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THE DEAD RECREATION HALL

The mystery of the month (this month, or any month) might well be entitled "The Dead Recreation Hall" or "What's That Long, White Building?" At the time of its construction, the building just south of the tennis courts, between Jones Hall and the Administration Building, was supposed to serve as a social center for the student body. For a while it rang with the happy laughter of bridge players, ping-pong artists, rug-cutters, and fugitives from library work. Class-cutters found a haven there. Then something happened. The old familiar faces began to disappear by two's and three's. Soon students were as scarce around the place as A's on a transcript. Many of us have wondered why. After investigation, we think we have a few good reasons.

If a student wanted a milk-shake, sandwich, etc., he had to walk to the lunch room to get it. Why not kill two birds with one hamburger and move the lunch room into the recreation hall? The size of the building certainly isn't prohibitive of such a move.

Another glaring deficiency is the equipment. When last we were in the place, the only means of amusement was a ping-pong table that looked as if it had served as a road block in the Battle of the Bulge. A pool table, some bridge tables, etc., would be a most welcome addition.

For those who like to just sit around and read or partake of intellectual conversation, lamps and soft chairs would be a great drawing card.

With only a few such changes, the place could be made to serve the function for which it was built. In doing so, it will weld the student body together by providing a common place for social contact, and help revivify the languishing school spirit.

As long as conditions remain as they are, however, it will continue to stand a monument to futility and bad investment.

Keyhole Kitty

Spring is here and carnival time has arrived — just ask all the kinds who went to Shelbyville last week, supposedly to go skating. Humpy-Do, which one were you so chummy with—the green one or the black one? And Wolfe—you missed hearing Lew dedicate a song called "Lover" to you from Jimmy Joe—Was it worth riding the Octopus all night to miss it?

Our nomination for the most love-sick — or shall we say sickening — couple—Geneva Calfee and Joe What's His Name.

Many tears were shed over the departure of a group of fine young men to Alaska — Sue Stubblefield, Rubye Fox and several others will miss this group.

Mildred and June — how many fish did you catch on that big fishing trip?

Julia Scott—you should have gone to the carnival with the gang—I mean you really should have gone for your own good!

We notice that our little warning to the girls about Bobbie McKnight being back so impressed a certain group of people that they felt it their duty to put signs up all over the ad building. It's nice to have such a celebrity in our midst.

Jug—you're really getting around these days. Just hope a certain person doesn't find out how far around you are getting. They say that Mule Day was really fun. What do you say?

We see that the endurance test between Dossett and Griggs is still continuing. There certainly is a strong constitution somewhere.

We also see that some of the girls on the campus are taking advantage of the early spring sunshine. You look good fried, Smore. You too Nancy.

Why does Bradshaw keep wanting to go to Lyon Hall? And what does P. T. Stewart want over at Rutledge?

Love sho' is trying sometimes—for example, when Joe Cannon tries to teach Nell to play tennis.

Homer, the gals over at Rutledge say they miss your nightly phone calls since June has moved to her sister's.

Hope all of you enjoyed that little vacation last week. May we have many more. There's just one thing we'd like to know—Did Louie ever get back from Shelbyville? And did Vic ever get there?



PUT & TAKE

By William Landers

"WATCH THAT MULE SIT DOWN AND GIT IT," were the familiar words echoing around the grounds of the log-pulling contest at Mule Day in Columbia, Tennessee, April 4th. A crowd of 40,000 watched the famous hybrid be "King for a Day."

The parade was a duel affair. Army Day was celebrated along with Mule Day. The 30th Infantry Division from Ft. Benning, Georgia sent 450 troops to take part, also some of their new equipment. Numerous floats intermingled with the steady stream of mules and visiting bands made up the remainder of the parade. The parade was viewed from many positions by the spectators. One fellow in particular caught enough glimpses from the traffic jam he was in position to write about it.

Mule Day celebration originated from events formerly known as Breeders' Day which began some time before the middle of the nineteenth century. It began in Columbia proper more than a century ago and was placed on the celebration status in major form in 1933.

The biggest Mule Day on record was that in 1940 when an estimated 50,000 persons attended. The guest for the day was James Farley, then postmaster-general under the late President Franklin Roosevelt.

Representing government circles were Governor Gordon Browning, Senator Estes Kefauver, Representative Pat Sutton, Lt. General Wainwright, and a host of other state and national figures.

