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Evers Speaks Semester's

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The semester which is rapidly drawing to a close has provided some extremely important news stories, and in keeping with the old adage about "no news," most of them would not have been mourned if they had not occurred.

But some events of the past four months were positive, and some may have far-reaching and long-lasting consequences.

Probably the biggest story to hit Mississippi campuses so far was the decision of the state college board to ban speeches at State and Ole Miss by Negro leader Charles Evers.

Evers, first barred at Ole Miss on Oct. 1, spoke there after his sponsors obtained an injunction allowing the speech. But the controversy really heated up when the board repeated their action on a similar request involving MSU.

Four Challenge

Four MSU students joined the Ole Miss sponsors in challenging the constitutionality of the trustees' speaker policy in federal court.

Reaction on campus was swift. A thousand students attended a rally on the drill field in support of the law suit and free speech. A petition was initiated which garnered nearly 1,000 signatures in two weeks.

And the MSU chapter of the American Association of University Professors passed a strong resolution backing freedom of speech and the students' right to invite speakers to campus meetings.

A three-judge panel is expected to rule on the law suit Jan. 14.

While not as dramatic as a court fight, the organization of student political parties on campus could have a significant bear-

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ing on the future of student government at Mississippi State.

At least one state weekly newspaper thought enough of this development to commend State on the formation of Students for Political Interchange and React, the two organizations.

Different Ways

SPI, older of the two by a few months, intends to win elections through the development of precinct groups. React's program is less clear, based on "lobbying and polling" of the students.

Ranking third on most lists of top stories would have to be the KUDZU underground newspaper and its problems with what it would call the "Establishment."

A somewhat loosely organized group of rather vaguely identified college students and ex-students, the self-proclaimed irritant to the powers-that-be has been successful beyond its wildest dreams.

After a minor skirmish over approval for sales at MSU, the KUDZU met its real foe in the guise of the Jackson Police Department. Staff members have been arrested at various times on charges ranging from selling obscene literature to obstructing traffic.

That is the kind of publicity that money cannot buy.

Evaluation

A disagreement between the Faculty Council and the Student Association over the form that faculty evaluation would take this year inflamed some tempers on campus.

The Faculty Council did not agree with the SA that results of the evaluation should be released to the instructor's department head. The council also opposed computer analysis of the forms and publication of a list of top faculty members.

About the only thing the two groups did agree on was the plan to make the evaluation compulsory.

Some signs of a willingness to compromise became evident just before Christmas and the final decision now rests in the hands of president William L. Giles.

Fee Boost

Fifth on the list of news high-

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lights was something that affected EVERY Mississippi State student — the increase in fees of \$150 per year.

Resulting from the legislature's failure to provide enough money to operate the state's universities and colleges, the fee boost was not sufficient to enable the university to expand many programs. In fact, most departments are finding it difficult to make ends meet.

In a brighter vein, Bulldog quarterback Tommy Pharr became the third player in Southeastern Conference history to gain over 2,000 yards in one season. Pharr finished sixth in passing nation-wide, ahead of many players with better publicity agents.

Probably seventh in importance was the conversion to computer pre-registration by the Registrar's office. The success or failure of this venture may be determined by comparing the number of groans and shouts of joy when students pick up their schedules in a couple of weeks.

Still More

Also holding MSU students' attention for relatively long periods of time were: the on-again, off-again showings of the allegedly obscene movie, "The Fox," the barring of a Wallace for President meeting on campus, and the 17-17 tie with Ole Miss in the battle for the "Golden Egg."

The "Fox" finally made it to town and so did the Wallace people. As for the Ole Miss game, it was probably the sweetest-tasting tie in the history of football.

Other stories came close to making the "Top Ten." They included: the YMCA's "Free University," the Cafeteria vs. the moustache, the Baptist Student Union's problems with the Starkville churches, and Maxwell Taylor and his foes.

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Semester's Traumatic Tribulations**