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## 'FLEDERMAUS' READY FOR PRESENTATION THIS WEEK



'FLEDERMAUS', a comic opera, will be presented by the Music Department and Buchanan Players of MTSC, January 29 and 30. Pictured above are members of the cast. Left to right they are Glenn Arnold, seated; Mary Ellen Pate, Bob Hollingsworth, Linda Williamson, Ann Weidrick, Bill Medlock, Barbara Simmons, John McDonald; insert, Joe Mills. Music direction is under Mr. Neil Wright; stage direction, Mrs. Dorthe Tucker and principles coaching by Mrs. Margaret Wright.

Staff photo by Joe Mills

## Most Famous Strauss Opera Will Be Sung In English

By Estelle Cunningham

**Fledermaus**, a comic opera, is to be presented by the Music Department and The Buchanan Players of MTSC tomorrow and Friday.

Being composed of the familiar Strauss waltzes, **Fledermaus** is the most famous of the Strauss operas. It is to be sung in English lyrics and is under the music direction of Mr. Neil Wright, the stage direction of Mrs. Dorthe Tucker, and the principles coaching of Mrs. Margaret Wright.

**Fledermaus** promises to be a very entertaining opera, several of the leading characters being noted for previous experiences in last year's opera. William Medlock, who sings the part of Gabriel von Eisenstein, a well-to-do, portrayed the part of Zuniga in **Carmen**. He also sang the part of Antonio in **Marriage of Figaro**.

The part of Alfred, a wild oat, is to be sung by Walter Anderson, who portrayed Toureador in **Carmen** last year.

Mary Ellen Pate, who sings the part of Adele, the Eisenstein's maid, was featured as Fransquita in **Carmen**.

Dr. Falke, the noted ballmaster, is portrayed by John McDonald, who sang the part of a smuggler in **Carmen**.

Other characters are Rosalinda, Eisenstein's wife, who is played by Ann Weidrick; Dr. Blind, Eisenstein's lawyer, played by Glen Arnold; Price Orlofsky, played by Barbara Simmons; Ida, Adele's sister, played by Linda Williamson; Frosh, a jailer, played by Joe Mills, and Frank, the warden, played by Robert Hollingsworth.

The singers and guests include Joyce Leonard, Pauline Powell, Beth Curtis, Marjorie Fyke, Emily Elrod, Patsy Pemberton, Teddie Wilkerson, Jerry Dooley, Morris Womack, Ben McClure, Nolan Barham, Larry Payne, and Buddy Saunders.

The dancers are Jane Dodson and Erna Tippet-toe dancers, and Judy Tillman, Dickie Hagood, Judy Holder, and Robert Raikes, polka (Continued on page 5)

## Bevy Of MTSC Beauties Vie For 'Miss Midlander'

By Dottie McQuiddy

A bevy of MTSC beauties will vie for the title of Miss Midlander on February 5. Each organization on the campus is eligible to sponsor a candidate for the coveted honor.

Miss Nancy Johnson, an English major from Old Hickory is being sponsored by the Sigma Club. Another English major,

## Special Programs Set For Summer

Middle Tennessee State College will have two outstanding special programs in operation during the summer school quarter this year, according to recent announcements by Dr. Quill E. Cope, president of the college.

A \$64,700 grant by the National Science Foundation will provide seven courses in the science workshop. Stipends amounting to payments of all fees, travel expenses and a weekly payment of from \$75 to \$135 are available to Tennessee science teachers. Dr. J. Elred Wiser, who heads the MTSC program announced.

Applications for this science institute must be received by Dr. Wiser at Middle Tennessee State College before February 16. The Institute will begin June 8 and run for 11 weeks.

Dr. Bealer Smotherman is administrative director of the Aviation Education Workshop, which is being held on the MTSC campus for the first time this year. Dr. Clarence E. Kuhlman, who has been supervising the program in past summers at the University of Tennessee, will be educational director of the MTSC workshop this summer.

Sponsored jointly by the Tennessee Aeronautics Commission, the Civil Air Patrol, the Tennessee Department of Education, the United States Army, Navy and Air Force the Workshop will begin June 10, 1959 and will run until July 10, 1959.

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## Biology Club Stunt Night Features Cash Awards, Miss Midlander Contest

Cash prizes for individuals and organizations sponsoring the best stunts, plus the choice of a Miss Midlander for 1959 will feature the annual Stunt Night program at Middle Tennessee State College February 5.

The Biology Club at MTSC sponsors the productions which annually attracts a large number of entries from over the Mid-State area and brings some of the seasons largest crowds to the MTSC auditorium.

Miss Bonnie Slatten, will be sponsored by the Women's Athletic Association. Bonnie is from Chattanooga.

The candidate of the Student NEA is Miss Margaret Branham of Lebanon, an elementary education major. Miss Callie Mae Williams is a business education major from Norene and is sponsored by Kappa Delta Pi.

Miss Sylvia Webb from Donelson is the candidate of the Biology Club. Sylvia's major is elementary education. Representing the Agriculture Club is Miss Carolyn Aydelotte of Centerville. Carolyn is a business major.

The Drama Club is sponsoring Miss Joan Bostick from McMinnville. Joan, a freshman, is undecided as to her major.

Other candidates were not announced by press time.

Judging of the Miss Midlander contest will take place at the Biology Club Stunt Night on Thursday, February 5, at 7:30 p.m., in the MTSC auditorium. The three judges will grade the girls on a point system after watching them parade in bathing suit, campus wear, and evening dress. The winner of the contest will be announced at the end of Stunt Night.

The Biology Club Stunt Night is being used as a time for the election due to the fact that there will be no Midlander Ball this year. Reasons for the absence of the ball are explained by Linda Williamson, Midlander editor, in a letter to the Sidelines editor on page two of this issue.



Miss Mary Lynn Sharp, center, of Lenoir City, will reign over the annual Military Ball here February 6. Her attendants, from left, are Miss Jo Ann Thompson, Murfreesboro; Miss Betty Willard, Chattanooga; Miss Sylvia Webb, Donelson; and Miss Janell Norris, Nashville. Music for the Military Ball will be furnished by the Poppa John Gordy and the Owen Bradley Orchestras, beginning at 8 P. M. The queen will be crowned by President Quill Cope and Major Quentin L. McNary, Professor of Military Science and Tactics.



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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR - - - INTERESTED STUDENTS INQUIRE: WHY NO MIDLANDER BALL?

Dear Editor:

It has been learned that there is to be no Midlander Ball this year.

