

## Spielman Tops ASB Polls; Smith, Hay Are In Run-Off

### Why Doesn't MTSC Have An Honor System? Students, Faculty Favor It

By DOT DICKY and BETTY HALE

Have you considered the fact that most modern prisons have an honor system? Why, then, shouldn't this college have one? A student-faculty poll has been conducted on this campus. The following eighteen responses were given by nine faculty members and nine students. The question asked was:

"What do you think would be the result of an honor system on this campus? Do you, or do you not, think it would be beneficial?"

Mr. Crowe: Most schools I have attended had the honor system.

Bill Hix: I think it would be a tremendous asset to the school if the responsibility is placed on the students.

Ross Spielman: To have an honor system would certainly be beneficial on this campus, and I feel that this is something that we need. However, getting it to work is something different. It must be desired by the students, and the students should be the ones to urge its installation. It should be student formed and student enforced. But with the interest shown so far, it would be very difficult to start. I feel though, that there is a trend toward the honor system, and I believe that it is for the best interest of the students.

Mr. Strickland: I am very much in favor of the honor system. Where I have observed it in operation it has been effective, and with proper indoctrination of the students, it should work successfully at M.T.S.C. I believe that it would serve to promote both scholarship and a higher level of morale than exists among the students at the present time. It should serve to stimulate a better student-faculty relationship, and also develop a better spirit among the students in their campus life. Under any circumstances, however, it should be administered completely by the students.

Newton Taylor: It just depends upon the students. No faculty can ever make it work. I think it is indeed a worthy thing to have an honor system, and I would like to see it in operation on this campus more than anywhere else. If the students accept it and use it—then it's a fine thing. If they don't accept it—then there is no use trying to make it work.

Joyce Payne: I am definitely in favor of an honor system on this campus. From past experience, I can truly say students do much better if they are given certain liberties; they do not like to feel they are being watched by teachers and older persons. College students are old enough to be treated as young men and women ready to take on the responsibilities of citizenship, and they are too old to be treated as though they are still in elementary or high school.

Dr. Kirksey: An honor system is an excellent idea. Its success depends upon students' taking responsibility and behaving as responsible persons.

Elma Murdock: The honor system would be a better system if it were properly installed. College students should be men and women enough to be on their own honor. It works other places and could work here at M.T.S.C.

Mr. Jones: I think that an honor system could be a very fine thing, and I have seen them work very satisfactorily. I do think they should be installed on a 100% basis, however. It will not be effective unless you have a very large majority of the student body in favor of it.

David Cullum: I think it would lower the number of "heads" they get appropriations on, but I think it would raise the standard of the school. If this were instituted, maybe the faculty would quit treating us like adolescents.

Mr. Boutwell: It would be a fine thing if carefully planned and well supervised. I think it should be given a fair trial. If it works at other places, I don't see why it couldn't work here.

Dimple Moncrief: I think it would work if everyone would cooperate and proceed with an attitude of honesty.

Dr. Keathley: An honor system that works is excellent. To succeed

every student must believe and abide by it.

Dr. Riel: An honor system to be effective must be "100% honor system"—unless faculty members and students understand the mechanics of such a system it will not operate successfully. I am highly in favor of an honor system's being installed at M.T.S.C.

Dr. Calcott: An honor system must be simple. It would not work if complicated. It should not cover social functions—only honesty.

Malcolm Rives: I do not think it will work on this campus because of the type of people we have. Many do not plan to graduate. Some plan to marry; others want to keep out of the army. Also an honor system must be traditional, as at the University of the South. An honor system will pull out many people. This may be desirable, however. I would like to see it work because it would raise the standard of the college.

Dr. Parks: If the A. S. B. can make it effective, I am heartily in favor of it. The effectiveness of it will rest almost entirely upon the support that students give up and the organization that students set up to make it operate. I have long been accustomed to the honor system and believe that it is for the best interest of the students.

### MTSC Wins Top Places At TACSG Convention; Coleman Is Miss Campus

MTSC students won top places again at the Tennessee Association of Collegiate Student Government Convention which was held at Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City last weekend. Charlie Hodges was elected district chairman for the Middle Tennessee division and Joyce Garner, secretary.

Honors went to MTSC for the second successive year when Miss Margaret Coleman was chosen "Miss Campus of 1954" in a beauty contest.



MARGARET COLEMAN in competition with contestants from other colleges in Tennessee.