It might interest you to know that our governor is quite an accomplished square dancer, also Senator Kefauver seems to feel at home "circling to the right."

In the near future a student election is to be held again. This time we elect the president and vice-president of the student body for the school year 1949-50. By the constitution of the ASB, if a boy is elected as president, then a girl is to be vice-president, or visa-versa.

There will be a week of campaigning for the nominations of the presidency, then the election. The following week will be for nominations and election of the vice-president.

We should be getting those in mind that qualify for these positions. A "C" average must be maintained by the nominee. Also the ability to speak before others have a chance to speak should be considered. Let's be thinking about our leaders for next year.

Look out! Jones Hall is planning to present a chapel program May 3rd. The planning committee is to meet next week at some undesignated spot to decide on what type of refinement they are to present to their public. IT ISN'T OFTEN SOMETHING LIKE THIS JONES HALL GROUP COMES BEFORE THE PUBLIC EYE.

While on the subject of chapel, there has been much favorable comment on the program presented last week by the Freshmen Class. It was in the form of the popular radio program "20 Questions." Mr. Scott was the master of ceremonies and the contestants were Mr. Boutwell, Mr. Sloan, Dr. Calcott, Dr. Baldwin, and Dr. Virginia Peck.

The display of new spring bonnets regularly brings great crowds to church on Easter morn. This undoubtedly was what led the Biblical (Continued On Page Four)

Mary Lu Mason Named to County Agents Office

Miss Mary Lu Mason, a graduate of MTSC, has been appointed to the staff of the Rutherford County Agent's office as an assistant agricultural agent. She will specialize in 4-H Club work, co-operating with the 33 clubs now organized in this area.

Miss Mason is a native of Wartrace, Tennessee and has been active in 4-H Club work since she joined the club at the age of ten. She attended high school in Wartrace and holds her BS degree in home economics from this institution. While here she was president of the home economics club. Her other college experiences include two years at David Lipscomb College. Miss Mason was graduated from MTSC in March of this year.

JAMES ATTENDS MEET
 Dean Clayton L. James attended the regional meeting of the Southern Sociological Society which was held in Knoxville, March 31-April 2.

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Poem of Week

This is a poem written by Charles Ralph of Dyersburg, a former student at MTS and editor of the SIDE-LINES. At the present time he is studying for his master's in Social work at Vanderbilt.—(Editor).

APRIL FALLS IN SILVER DROPS
April falls in silver drops
But rises again in May
And hides in golden daffodils
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C. B. RALPH

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MTSC Future

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Farr of TPI; Lynn Headrick of David Lipscomb College; Ralph Hogan, Lambuth College; Ben Wheeler, Southern Missionary College; C. M. Hardison, State Department; R. Lee Thomas, State Department of Education; Evelyn McCraw, Austin Peay; Jane Tarwater, Lambuth; Mary Hill, MTSC; Ruth Risetter, SMC; Ruth Volkert, David-Lipscomb and Joe Lena Collins, TPI.

Those in American history are: Dewitt Lawson, Liberty; Francis Fuson, Dowelltown; Ray Campbell, Woodbury; and Lois McMurray, Hartsville.

Those doing work in Algebra are: William Read, Murfreesboro; and Cotton Cornelison, Chattanooga.

Those in Science are: Arsey Womack, Daylight.

Those in Agriculture are: Carl Neal, Lavergne; and Felix Snell, Murfreesboro.

Ding work in Civics is J. B. Whitman, Springfield.

Doing work in handicraft is Charles Shelton.

Civil Service News

The U. S. Civil Service Commission has announced examinations for Cartographic Aid and Cartographer. Salaries for cartographic aids range from \$2,152 to \$3,727 a year; and, for cartographers, from \$4,479 to \$7,432 a year. Most of the jobs to be filled are in Washington, D. C., and vicinity; a few cartographic aid (survey) jobs are in mobile field units operating in various areas throughout the country.

No written test is required. To qualify, applicants for cartographic cartographic aid positions must have had from 3 months to 5 years, and for cartographer positions, from 6 to 8 years of appropriate technical

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The University Womens Club and Delta Gamma gave a lovely tea in the science building honoring the visiting guests at the close of the afternoon session.

A musical program at the Friday evening banquet meeting featured Miss Donna McHenry, James Williamson, Mrs. Margaret Wright and Carolyn Nicholson.