This social function has been an annual affair for years and is always anticipated with great anxiety by all students and many alumni. The crowning of the Midlander Queen and her court is one of the highlights of the year.

Everyone is aware of the fact that the MTSC campus is not blessed with many formal social functions, and we would like to see the few traditional ones that have been on the campus remain.

No one is any more aware than we are that a great deal of work and worry are necessary for the success of such functions. Nevertheless, the results are always gratifying.

It has been rumored around this campus that there was to be no Midlander Ball because it would be too much work and worry.

Is this true? This is why we ask, WHY NO MIDLANDER BALL?

Interested Students

## MIDLANDER EDITOR ANSWERS: LACK OF STUDENT SUPPORT

Editor:

Realizing that there will be many objections concerning the absence of a Midlander Ball this year, I feel the student body is entitled to an explanation.

Last year, as business manager of the annual, I anticipated the planning and promotion of the ball with enthusiasm, despite the predictions that it would not be a success. I was convinced that the students desired and enjoyed the ball. However, after much work and many long hours of preparation, the predictions came true—the attendance at the ball was so small that the Midlander fund showed a great loss.

Therefore, when I assumed the position of editor, I was informed that the ball must be self supporting—even if staff members were forced to contribute to cover the expenses.

It was decided that the only way to make the ball pay for itself was to have the Miss Midlander contest at the ball. With this in mind, we planned a Midlander Ball for winter quarter, only to find that this quarter already had two formal dances on the social calendar.

Because of printing deadlines, Miss Midlander must be chosen before March 1. For this reason we are using the Biology Club Stunt Night as a time for the election.

I will be glad to give further explanations to anyone who wishes to ask. I believe a great deal of disturbance could be avoided if people would have facts before making accusations.

I'll miss the Midlander Ball as much as anyone, but there probably will never be another until the students are willing to support it.

Linda Williamson  
Editor, 1959 Midlander

## Rutledge Ramblings

### Adams and Earls Move to Rutledge

By Virginia Geer and  
Holland Bratten

The new quarter brought two new girls to Rutledge. We want to welcome Georgena Adams and Sherry Earls.

Wednesday morning, Rutledge Hall was filled with oh's and ouch's as Judy Daughtrey, Carolyn Bratten, Virginia Geer, Holland Bratten, Gloria Shelton, Evelyn Hughes, Barbara Shanks, Sharon Turner and Elaine Woodward crawled out of bed. They were part of a group who enjoyed an ice skating party in Nashville Tuesday night.

## Sports Fans All

Sherley Anderson, Jewel Rigney, Beverly Milligan and Gayle Beller are true sports fans. They journeyed to Cookeville for Tech ball game and then on to Manchester, where they were the overnight guests of Shirley Anderson.

Someone was heard saying, "This place looks like a co-educational dormitory." There have been workmen in the halls for several days installing new shelves and mirrors.

## Surprise, Barbara

Several girls surprised Barbara Scott with a birthday party. The group included Teddy Wildinson, Mary Jesse McAfee, Helen Harris, Linda Tripp, Linda Grissom, Nancy Shoun, Judy Hunter, and Mary Eleanor Wiley.

Mrs. Bass baby-sat with her new granddaughter last weekend, and Mrs. Bowden baby-sat at Rutledge.

A non-denominational group is holding nightly devotionals. This group hopes to help promote a more Christian atmosphere on our campus.

## BUCHANAN PLAYERS

announce  
try outs for  
Winter Show  
"YOU CAN'T IT WITH  
YOU"  
on the 29th—1-3 P. M.  
see  
MRS. TUCKER  
For further information.

## Lyon Lines

### Lyon Loses Five, Gains Four Girls

By Linda Lee Lambert

Bedlam reigns in Lyon. When you want to find a girl in Lyon, you have to go down the hall and knock on all the doors. Everyone is moving. Gail Selph, Jane Turrentine, Joann Burgess, Carolyn Paysinger and Eleanor Longston even moved as far as Monahan. We gave them a send off Tuesday night with a popcorn and pop party.

We also have new faces at Lyon. Donna Burns, Sylvia Bankert, Betty Bradford and Emma Hale moved into Lyon last week. Lyon says, "Welcome."

## New Fever

See those red faces walking around the campus? No, they aren't blushing, and they haven't been to Florida. We have had a new kind of fever at Lyon lately—"sun lamp fever."

The Monahan draft board got our old vice-president, Carolyn Paysinger, so we elected a new one. Our efficient new veep is Rosalind Crawley.

Rosemary Dickson has been elected to represent Lyon in the dorm council election. We're behind you, Rosemary!

## Weekend Guests

Sylvia Williams was the weekend guest of Faye Douthit, and Ann Mullen was the guest of Eve Drake. Mrs. Parks had guests last Saturday night. Her daughter, Mrs. Bill Caruthers, and her grandchildren, Bill Angie, and Darlene Caruthers visited her.

Dot Hiett, and Betty and Pat Alexander have "locked-door phobia." They were locked in the gym for an hour last Thursday night.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR - - - WANTED: MORE PEP FROM CHEERLEADERS

Editor:

It becomes an extremely serious condition when an individual, or a group of individuals, who have been elected or appointed to a particular position, appear to fail in serving this position, and make openly evident the fact that they were not particularly interested in accepting this position in the beginning.

No, we're not expressing our opinions concerning the manner by which the homecoming queen was elected, or the students elected to *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*, but we are giving our opinion concerning our cheerleaders this season.

During football season approximately one pep rally per week was held. This was very good, and required some effort on the part of the cheerleaders. However, do not the basketball players spend long hours practicing also? Do they not cut several holidays short for themselves in order to return to school and squeeze additional practice hours into their busy schedules? Do these boys not deserve at least an equal share of consideration, loyalty, and praise as do the football players?

Particularly since the basketball season has begun, the cheering squad, in our opinions, has been laying down on the job. A trio of girls on the squad should pay no attention to the fact that their dates admire another sport better than basketball. If these girls had a genuine interest in leading the school spirit of the student body at all athletic events, this desire should be displayed to a much greater degree.

Is it not true that the cheerleaders form a squad or team? Webster defines a team as a "group of people working together." Note that this definition states "working together"—not "sitting on the bench together." It is our opinion that the cheerleaders should be on their feet during an entire ballgame, either cheering, leading chants, or observing the game from the end of the basketball court.

Similar to other teams, the cheerleading squad possesses a captain. It seems that the captain of this team should realize the need for giving more than an occasional cheer, or starting more than just an occasional chant.