Pack Your Grip For Europe . . .

### MTSC European Tour To Begin June 16

In keen anticipation of the forthcoming trip to Europe, Miss Mary Hall and Miss Tommie Reynolds of the Middle Tennessee State College staff begin to pack their grips as the Spring quarter draws to a close.

Miss Mary Hall, Dept. of Education, discloses that this will be her first summer in twenty years that she has taken a vacation. The assistant professor of education will leave for Canada with 19 others June 16 to begin the first lap of her European tour.

Montreal will be the port of embarkation for the Dutch ship Ryn-dam the 19th when the twenty member touring group begin their ocean voyage. Most of the group will reach Montreal by bus while two others will journey by train. By necessity, one of the group will take a plane to Montreal.

Arriving London they will tour historical sites for two days. Proceeding to Wales, then to Ireland they will catch a fast glimpse of the land of "the wearin' O' th' green." Scotland will offer a sight with her plaid kilts, and rugged terrain, before the land of dikes and windmills comes to sight.

Through Holland, Denmark, and Belgium, the group hopes to find ancient and rustic Germany as they envision it. Into the tall and towering Alps of Switzerland, over into Austria, down through scenic Italy, and back through the boot of that country, the trip will complete its last lap in France.

Paris in her summer splendor from the top of the Eiffel Tower will be a sight of privilege for the Tennessee vacationists. The Rue de la Paix will be thronged with

### Junior-Senior Dance, Spring Formal Combine

Again this year the junior-senior dance will be combined with the spring formal and flowers will be permissible. The date for this affair is Friday, May 14, from 8 to 12 p.m. Owen Brady's orchestra will return to MTSC to play for the dance.

There will be NO ADMISSION charged. Those attending will be asked to register at the door. Refreshments will be served at intermission.

The dance will be no-break before the intermission. Then the new and old student body officers will be honored along with Margaret Coleman and Sue Oldham who represented MTSC in the "Miss Campus of Tennessee" contest. Presentation of honorees will be by Malcolm Rives, president of the junior class.

Other officers of the junior class are Ralph Daniels, vice president; Ernestine Miles, secretary; Frances Carter, treasurer, and Knox Wright, sergeant-at-arms.

### Art Club Sponsors Two Exhibitions

Climaxing the activities for this school year the Art Club will sponsor two exhibitions. First, opening May 10, will be a presentation of paintings by Miss Carol Harding, professor of fine art. The paintings include both oil and water colors.

During the following week an exhibit of student work will include examples from all the art classes of the year. A variety of projects will be on display: paintings, drawings, sculpture, and crafts. The student exhibit will continue through the 25th of May. The exhibition rooms are located in the Industrial Arts Building and will be open from eight to five, May 10-14, and May 17-25. Each student and faculty member is invited to the Art Club's exhibitions.

The Art Club is composed of art majors and all those who are interested in creative activities. Along with these exhibitions the Club has sponsored trips to Sewanee and Nashville to art exhibits. Earlier in the year the Club sponsored an exhibit of paintings from the Nashville Artist Guild. The coming exhibition will conclude the Club's activities for the school year.

### CONGRATULATIONS, ASB OFFICERS FOR '55

"It should be the purpose of the Associated Student Body to expand and promote interest in student affairs, to serve as a channel for the clear expression of student opinions, and its presentation to the administration when advisable, to help unify and systematize student activities on the campus, and to foster in every possible manner student character, initiative and leadership."

This was the definition of student government given by former ASB president Ross Rives and published in the SIDE-LINES January 10, 1951.

A new regime has begun in 1954, but we believe the above definition is still a good one. The platform of the present student body leader is published in this issue. It is an excellent one.

However, student government is no small job. The officers are elected, but they must have the support of a united representative body of students in order to function in the college's behalf.

The SIDE-LINES congratulates the new officers and offers its support as an extra-curricular media to the Associated Student Body of 1955.

### School Spirit Soars With Election Fever

By TED MORGAN

Amid the hum and the roar of the heated ASB presidential contest could be heard the elated hopes of the followers of both political camps. There was no doubt that both candidates were capable aspirants to the role of President of the Associated Student Body of MTSC. The vice presidential election was quiet with the two campus residents the main subject of conversation in campus groups.

