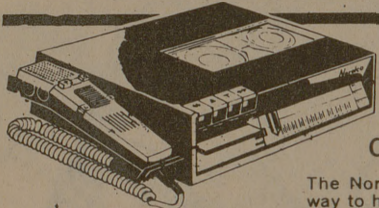


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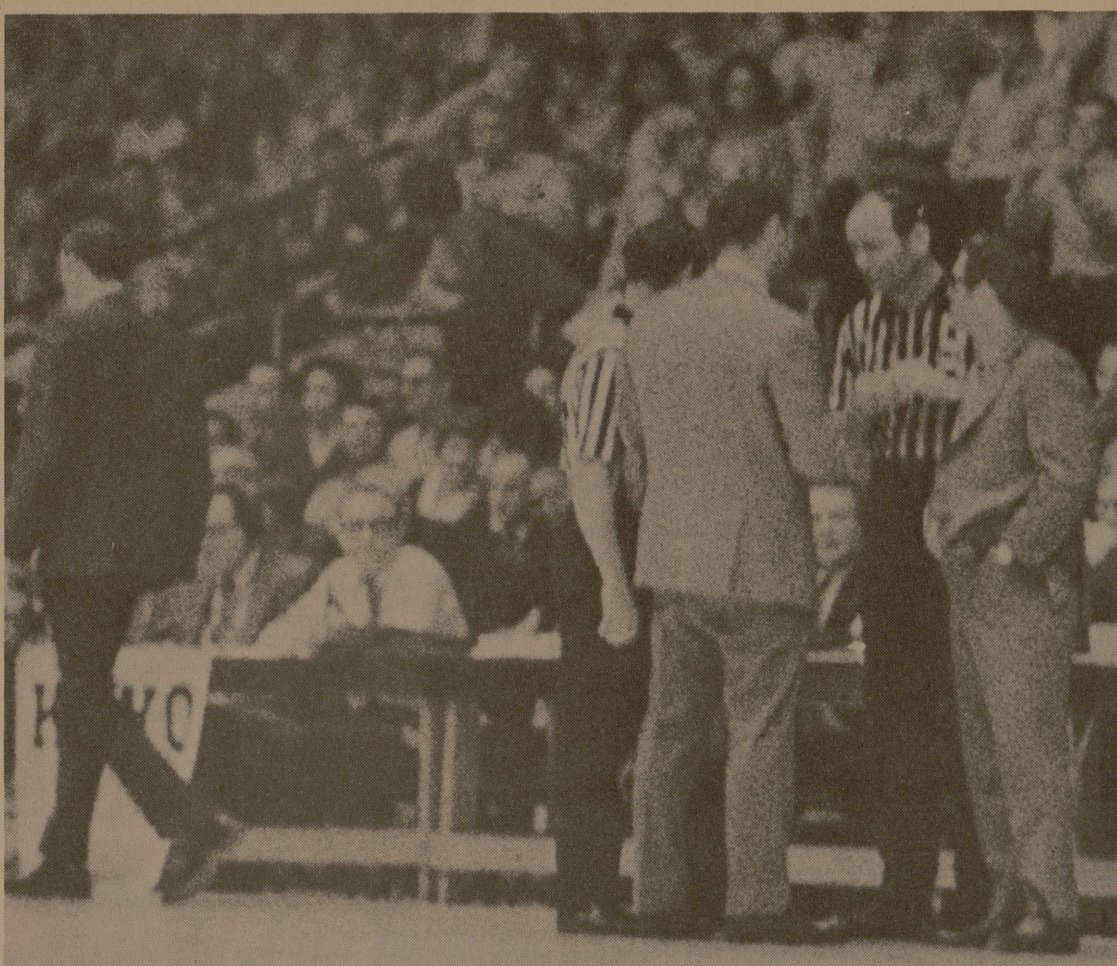


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SOME COURT ACTION—Shelby Metcalf, left, is in the process of explaining something to referees Dennis Jeter and Alan Winters in Tuesday's 84-66 loss in Lubbock. Tech coach Bob Bass listens at right. (Photo by Mike Wright)