These seven girls have been chosen on the basis of performance, to serve a known purpose. Why don't these girls examine themselves to see if they are doing their best, if they are rendering a real service to others? A position on the cheerleading squad of any school is a most influential position, if the cheerleader is desirous of making this position as such.

Suppose we take the Austin Peay State College vs. MTSC basketball game, which was played on January 10, as an example of the point we are trying to impress. During the entirety of the ballgame, only four cheers were led by the cheerleaders from the floor, and no chants at all were started by the cheerleaders for the cheering section.

At the same game, it appeared to be a most embarrassing situation for the visiting cheering squad and cheering section when they receive such a chilly reception as was issued by the MTSC cheerleaders. At the end of the halftime period, four cheerleaders somehow managed the effort to drag themselves to the Austin Peay side of the gym. The remaining three girls chose to sit on the bench, munching popcorn and chatting with their dates. The visitors failed to rate a single cheer during the game, or even a welcoming cheer, from our cheerleaders.

An average price of \$22.00 per girl was recently spent for most attractive white wool skirts and white shoes. The remaining part of their uniforms—the beautiful white wool turtleneck sweaters—were kindly furnished by the MTSC athletic department. Are the cheerleaders putting forth the effort to merit this interest that has been shown them?

The student body is extremely aware of the lack of school spirit as determined by the cheerleaders—the visiting teams and cheering sections are also very much aware of this deficiency of school spirit on our campus.

So come on, cheerleaders, let's have the return of some sincere school spirit and help the basketball boys finish the season in great style. If you'll choose to help revive this school spirit that we speak of, the entire student body will be behind you 100%!

Nine Upperclassmen

## Ransom Roundup

### Resounding Noise, Exotic Aromas Drift Through Off-Campus Ransom

By Evelyn Pippenger

Clanging pots and pans, screaming co-eds and scents of exotic perfumes are just a few of the smells and sounds drifting through the rooms of Ransom Hall an unofficial off-campus dormitory for MTSC girls. Here, fifteen feminine individuals live in a harmonious family group under the supervision of Mrs. Paul Stockard, housemother. Together they enjoy kitchen privileges and share ideas, superstitions, jokes, tears and laughter.

## Ransoms Refurnish House

Owned by Mr. and Mrs. "Chip" Ransom, the Ransom house was offered by them to help meet the demands for rooms created by the increase of enrollment during the preceding fall quarter.

Having purchased their old "homeplace," the Ransoms moved

to it and began the process of furnishing Ransom Hall in a reasonable facsimile to the official dorms. Since the building was first established as a boys dormitory for the old Prep School, architectural rearrangement was unnecessary and occupants began arriving within a few days after the decision was made.

## Superstitions

Although Ransom Hall is in no way connected with the school, rules and regulations are based upon those of Rutledge, Lyon and Monahan Halls. Since no demerits or camping exists in the house rules, flagrant violations would result in the dismissal of the offender.

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"I Hear Music"

# "The Midlanders," MTSC's Dance Band, Demonstrate Talents At Social Functions

By Helen Sikes

An interesting organization on campus concerning music is the dance band, more popularly known as "The Midlanders." They play strictly for all of us here at MTSC and are available to play at almost any time.

Thus far this year, the Midlanders have demonstrated their many and varied talents in the Music Department dance in December and at the Veterans Club talent show.

"Practice makes perfect," the old adage says, and it must be true, because the Midlanders are practically perfect . . . and as a result of constant rehearsals.

## Governor's Parade

I heard music at a slightly cool 28° Monday, January 19, in our state's capitol city. The occasion was the Governor's Inaugural Parade in which seventy organizations, including 28 bands, participated.

Our band left campus at 10:00 a.m. (after a few unmeditated delays) to arrive in Nashville in time to complete detailed preparations for the parade.

At 12:30 we began marching from the Capitol parking lot to the War Memorial Building, where Governor Ellington was reviewing the parade, and after marching twelve blocks, finally returned to the "point of origin", putting our cold, wet selves back on the buses and headed for food and home.

## "Battleship"

To look on the lighter side, if you need a pastime so fascinating that you even "forget" to make your honorable presence known in class, try the new game called "Battleship." If you happen to hit a lucky streak, you can sink single-handedly in one day four battleships, three cruisers, two destroyers and one submarine. Sounds like fun? Anyone in the Music Building will be delighted to show you the "basic rudiments."

## Needed Improvements?

This fall quite a few new sidewalks took the place of well-beaten paths on campus, and this act



One of MTSC's most popular organizations is the Midlanders who are pictured above. The Midlanders play for various social functions at the college such as the Veterans Club talent show and dance held by the Music Deptment in December.

proved to be a life-saver—especially when the rains came.

However, there is still one very well-traveled path between the Music Building and points directly south, and the rains are still coming, and everyone going toward the Music Building has muddy feet and double pneumonia.

Maybe someday, though, there will be a new sidewalk and all those people racing toward the gym, Industrial Arts building, and

Dr. Ed Baldwin of the geography department has returned to his home following surgery at the Rutherford Hospital.

## DON'T FORGET STUNT NIGHT

of course, the music building, won't have to skid along in the mud. Happy landings!

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## Art Competition Open to Lutherans

By Lynda Caruthers

MTSC Lutheran art students have been invited to submit work in the first annual Lutheran Brotherhood Fine Arts Festival to be sponsored by the fine arts committee of the Fraternal Life Insurance Society's national branch.

Each artist is limited to two selections; no entry fee will be charged. Purchase awards, ranging from \$100 to \$250, will be given to the top individual artists.

Entry cards and information concerning the exhibition are available from the art departments of the various educational institutions. Regional collection points have been designated throughout the United States, to which the entry cards must be returned by March 2 and the entries shipped by March 9.

Preliminary judging at the regional points will be March 16. The final judging in Minneapolis has been scheduled for March 30.

The competition was established, Mr. Holman said, "for the purpose of encouraging and stimulating young Lutheran artists to attain high standards of achievement and originality through the various Media."

In connection with the exhibition, a fine arts festival has been arranged for April 10 through 20. This will consist of seminars, institutes, lectures, panel discussions, and musical and dramatic events.

## Town Topics

## Seventy-Six Now Practice Teach

By Sarah Neel Follis

Many education students have chosen this quarter as the time to do their student teaching. There are seventy-six student teachers stationed at various schools in Murfreesboro and surrounding towns.