Slamming into one of the most ferocious campaigns on the Middle Tennessee State college campus, Spielman appeared at first to have won without much effort. With the sudden announcement that Billy Hix would challenge him, opinions became divided and Spielman prepared for the contest.

Spielman promised to investigate the book exchange and presented his proposal to "establish a working policy" for the benefit of the students. This appeared to be a tangible issue and took precedence over his proposal to look into the high prices of food in the cafeteria.

### SPIELMAN-HIX PLATFORMS

Among other proposals Spielman advocated the revision of the Constitution, along with the Congress and Supreme Court. He favored the creation of a student council whose purpose was for each campus organization to be represented in the council. He maintained that the ASB president should have a closer contact with leaders on the MTSC campus.

Billy Hix made no promises. "Favoritism to none" but with an administering hand of favors to the campus in general was his slogan of the campaign. Hix added that no obstacle would be too great for him to tackle, if the students felt a need.

Forceful and energetic were the two outstanding traits of candidate Hix. He seemed to carry himself with all the merits of a good leader. Affable and agreeable to the point of admirability is the professed opinion of his followers. Yet, Billy Hix remained the good natured friend to one and all on the campus with no display of egotism.

Conscientious, persevering, and determined marked Ross Spielman as the able and capable aspirant to the Presidency of MTSC's student body. During the campaign Spielman conducted himself as one already elected to that office. There was a magnetism of personality that pulled people to him. It is generally agreed that he has the qualifications to fill this office of honor.

It was as if MTSC was afire with the enthusiasms for its two political candidates. The evening of May 5 found the campus in a mad melder of students gathering and shouting for each of the two candidates. A sidewalk had inscribed on its facing "Vote Bill Hix". The Administration Building was bedecked with leaflets and posters; a banner was stretched overhead at the entrance of the main building with Spielman's name flourished there.

What was more amusing was that Howard Rutledge's dog carried Bill Hix's name on its back.

Both Hix and Spielman supporters enjoyed the Hix rally staged in the old gym Wednesday night.

Opinions were divided as they should have been. It is interesting to know how the students felt about the great issue at hand.

### THREE "VEEP CANDIDATES"

Vice presidential candidate Ernestine Miles was the first off campus candidate in several years. Miss Miles made no promise in her nomination acceptance to move on the campus. Her campaign was considerably quieter than the other two.

Liz Hay appeared to be the best known of the three potential vice presidents. This seemed to account for her strong backing throughout the entire pre-election week.

Marie Smith, who had not prepared to be a candidate, suddenly found herself in the running after a group of Smith promoters backed her nomination.

### Record Breaking Campaign Totals 852 Votes, 200 More Than In '53



Pictured above are ASB candidates Bill Hix (seated) and (standing, left to right) Liz Hay, Ernestine Miles, and Marie Smith. Ross Spielman was not present when the picture was made.

### Commencement Exercises Climax June 4; 186 To Receive Degrees

Commencement exercises at Middle Tennessee State College begin with the junior-senior prom Friday and reach a climax at six o'clock on the evening of June 4 when approximately one-half of the 328 candidates for degrees in the 1954 class will graduate.

There are 60 women, 82 men re-

ceiving the B.S. or A.B. degree and 24 the Master's degree. Other members of the class are scheduled to receive degrees at the August convocation.

"Commencement week" actually begins with the alumni banquet May 29 at 7 o'clock with Halbert Harvill, president of Austin Peay State college and a member of the 1926 class at MTSC scheduled to speak. Sunday, May 30, the baccalaureate address will be given by Rev. Marquis Triplett in the college auditorium. The program will start at 11 o'clock.

Robert W. White, noted Tennessee historian and former MTSC faculty member will deliver the commencement address June 4 in the traditional open air, twilight service.

The June class this year will have the largest number of "three year bachelors" of any class in recent years. Nine men and five women who entered college in the fall of 1951 are completing their work this June, having gone four quarters each year rather than the customary three. They are Ernest W. Allen, George W. Barnes, Otto Hammond, Quinten Lane, Larry E. Malone, Lawrence P. Plunk, Clifton D. Ray, Erskine Thompson, J. F. Waddell, Annie Ruth Clark, Wanda Cook, Joyce McMillan, Dolores Sorrells and Fannie Wheeler will have their first "summer vacation" in three years following the June 4 commencement.

Four men and one woman (Mr. Hammond, Mr. Plunk, Mr. Ray, Mr. Triplett) will receive their degrees.