The co-sponsors of the MTSC chapter FTA, Dr. Knox McCharen and Dr. Joe F. Wilkes, were in charge of arrangements for the convention.

Preston Issues

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include James Williamson, Jane Anderson, Frances Minor, Martha Massey, John Scott, Ruth Ann White, Raymond Tanksley, Dan MacMillan, Donna McHenry and Betty Tipps. Officers of the Student Christian Union, which is sponsoring spiritual emphasis week for Middle Tennessee State College are Charlotte Nicholson, president; Jack Dunnaway, first vice-president; Jean Rogers, second vice-president; Annette Stepp, secretary; Ty Cobb, treasurer; Lillian Simms, social chairman; Lillian Ann White, music chairman. Mr. Robert Bryden is faculty advisor.

An informal social for the student body and honoring Mr. Preston was held in the Rec Hall Monday night following the first seminar.

experience. For jobs paying \$2,498 and higher, part of the required experience must be in survey, photography and/or compilation work. Pertinent high school or college study may be substituted for all or part of the experience, depending upon the salary grade of the position for which application is made.

PRINCESS

Thurs.-Fri., April 14-15

Bette Davis
Robt. Montgomery
IN
June Bride

Sun.-Mon.-Tues., April 17-18-19

Olivia De Havilland
IN
The Snake Pit

Wed.-Thurs.-Fri., April 20-21-22

IN TECHNICOLOR
So Dear To My Heart

Walt Disney's Hit

Sun.-Mon., April 24-25

To be announced later

Tues.-Wed., April 26-27

Rod Cameron
Ilona Massey
IN
The Plunderers

Thurs.-Fri., April 28-29

Edmond O'Brien
Robert Stack
IN

Fighter Squadron

PUT 'N TAKE

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Recorder, North Carolina Baptist paper, to go poetic as early as 1901: "Attend your church," the parson cries, To church each fair one goes; The old go there to close their eyes, The young to eye their clothes.

THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY has been a major item in the news for some time now. Here are a few points on it in brief:

Members—United States, United Kingdom, France, Belgium, Canada, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Norway, Denmark, Iceland, Italy and Portugal.

Effective—When ratified by the "original seven"—the United States, United Kingdom, France, Belgium, Canada, Luxembourg, and the Netherlands. Two-thirds vote of the United States Senate is necessary for American ratification.

Pledges—A common defense alliance against Russia, although Russia is not mentioned by name. Each member to come to the aid of the other in event of armed attack. The method of aid, including armed force, to be determined by each nation.

The MTSC Chorus under the direction of Neil Wright is to present a program at Chattanooga Central High School and Red Bank High School on April 13.

President Joe Jackson is a graduate of Chattanooga Central and is to accompany the chorus on this tour. Jackson is to speak at both schools on behalf of MTSC and also contact promising athletes.

The Murfreesboro Lions Club has sent each class officer a letter in regard to a beauty contest they are holding. Each class is to choose the most beautiful in their group and she is to be the guest of the local club at a banquet.

A national contest is to be held. This club may be the stepping stone for one of our fair lassies to make good—maybe a movie contract or something.

If you are interested in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, then you'll want to attend assembly April 19. A representative from Memphis is to speak that morning. Also if there are questions on this profession he should be able to answer them.

The "Roving Socialist" has slid around many times in "SCAB'S CAB," but not until baseball practice could you really see him hit the turf on his own.

Student Teachers

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ground, so that the writers will have much in common which to base real friendships.

The United Nations Council wants as many Americans as possible to play a positive part in the cold but violent tug-of-war that is being waged. They want you to write to one foreign teacher or student teacher. You'll be sent his letter; thereafter you write directly to him. It is as simple as that.

"After fourteen years of almost complete isolation from the rest of the world," a 31-year old German writes, "the chance to exchange ideas with Americans is like the welcome of the Prodigal Son to us."

The United Nations Council of Philadelphia believes that all people are seeking a means by which they can individually participate in better world understanding. The Council recognizes the pressing demands of modern living upon everyone, but it believes thousands of Americans are eager to join in this simple but highly effective method of producing greater friendship and

intimacy among like-minded democratic peoples.

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William Priest, superintendent of construction, stated that the gym and the outdoor swimming pool at the rear of the building, will be completed by the middle of the fall "if we can keep the men on the

job." Mr. Priest said that construction has fallen six months behind due to a delay in steel delivery.

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