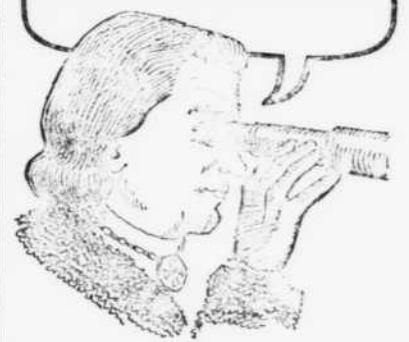
Congratulations to Jo Ann Thompson on being chosen as queen's attendant for the ROTC Ball. Jo is a junior elementary education major from Murfreesboro.

Anita Grayson and Ben Earthman were married at the Earthman home here in Murfreesboro on January 12. Ben and Anita both are graduates of MTSC.

Three Murfreesboro girls were recently initiated into Tau Omicron. These were Ruth Walkup, Nina Miles, and Sarah Neel Follis.

There's another diamond down at Monahan. This one is on Joyce Howard's left hand. Bobby Vaughn of Murfreesboro gave Joyce a beautiful ring on January 12. Congratulations, Joyce and Bobby.

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## Miss Vick, Mr. Keathley Are Married At Home Of The Bride In Nashville

Miss Shirley Ann Vick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Edwin Vick, of Nashville became the bride of Robert Charles Keathley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Snyder Belt Keathley in rites solemnized December 20 at the home of the bride in Nashville. The Rev. W. W. Miles, of the Fath-

erland Baptist church, was the officiant.

Members of the two families were present.

Mrs. James Newman and James Keathley were the only attendants. Immediately following the rites and informal reception honored the couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Keathley are residing on the MTSC campus. Both have been actively identified with the campus extra-curricula program for the past several years. In the field of music each has made a most outstanding contribution to the college.

Mrs. Keathley received her B.S. degree from MTSC last year and is now teaching at Lynchburg. Mr. Keathley is a senior at MTSC and expects to enter dental school next year.

### FUTURE HOMEMAKERS HEAR MISS MARGARET PUTMAN

Miss Margaret Putman, head of home economics at Middle Tennessee State College, Murfreesboro, was a guest speaker at the January meeting of the Chapter 2, Future Homemakers of America, at Central High School.

"Careers in Home Economics" was the title of Miss Putman's talk. She distributed pamphlets among the chapter members for them to follow along with her talk.



Miss Shirley Ann Vick, former student of MTSC, became the bride of Robert Charles Keathley in a ceremony solemnized at the bride's home in Nashville, December 20. Mr. Keathley is a senior pre-dental student at MTSC. Miss Vick graduated from MTSC last year and is now teaching at Lynchburg.

Goldstein's

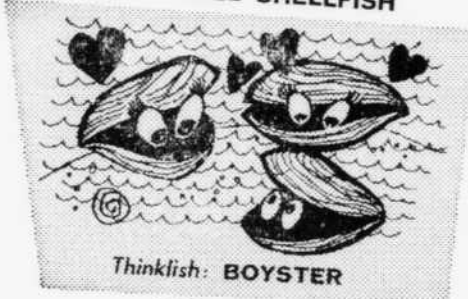
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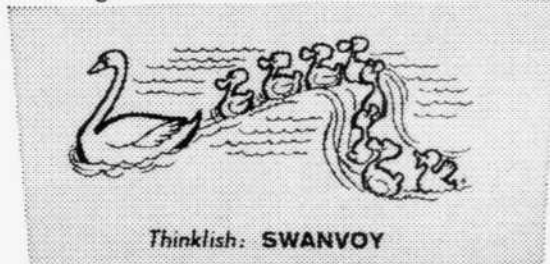
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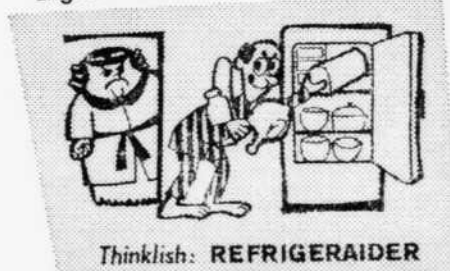
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**Thinklish translation:** This fellow knows more about polls than a telephone lineman. When someone starts, "Hail, hail, the gang's all here!"—he counts noses to make sure. If he canvassed women, he'd be a *calculator*. If he totted up crimes of violence, he'd be a *stabulator*. Actually, he checks on the popularity of Luckies, and that makes him a *lauditor*! His latest survey makes this heartwarming point: Students who want the honest taste of fine tobacco are unanimously for Lucky Strike!

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## Monohan Madcaps

### Ice Cracks, Jars Parker's Slumber

By Bonnie Hudgens

Hello once again from your madcap reporter. These past few weeks have been full of excitement and fun galore.

The other night Pinky Parker heard a strange noise on the roof above her room. She quickly aroused the few people on her end of the hall so that they might try and figure out what the noise really was. Many believed it was a purple people eater or a man from mars. I arrived on the scene to find them all huddled about, trying desperately not to look the least bit afraid. But every time a door would rattle they would all jump up and grab each other. Not being able to take this, I got Mrs. Patterson up out of bed, and on the roof we went to see what the matter was. We found it to be the ice breaking and cracking on the roof above Pinky's room. Finally about 3:00 a.m. everyone settled down and went to sleep. But believe you me, all of the doors were locked.

#### Jaycees's Gray Goose

The week-end that Joyce Adamson went on a debate tour and left her old gray goose (that's her 1492 Mercury), the gang on third floor decided that they would like to go to town for a change and get a bite to eat. Barbara Simmons, Linda Williamson, Ann Stubblefield and I ran and jumped in only to find that it wouldn't start. We thought that maybe a little push would get the goose going; but after being pushed about nine blocks, we decided to pull her over. By this time the gang was late for an opera rehearsal, and thanks to Jimmy Jackson and friend, who pushed us all of the way back, we made it back in the nick of time.

Barbara Simmons goes to her M-W-F classes on T-T and sits there for fifteen or twenty minutes before realizing she has her days mixed up. Her roommate, Maxine Smith, has been standing on her head while combing her hair. I asked her the reason for this. She believes that if she brushes long enough, her hair will stand straight up.

Take a tip from me and go visit Mrs. Felder once in a while; she always has something good to eat (that is, of you stay around and beg long enough).

#### Housemother Decorates

Mrs. Sullivan has been decorating the lobby again with those stink weeds. She says they add a little something. They sure do, and what an odor!

Several girls in Monohan are in the opera this coming Thursday and Friday night. I have caught a few of the rehearsals, and believe you me, it's something that you shouldn't miss.