### State School Enrollment Rise

In the recent quarterly report on enrollment in the colleges and universities which are members of the Tennessee College Association, it was shown that the greatest enrollment increase were to be found in state-supported schools.

Figures were broken down in the report to show comparisons between those reporting in 1947 and those reporting in 1950, and also between those reporting in 1950 and 1953.

Of the 27 schools which reported enrollment in 1953, 14 of them showed an increase in enrollment over 1947. 13 showed a loss.

23,895 students, or 44.4% of the entire college enrollment, were enrolled in state schools in 1947. By 1950, this number had increased by 1,000, and stood at 34,895. Another increase was reported by 1953, 32,037 of the college students in Tennessee are now enrolled in state-supported institutions.

Of the 22 private schools, which reported in 1947 and 1950, 9 showed an enrollment gain, and the other 13 a loss. In the 1953 report, 8 showed a gain, and 14 a loss.

### IRC Annual Awards . . .

### Allen Is Outstanding Social Science Major

By JOAN MCKINSTRY  
Annually the International Relations Club selects an outstanding graduating senior majoring in the social science department and presents him with an award for his exceptional work in this field. The winner qualifies by fulfilling the following criteria: (1) scholastic standing; (2) leadership; (3) general citizenship; (4) contributions to the betterment of the school; (5) promotion of Social Science as a course of study; (6) anticipated usefulness to society.

This year the award will be presented to Ernest Allen, graduating senior from Columbia. Allen is a transfer student from Martin College, Pulaski. He has spent his junior and senior years as a resident of MTSC residing in Vet village.

Allen comes from a family of eight children, in their youth the youngsters of the family had their own basketball team. In high school he played football but could not continue it because of a broken arm gained while playing being improperly set, so thus had to forfeit his school letter. His favorite sports are football and basketball. Allen prefers "pop" music and especially that of Ralph Flanagan.

In 1951 the award winner married Virginia Wynn from Springfield and who also attended Martin College. The happy couple are presently awaiting the arrival of their first child. Allen's hobby is traveling and visiting the larger cities of the country.

After graduation Allen plans to live in Columbia and teach in some field of the social studies. For the past two years he has held a part time job at Hill's Store while attending school. As well as a major and minor in social science he will have a minor in English.

Ross Spielman and Marie Smith came out on top of one of the most exciting and record-breaking campaigns in the history of MTSC. From the total of 852 votes cast, Spielman obtained 648 with opposing candidate Bill Hix claiming 383. The tallies ran nearly even throughout the counting with Spielman gaining decidedly during the last 200 votes. Smith did not receive a majority. A run-off will be held Thursday from 8 to 4.

Approximate total of the 1953 campaign votes was 650. Previous high vote was 856 in 1951 election. In the vice presidential race the three candidates Liz Hay, Ernestine Miles and Marie Smith paralleled during the first half of the counting with Marie Smith rapidly gaining to lead the last half.

Marie Smith's 377 votes gave her the edge of 131 tallies over Liz Hay with 246 counts. Ernestine Miles took 219 of the total votes cast. A run-off will be necessary in this race.

Both presidential candidates attacked the handling of used textbooks and advocated the student council idea.

### Spielman Is Transfer

Ross Spielman is from Williamsport, Maryland where in high school he was active in athletics, music and journalism. He attended junior college in Hagerstown, Maryland where he was state student government president, president of his freshman class and editor of the annual. He was also on the baseball and basketball teams. His mother now lives in Nashville.

At MTSC Ross is majoring in physical education with minors in biology, social science and education. He is very active in athletics, and



ROSS SPIELMAN ROTC and is a member of the Supreme Court.

Candidate Bill Hix was president of his Gallatin high school student government and an outstanding athlete. At present he is on the MTSC football and wrestling team and is president of the veteran's club. He has been a member of the ASB congress. His friends know him as "Big Bill."

Worth Loring — Hix  
Hix stated, "It was worth losing the election just to see so many people come out and vote."

Marie Smith was very active in student government at South Pittsburg high school. She was secretary of her student council, vice president of her senior class and an officer in the Future Home-Maker's of America. She won the DAR award, good manners award and the history award for the highest scholastic average in that subject. She was a 4-H club All-Star; she served in official capacities and won honors in that field. She was also active in high school dramatics.