**SFA Tightens  
 AP Poll Lead**

By The Associated Press  
 Unbeaten Stephen F. Austin, adding three more victories to its string in last week's play, remained atop the list Thursday in The Associated Press small college basketball rankings.  
 The Lumberjacks nipped Sam Houston State 83-82, then whipped Eastern New Mexico 93-64 and Tarleton State 106-69 for an 18-0 mark and a firm grip on the No. 1 spot.  
 Kentucky Wesleyan, runner-up in last week's ballot of sports writers and sportscasters, lost twice in three starts and slipped to seventh position in the current rankings.  
 Stephen F. Austin received seven first place votes and a total of 187 points. Youngstown, 17-0 through last Saturday night's games, drew three firsts and moved up from third to second with 152 points.  
 No. 11 Puget Sound received the other No. 1 vote.  
 Ashland, 16-1 after two victories last week, climbed from fourth to third, St. Mary's, Tex., 14-2 and idle during the week, vaulted from sixth to fourth, Howard Payne, 18-2, held fifth

and Cheyney State, 16-1, advanced one spot to sixth.  
 Completing the Top Ten were Kentucky Wesleyan, 13-4, Maryland State, 12-0, Central Washington, 17-1, and Trinity, Tex., 12-3.  
 Central Washington made the week's biggest jump, from 19th position.  
 The Top Twenty, with first place votes in parentheses and total points, awarded on basis of 20-18-16-14-12-10-9-8-etc-:  
 1. Stephen F. Austin (7) 187  
 2. Youngstown (3) 152  
 3. Ashland (1) 122  
 4. St. Mary's, Tex. 111  
 5. Howard Payne 106  
 6. Cheyney State 98  
 7. Kentucky Wesleyan 96  
 8. Maryland State 90  
 9. Central Washington 82  
 10. Trinity, Tex. 60  
 11. Puget Sound (1) 52  
 12. Gannon 46  
 13. SW Louisiana 45  
 14. Oral Roberts 38  
 15. Old Dominion 32  
 16. Wartburg 27  
 17. Fairmont State 27  
 18. Stetson 27  
 19. SW Missouri State 22  
 20. NE Louisiana 22

**Ashe Raps Ruling**

By Tom Seppy  
 Associated Press Sports Writer  
 WASHINGTON (AP) — Negro tennis star Arthur Ashe Jr. criticized the South African government Wednesday for refusing him a visa but said the United States should not retaliate by barring athletes from that country.  
 "My initial gut reaction is to keep all the athletes from South Africa out of this country," Ashe told a House subcommittee.  
 "But on further reflection, my moral reaction is that the United States should not stoop to their level. If we should do that it would give a legitimacy to apartheid. And two wrongs do not make a right."  
 After the hearing, however, Chairman Charles C. Diggs Jr., D-Mich., said the United States should take some reciprocal action such as denying golfer Gary Player, a South African member of the pro tour, a visa.  
 "I think there should be some retaliation on our part by the State Department," he said. "And I think it should go beyond a symbolic action."  
 Diggs said he would communicate with President Nixon with

the hope of getting the United States to take action against South Africa.  
 "Apartheid is the official policy of the South African government and we should not pass it off," he said.  
 "This is not a matter to be left to athletes alone. We as government bear some of the responsibility and should be handled on a government to government basis."  
 Diggs said he would also remind Nixon that the United Nations passed a resolution in December, 1968, urging countries not to deal with South Africa because of its racial policies.  
 Ashe said he would hope the State Department would do all that it can diplomatically to change what he called the South African government's abhorrent and obnoxious apartheid policy.  
 Ashe, who is ranked no. 3 in tennis in the United States, told the African Subcommittee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee of his difficulties in trying to obtain a visa so that he could compete in the South African Open next month.  
 The African government denied him a visa as an individual—but said he could compete with the U.S. Davis Cup team—because of statements he had made against the country which it said were political.

**Intramurals**

Weigh-in for Class A and C intramural wrestling will be held at 5 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday for the Monday start of competition, announced Ray Fletcher, intramural director.  
 Competition among the five-man teams will be conducted in G. Rollie White Coliseum. Preliminary weigh-in will be in the coliseum locker rooms.  
 He also noted that athletic officers meet Wednesday in Room 232 of the Coliseum. Corps representatives meet at 5 p.m. and the civilian students meeting will be at 5:30 p.m.

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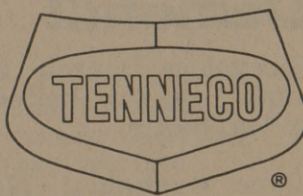
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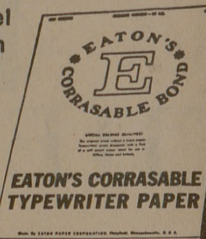
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