## Ransom - - -

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To the girls, advantages of this establishment greatly outnumber the disadvantages. Walking to school during the harsh wintry days sometimes creates an annoyance, but as one girl stated, "There is always a possibility of some gallant gentleman offering his services." Being able to prepare foods or kitchen privileges is rated as the biggest advantage, and the waiting list of applicants is quite numerous.

#### FRESHMEN IN MAJORITY

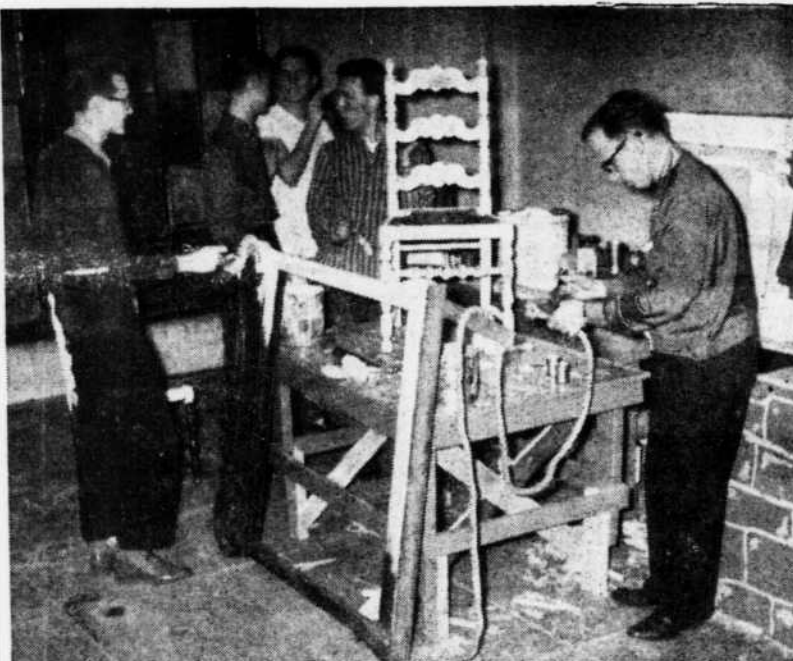
Among the girls now living at Ransom hall are representatives of several different counties or sections of the state and out of the state. Freshman are the majority; however, five juniors and one sophomore are present to offer both good and misleading advice to the unsuspecting freshman.

Composing the group are Sue Dawson, Jasper; Janelle Norris, Nashville; Carolyn Aydelotte, Centerville; Nancy Clark, Coral Gables, Florida; Evelyn Pippenger, Cleveland; Betty Gossett, Margie McNabb, Lebanon; Beverly Overby, Franklin; Margaret Beasley, Ashland City; Vicki Carden, Mt. Pleasant; Nancy Martin, Shelbyville; Martha Drennon, Rowena Cummings, Smyrna; Pat Alexandria, Woodbury; Judy Kimble, Waynesboro; and Mrs. Paul Stockard, housemother from Murfreesboro.





Members of the scenery crew work on set for first act of the opera. Pictured from left to right are Kenneth Love, Mrs. Clay Tucker, drama director, Andy Young and John Spining. The opera will be Joann Strauss's 'FLEDERMAUS' and will be sung in English.  
Staff photo by Joe Mills



Painting scenery to be used in the forth-coming opera are John Spining, Kenneth Love, Larry Payne, Andy Young, scenery designer, and Joe Clayton. The plot of FLEDERMAUS is a farce taken from the play, 'The Le Reveillon,' by the Parisians, Meilhac and Halvey.  
Staff photo by Joe Mills

### Amazon Party Planned For Feb. 17 By WAA

An Amazon Party is being planned for Tuesday night, February 17, by the Women's Athletic Association. This dance will take the place of Fun Night, being held in the Tennessee Room of the Student Union Building.

More information concerning this dance, including the price of tickets and where they may be obtained, will appear in the next issue of *The Sidelines*.

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### Fledermaus - - -

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dancers. Cariconi, a gambler, is played by Dicky Barnes. Alie Bay is played by Sam Massey; lady in waiting is played by Judy Hunter; and the servant is played by Andy Young and Burt Barrett.

Members of the gypsy band are Joan Bostick, Virginia Tomlinson, and Ronnie Putman.

The orchestra includes Rubye Taylor Sanders, Sally Mae Osborn, Tempie Hansford, and Ida Dunaway, violin; Phillip Howard and Charles Hansford, cello; Kenneth Pace; double bass, Dwight Christian and Virginia Nolting; clarinets, Sara Jo White, fute; George Bachman, oboe; Billy Cooper and James White, trumpets; Ronald Flack and Joseph Clupper, trombone; Karen Pace and Richard Hunter, horns; Gilbert Smith, trumpet, and Margaret Wright, piano.

The story of *Fledermaus* is centered around Gabriel von Eisenstein, who has been sentenced to two weeks in jail because he kicked a tax collector in the stomach. One of his friends, who is a noted ballmaster, persuades Eisenstein to postpone surrendering until the following morning, thus enabling him to attend a masquerade ball that is being given by Prince Orlofsky.

After Eisenstein supposedly leaves for jail, a former suitor by the name of Alfred comes to visit Rosalinda Eisenstein, Mr. Eisenstein's wife. Alfred dons one of Eisenstein's dressing gowns; and after making himself quite at home is disturbed by Frank, the warden of the jail. Frank had come to arrest Eisenstein; but Alfred goes to jail for Eisenstein in order to avoid a scandal.

Rosalinda disguises herself as a Hungarian countess and goes on to the ball. Here, Eisenstein, who doesn't recognize the disguised countess, makes love to her. The Eisenstein's maid also appears at the ball, causing further complications.

The climax comes in the final act when all the characters are brought back together and true identities are revealed.

*Fledermaus* is the sixth opera to be given by the Music department and the Buchanan Players. Interest in opera is growing, and attendance is increasing. Last year at the productions, all the seats, aisles, and standing spaces were filled; and around two-hundred people still had to be turned away both nights.

*Fledermaus* is to be presented in the college auditorium at eight o'clock on January 29 and January 30. All seats are to be reserved; to get your ticket, present your identification card at a ticket booth in the administration building.

F. W. Poole of the education department spoke Tuesday, January 20, at seven o'clock at the First Methodist church to parents of kindergarten children on the topic of "Academic Readiness".

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Thanks to the work of a Sewart Air Force Base artist, a near life-size painting of the late Maj. Allan J. Sewart of Nashville, World War II hero for whom the base was named, now hangs in the Officers' Open mess.

Major Sewart, a bomber pilot, was killed in action in the Solomon islands during the war.