At MTSC Marie has been in the

### APO Holds Final Meet At Banquet

Members of Alpha Psi Omega, honorary dramatic fraternity, will hold their final meeting of this year in the form of a banquet tonight at McKnight's restaurant. Starting at 5:30 p.m., the meeting will also include the initiation of new members and the election of officers for the coming year.

Attending the meeting banquet will be: Lane Boutwell, sponsor; Mary Will Cox, Lois Stedman, Martha Sue Williams, Janet Smith, Quentin Lane, Natalie Siewert, Sue Durham, Barbara Witham, June Smith, Joan McKinstry, Keith Stephens, Carolyn Ledford, Nancy McClary, Mary Jo Dillon, Lucy Hale, and Amanda Waggoner.

### Cranford Heads SCU For 1954-55

Jimmy Cranford was elected president of the Student Christian Union for the following year. Retiring officers have stepped aside in favor of the newly elected secretary and treasurer Ruth Page and Worship Chairman Bob Keathley.

Lois Stedman will be in charge of publicity. Social chairman is Fay Presnell. Steve Underwood will serve as song leader and will be assisted by retiring president, Billy Weather, Eleanor Martin will be official pianist.

Mr. E. W. Medgett is faculty advisor for the group.

### Top Five Per Cent—AAUP Honors Scholarship Leaders



The fifteen students with the highest scholastic records at Middle Tennessee State college were honored at a dinner given recently by the local chapter of the American Association of University Professors. The students were, left to right, seated, Marguerite Sherrill, Decherd; Betty Williamson Hull, Murfreesboro; Betty Holt Hale, Tullahoma; Jean Huggins Moser, Murfreesboro; Mary Elizabeth Farris, Winchester; Henderson Smith, Shelbyville; standing, Betty Jean Wilkinson, Winchester; Dorothy Dickey, Henryville; Gene Potts, Hendersonville; Raymond Knapp, New Hampshire; Butler James, Murfreesboro; Peggy Marlin Welchance, Murfreesboro; and Annie Ruth Clark, Columbia.

THE HONOR SYSTEM WORKS AT VIRGINIA

John R. Roberson

Class of '50 at the University of Virginia  
Condensed from THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY

Articles describing the methods of cheating at certain colleges have appeared in the press. They give the impression that dishonesty is common among college students. Many schools and colleges, however, have successful honor systems. Renowned in this field is the famous institution founded by Thomas Jefferson.

Every University of Virginia first-year man has heard of the honor system before he arrives in Charlottesville. He has heard such declarations as "The University is proudest of its honor system," and the simple expression of confidence, "It works." Now he and his classmates are about to face the system.

First there is a formal speech by one of the University's most distinguished figures, in which he discusses honor, its practices at Virginia, and what one of the speakers called "a matter less congenial to honor at Virginia" (that is to say, the procedure which is followed in the event that a breach of honor occurs.)

Then the assembly is dismissed to classrooms where small groups have a chance to ask questions of student leaders and to sign the honor cards saying that they understand the system and want to live under it. The questions last long enough for every person to see the system as it is; a positive force working to develop men of integrity and to bring freedom from mistrust to all of university life. Some students sit for a long time thinking before they sign. When a student has accepted the honor system as his own, he is ready to register.

The student body knows the honor system works, and is proud to keep it working. A professor giving an examination walks into the classroom, distributes the questions, waits to see if there are any doubtful points he can clear up, and disappears. The students do the rest.

Two of them may look at each other, laugh, and ask, "How did he ever think that question up?" As the hours of the examination wear on, the seats we say Thomas Jefferson must have sat on get harder, and the strain of the exam gets worse. Under the honor system, students put down their pens and walk out of the room for a coke and a discussion of the basketball team. Relaxed, they return to do battle with the questions.

At Virginia there is none of the constant irritant of a watching proctor, none of the strain of an enforced silence, none of the weariness of three hours in a hard seat. The students can put down what they know on their papers freed from any detriment to clear thinking by the pledge they sign at the end of their answers.

University honor extends beyond the purely academic. The three violations of it are cheating, stealing, and lying.

One of the warmest feelings the honor system gave me was related to the lack of stealing. If a student is carrying a load of valuable textbooks and decides he wants to stroll over to the Corner—a cluster of shops serving the University—he puts the books down, and they stay where he puts them. If he forgets a coat on a hook outside the classroom, he can stop by for it later, with no anxiety as to its safety.