Major Sewart moved from Nashville to Murfreesboro as a boy and attended public schools and MTSC

Dr. Robert E. Moore has been absent from the education department for two weeks due to illness.

### Good Conduct Medal Given To Smith, Swartz

Sergeant First Class Ward A. Smith and Sergeant First Class William D. Swartz were awarded the Good Conduct Medal at a special ceremony conducted at the ROTC Building, MTSC, by Major Quentin L. McNary, PMST.

These awards are made to these men for "exemplary behavior, efficiency, and fidelity in an enlisted status, and cover a period from December 6, 1955 to December 5, 1958.

The award made to SFC Smith had the Bronze Clasp with tow loops, indicating that this was his third award of the Good Conduct Medal.

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## Raider Roundup

By Paul Perry

### 0-4 Mark In Family Play For Cagers

When the Blue Raider cage club packed up for a three-day visit to the deep southern part of the country, they left behind them a conference record of 0-4. The Diddle troops were to invade LaFayette, and Lake Charles, Louisiana, while stopping off for a quick visit of Hattisburg, Mississippi on the journey back.

Some say that the reason for the sudden down fall of the local hardwood crew is that they just don't have the horses to compete in the stiff Ohio Valley cage cycle. The fact is that MTSC doesn't sport a big rough and tough man under the boards as do most of the other outfits. When the team begins to control the boards and sharpens their shooting arms, they will begin to add to the left side of that record sheet.

### Golden Gloves, Feb. 2, 3, and 4, Displays MTSC Talent.

The Nashville Tennessean sponsored Mid-state Golden Gloves Tournament, which opens this coming Monday night at Nashville's Hippodrome Arena, will find Blue Raiderland well represented on the three night card. MTSC will send a so-called big five to be on the program, with all five going in the Open Division. Winners of the Open will receive Golden Gloves sport jackets.

### Host Of Local Leather Slingers In Spotlight

Wallace Snell, Hester Gibbs, Jerry Pigue, Ace Haley, and newcomer Wayne Harbin will be choice picks to rate top honors in the much publicized fight carnival.

Snell, who fights again for the local optimist club, is the slender little puncher that almost edged young Billy Collins out in last year's Gloves meet. Collins, as you know, went from that fight to win the Golden Gloves Tourney and the Southern. He is now in the professional ranks, where he has a record of about 12 wins and no defeats while fighting out of Detroit's motor city.

The one boy who has the boxing fans on their feet and just waiting for him to fight is Hester Gibbs. Gibbs, the strong armed jabber with an explosive knockout punch, came from nowhere last year and set the amateur world on fire with his flooring tactics. This young fellow is an all-round MTSC athlete and has thrilled fight fans this year with two of the most thrilling fights in some time, opposing his cousin, Charles Bannam, of the Nashville Police Department.

Pigue and Harbin are both veterans of the amateur ranks, as both will be set for the open division. Pigue has been here at MTSC a year and a half, while Harbin is a recent transfer student. Both are unbeaten thus far this year and will unrobe in the favorites role when bell time comes.

The other figure in the big five is heavyweight Ace Haley, the local kid who slugged out a decisive win in last year's matches.



## Hester Gibbs Heads MTSC Glove Boxers

Hester Gibbs, a 185-pound, south-pay swinging, bundle of energy, heads the list of four Murfreesboro entries in this year's Golden Gloves.

Gibbs, a junior at Middle Tennessee State college, where he is majoring in physical education, has had but three fights in his career, but has looked better in each one. Hailing from Ashland City where he played end on the football team as he does now at MTSC, Gibbs first got intrested in boxing last year.

A friend, Bob Reed, who was in excellent glover himself, winning the 160-pound novice championship last year, took him to practice one night at Central high school.

A few workouts were all Gibbs needed to know this was something he'd like to try. A stickler for condition, Gibbs is described by Ray Duffy, the city recreational director of Murfreesboro, as "One of the finest boys I've ever known. He really knows the value of condition, and is religious about training. He has all the desire to be a champion, and only lacks experience. We have all the confidence in the world in him."

The Murfreesboro team just got itself a permanent place to work out a little over a week ago, and Coach Jimmy Vaughn has been feverishly trying to speed up drills and get his boys matched on some of the Nashville Labor Temple weekly cards, in order to have them ready for the Gloves.

He has approximately 15 boys training for two hours every night. The team is sponsored jointly by the Murfreesboro Optimist club, and the City Recreation department.

Others who'll enter open competition besides Gibbs are Ace Haley, Wallace Snell, and Lee Wayne Rowlette. Haley will be in the 175-pound division, while Snell and Rowlette are 147-pounders.

Snell typifies the attitude of the team, which can be summed up in, "If at first you don't succeed, try again." Snell has been trying for eight years, since he was 16 years old. During that time he has had only 15 fights. Asked to explain the low number, Snell said, "Well, I've only won about five. I fight about once a year, lose, and am eliminated and that's it until next year. I look at it like a gambler though. You keep losing and losing, but sooner or later you're bound to win."

One thing you can be sure about this Murfreesboro team, they're not making the 34-mile trip to Nashville to get good seats at the Gloves. They'll be in there trying.

## Along The Sidelines

By Ralph Englert

### Another Season, Another Change

As most ardent grid fans already know, the discontented NCAA rules committee has been tampering with the rule book again, and once more they have still continued to revise the antique laws of the game in favor of a more "modern" trend.

This so-called "modern" aspect demands a more wide-open game, with plenty of scoring by both teams, which in the end will mean larger paying crowds every fall week-end by virtue of such offensive exhibitions.

The more conspicuous rule change this year has been the widening of the goal posts from 19 feet, 3 inches to a roomy 23 feet, 4 inches, which will surely bring back the "foot" in football. This change, along with the "wild card" rule which will permit a substitute to re-enter a game whenever his coach desires, provided the clock is stopped, serves as an indirect aid to a higher degree of scoring.

While these rules do not assure a team of scoring in some manner, they certainly do enhance the value of chance. A team driving deep into the opponent's territory late in a game and needing points to come out on top, could call for a time-out and bring in a specialist in some phrase of the game, say, a lethal passer, a jet-propelled halfback, or better yet, a strong-legged sub with an educated toe.

### Lo, The Poor Defense

With all the expectations of free scoring duels in the future, a forgotten art seems to be waning from the scene—the art of defense, that is. Before long, it seems, the courageous goal-line stands in which a defensive team halts the opponents march inside their own 20-yard line for a series of downs will go completely unrecognized.

Suppose a team had the ball on another's 20 yard line, first down and ten. Three running plays net only five or six yards, and in one more play, if a first down isn't made, the defense gets all the credit in the world. But wait, in comes a specialist, through the uprights goes the ball end over end, and out the window goes any such thought of a magnificent defensive effort.

Now this could be exaggerating a little, because every field goal try isn't going to be successful, but those new rules (the widening of the posts in particular) certainly are not going to decrease the number of field goals made or the number of attempts.

So intense is the fans' cry for more of the dashing and daring of an offense in motion rather than the brute stubbornness of the interior linemen, that the rules committee seems obliged to help grant their wish.

Before long, by going at the present rate, a good defensive team's courage might be summed up by a little cartoon I read a while back. A hugh lineman was lying in a hospital bed, completely encased in bandages and tape from head to foot. His coach, who was standing beside the bed was saying: "Great work Smedley, if you hadn't blocked that extra point attempt we would have lost 66-0 instead of 65-0."

### This And That

—Coach Ed Diddle Jr.'s basketeers, who are off to a rather poor start by winning only four of their first 13 games, are discovering some bright spots in the way of individual play. Sophomore Bob Burden reached an all-time high for this season in scoring for one game. He blistered the nets for 30 markers against arch-rival TPI. He is averaging 15.4 points a game to rank second on the team behind Bob Williamson's 16.7.

—Williamson also attempted a record 17 free throws in the Western game, and hit on 11. He also cleared the boards of 22 rebounds while opposite the Hilltoppers' hearled Ralph Crosthwaite.

—Team leaders percentage wise on field goals and free throws are John Price, who has hit 35 fielders in 66 tries for an amazing .530 average, and Rayden Hammers, who has 30 free throws in 37 attempts for a incredible .811 average.

### Dr. B. Abernathy Speaks Before S. C. U. Group

By Nancy McGowan

Mr. Bob Abernathy gave an interesting talk on "Christian Life Among the Students on the Campus" at the regular meeting of the S.C.U. recently.

On January 13th, the Methodist Youth Group took a trip to Nashville to go ice skating. Approximately thirty students enjoyed the fun and thrill of this experience.

Father Phillip Thoi led an open discussion on January 21st, on the "Principals and Teachings of the Catholic Church." The group was very enthusiastic with their questions.

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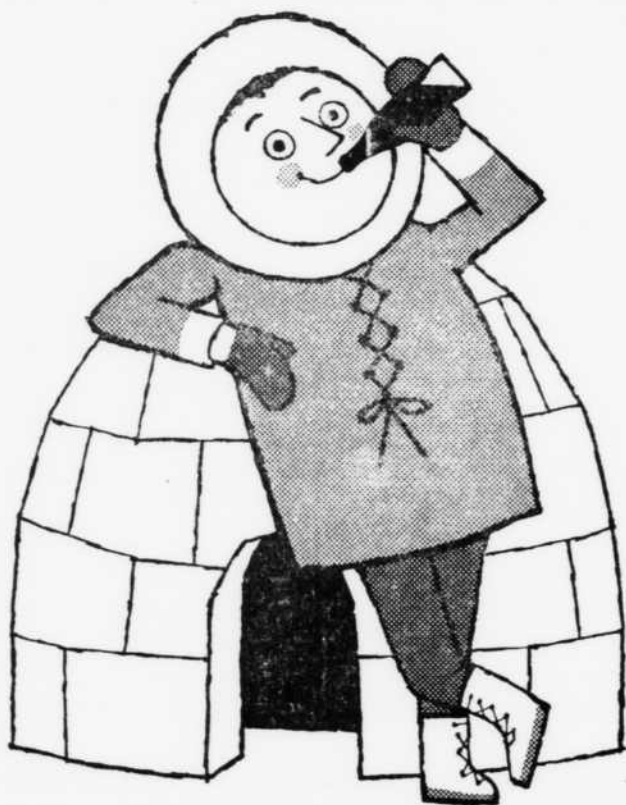
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## New Women's Rifle Team Schedules Two Successive Elimination Firings

By Donna Yeaman

Men beware! Girls are now occupying the ROTC building on Monday and Wednesday nights with the purpose of forming a girl's rifle team. Under supervision of the ROTC department, this new organization will be similar to the ROTC Rifle Team, composed of ROTC students.

Interest in the sport was aroused in Jerry Williams and Pat Turner who received permission from the ROTC department to form a girl's rifle team. On January 14, approximately fifty interested girls met at the ROTC building.

After an orientation on organization had been given, the girls were divided into two firing groups. The safety requirements of the range, the use of the .22 cal target rifle, and firing positions were explained, and positions were demonstrated by five members of the ROTC rifle team. Then each girl was given an opportunity to fire five rounds for familiarization.

Group one has been meeting on Monday nights, and group two on Wednesday nights. This was the process of elimination during which, one meeting was for practice and the second meeting was for record competition. Record scores from all firing groups will be compared and the top twenty scores will be designated members of the rifle team. This team will consist of no more than twenty members and no less than ten.

On January 26, the group will be eliminated down to thirty girls, and the following week, they will be eliminated down to the twenty member team. After the rifle team is selected, the members will select team officers and prepare firing schedules to train as a team. The team is expected to fire paper matches and shoulder to shoulder matches with girl's teams of other colleges and universities.

Organization managers are Jerry Williams and Pat Turner. The ROTC advisors are Capt. Carter and SPC. Duncan, while Mrs. John Bass is the team sponsor.

B. B. Gracy has returned to his work with the department of agriculture at the college following hospitalization. During his absence his work was discharged by Ben Hall McFarlin of Murfreesboro.

## Western Slam MTSC 89-65

Western Kentucky's Hilltoppers finished a first half uphill climb last week and found they could coast downward in the latter half, as they roared past Middle Tennessee State colleg 89 to 65.

The Blue Raiders led throughout most of the first half, building their margin to seven points at several stages, but the persistent Hilltoppers kept picking away until they caught and passed their hosts.

High for Middle Tennessee was Bob Williamson with 29. Bob Burden had 15.

| West Kentucky | G | F     | T  |
|---------------|---|-------|----|
| Osborne       | 4 | 4-5   | 12 |
| Bicknell      | 3 | 0-2   | 6  |
| Ellison       | 4 | 1-1   | 9  |
| Davis         | 0 | 2-3   | 2  |
| Talbert       | 2 | 1-1   | 5  |
| Crosth'te     | 7 | 11-12 | 25 |
| Sar'k'nis     | 8 | 5-6   | 21 |
| Montg'ry      | 0 | 0-1   | 0  |
| Warren        | 1 | 0-0   | 2  |

## RAIDER FROSH HOLD TOPPERS TO LOWEST SCORE

Raider freshman in holding the Western Kentucky freshman to an 80-59 score after a 36-30 first half performance prompted Bob Cochran, executive assistant to president Kelly White, to remark: "You can certainly look to the future. That is the best team our freshman

| Sutton           | 2  | 3-5   | 7  |
|------------------|----|-------|----|
| Totals           | 31 | 27-36 | 89 |
| M. Tennessee     | G  | F     | T  |
| Price            | 3  | 3-5   | 9  |
| Bryant           | 0  | 2-2   | 2  |
| Burden           | 5  | 5-10  | 15 |
| Williamson       | 3  | 11-17 | 29 |
| Smith            | 2  | 4-6   | 8  |
| Johnson          | 0  | 0-1   | 0  |
| Greer            | 1  | 0-0   | 2  |
| Totals           | 20 | 25-41 | 65 |
| Western Kentucky | 40 | 49-89 |    |
| MTSC             | 34 | 31-65 |    |

have played this year. Diddle (senior) did the best recruiting job of his life with those freshman. In the 20 years I have been associated with Western, that is the best first year team I have ever seen. I believe it is the best in the nation. No other team has held them to fewer than 90 points."

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## Morehead Eagles Tounce Raiders

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MTSC had four men to score in the double frame. Bob Burden had 20, John Price 19; Ralph Bryant 13; and Bob Williamson 15.

The Raiders held a first-half lead, fell behind, and then came after Morehead again in the second half tying the score at 61-61 before the pressure came. MTSC held the half-time lead at 44-39.

| Middle Tenn. | G  | F     | Total |
|--------------|----|-------|-------|
| Price        | 8  | 3-5   | 19    |
| Bryant       | 4  | 5-11  | 13    |
| Burden       | 9  | 2-6   | 20    |
| Williamson   | 4  | 7-12  | 15    |
| Hammers      | 0  | 2-3   | 2     |
| Smith        | 2  | 4-6   | 8     |
| Johnson      | 2  | 0-0   | 4     |
| TOTALS       | 29 | 23-43 | 81    |

| Morehead | G  | F     | Total |
|----------|----|-------|-------|
| Cole     | 1  | 1-5   | 3     |
| Fair     | 0  | 1-4   | 1     |
| Yentes   | 5  | 4-5   | 14    |
| Williams | 6  | 1-1   | 13    |
| Triplett | 7  | 5-7   | 19    |
| Harrison | 1  | 4-4   | 6     |
| Van Hook | 8  | 0-0   | 16    |
| Thompson | 6  | 10-14 | 22    |
| TOTALS   | 34 | 26-40 | 94    |
| Morehead | 44 | 50-94 |       |
| MTSC     | 39 | 42-81 |       |

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A ☐ B ☐



2. Would you rather be (A) the designer of the first successful space vehicle to the moon, or (B) the first man to ride in it?

A ☐ B ☐



6. In deciding whether to see a movie, are you more influenced by (A) what a casual friend tells you about it, or (B) what you know of the cast and story?

A ☐ B ☐



3. If you were faced with two tasks, one pleasant and the other unpleasant, would you first do (A) the unpleasant task, or (B) the pleasant task?

A ☐ B ☐



7. If you were a multimillionaire, would you rather have (A) everyone know it, or (B) only a very few know it?

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4. If you find you aren't doing well in an activity, do you (A) concentrate on it to improve your performance, or (B) devote your attention to things in which you do excel?

A ☐ B ☐



8. Do you take more notice of someone's (A) good looks, or (B) good manners?

A ☐ B ☐

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### P. E. Club Gives Square Dance

The old gymnasium was the scene of a square dance last Thursday night. The dance, sponsored by the Physical Education Club, also featured folk dancing and round dancing. Some of the square dance calls were given by Miss Beulah Davis and Coach Francis Riel.

The dance was planned by a social committee consisting of Helen Bennett, Lois Patton, Brady Puckett, Dickie Hagwood and William Faulk.

Those holding office in the club are as follows: Jimmy Davis, president; Troy Haydon, vice-president; Marlyn Parker, secretary; Bonnie Slatton, treasurer; Ralph Bryant, sergeant-at-arms.



Promenading their partners are these couples at the Physical Education Club's square dance last Thursday night, January 22, in the old gymnasium. Miss Beulah Davis and Coach Francis Riel called the square dance. Folk dancing and round dancing were also featured. Staff photo by Joe Mills

### Dorms Undergo Minor Repairs

Rutledge is undergoing a new face-lifting as workmen recently began a series of repairs and installations.

New shelves and mirrors have been placed in all the rooms, while new wiring, including electrical outlets, is being installed throughout the dormitory. Extra closets are to be put in each room, and tiled floors are scheduled for the halls.

The last improvement on the list is a paint job in all the rooms and repairment of plaster.

Work of a similar sort has been undergone in Smith Hall, where a new paint job has been applied to the rooms.

### MENC Program Features Panel Of MTSC Faculty

By Jimmie Sue Elam

The Music Educators National Conference meets every other Monday night in the Music Building. The MENC had an interesting program at their last meeting, consisting of a panel of teachers from the faculty at MTSC, including Mr. Kenneth Pace, Dr. Philip Howard, and Dean Kirksey.

The teachers answered the students questions about graduate work. The panel turned out to be an interesting event on the MTSC campus.

The club is taking part in selling tickets to the opera. They will be selling tickets in a booth in front of the auditorium.

### Drill Team And Band Participate In Parade

By Carole King

The Sam Davis Drill Team and the MTSC Marching Band participated in the inaugural parade at Nashville in honor of newly elected governor of Tennessee, Buford Ellington, on January 21.

MTSC also sponsored a float in the parade with the theme, "Mur-freesboro Welcomes the Governor."

Mr. Rubns was in charge of the decoration of the float, which was built and decorated by the members of the art department.

Don't Forget the ROTC Ball on Friday Night, February 6. Tickets may be purchased from a member of the Track and Sabre Club or in the Nathan Bedford Forest Building.

### Construction Progresses On Fine Arts Building

By Lynette Daughtrey

The main structure of the Fine Arts Building is now completed, and block walls are being laid despite the fact that construction was slowed down by cold weather.

The building, which is to be completed by the latter part of August, will house the music department on its first two floors and the art department on the third.

Plans are now under way for the buying of equipment needed to furnish the building.

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