The word of a student of the University of Virginia is accepted as truth. Hence, any Charlottesville merchant will cash a student's check.

There are, of course, a few misfits. Once in a great while the CAVALIER DAILY carries a black-bordered notice: "The Honor Committee regrets to announce that a student has been dismissed. The offense was (naming it)."

The procedure of dismissal gives every possible chance to the accused. If any student sees another committing what appears to be a breach of honor, he directs the attention of at least one other student to the action. If the two agree that there are grounds for suspicion, they confront the suspect. If he can give a satisfactory explanation, the matter goes no further; if not, the accusers present the case to the President of the Honor Committee.

This committee consists of the student president of each department of the University, plus the vice-president of the department of the accused—a court of students deciding for the students. The tribunal holds a closed trial in the Moot Courtroom of the Law School, allowing the defendant to have any student he chooses to assist in the defense, and any witnesses he wants in his behalf. If the accused is acquitted, the records of the trial are burned and handshakes are exchanged all around. If convicted, he leaves the University at once, and the nameless notice appears in the CAVALIER DAILY. Any person who can show that he has new evidence can have a case reopened at any time. Otherwise the records stay secret.

The rare black-bordered notices always bring a look of concern to the faces of all the readers. Honor is a tradition at Virginia; one of the intangibles of which she is proud. It is being maintained.

Campus Roundup . . .

SPRING FEVER HOLDS ON

By Liz Hay

Time is fleeting—only days left until the end of the quarter. But as yet seems spring fever still has everyone—at least as far as books are concerned. Few exceptions: Poor English majors who have been studying for comprehensive—Dimple Moncrief, Joyce Baxter, June Smith, James Blackwell, Raymond Knapp, Bill Kelton, Wallace Midgett and Lucy Tucker were seen "hitting the grind" to prepare for the test. See you made it! Great Going!

Have never seen such school enthusiasm at MTSC. Looks good—agree? Win or lose your favorite candidate—I say it looks as if school spirit has actually found a place here at MTSC.

Congratulations to Sue Oldham and Margaret Coleman who were recently elected as campus beauties to represent MTSC in the Miss Campus of Tennessee Contest held in Jefferson City last weekend during the student government convention—Orchids to you, girls.

A second orchid goes to Margaret Coleman who was chosen to represent "Ye Alma Mater" in the Queen for a Day Contest held recently. Good luck, Margaret, we are waiting for a ride in your Cadillac—(the one we are sure you will win.)

Saturday night—MTSC—Twelve tired, but well-informed school leaders returned to their own beloved campus with plans galore for improving all phases of our campus life. Source of their information—The Tennessee Association of Collegiate Student Governments at Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tennessee. Students, participating in the convention were Malcolm Rives 1953-54 president, Lucy Hale, secretary, Peggy Ambrester, Quentin Lane, Ralph Daniels, Ross Spielman, Amanda Waggoner, Margaret Coleman, Sue Oldham, Joyce Garner, Nowlin Taylor, Charlie Hodges, Dean James and Mrs. Felder.

Remember MSM party Thursday night, May 13—also, BSU Banquet—same night.  
May 14, Spring Formal—Flowers permissible—Owen Bradley Orchestra—Okay, boys, it's time to get your dates!

May 15—Sigma Club Banquet—All Sports Banquet—Next Monday, May 17 . . . It's your night, lettermen. . .  
What a weekend . . . Plenty of activity glaring us in the face.

Lyon Lines . . .

List Spring Fun and Frolic

By MARTHA TENPENNY and MARGUERITE COTTON

Last week was really exciting wasn't it—girls? The beauty contest brought out the fact that Lyon Hall sports a number of pretty faces. We are all glad that Margaret Coleman won top honors.

Amazon Party . . .  
The coming of spring brought with it all kinds of parties and outings for the campus clubs. Gamille Murchison and Ted Hackney, Rubye Darden and Jimmy Chandler, Ruth Page and George House were couples recently attending the recreation club's Amazon Party.

Chemistry Hayride . . .  
The chemistry club's hayride was a lot of fun for Mary Joyce Williamson and Joe Gager. Dot Key and Roy Clark, Donna Cantrell and Ralph Tittsworth. Mary Ann Warmbrod and Wallace Chambers.

Home Ec-IA Outing . . .  
Lake Bedford is a perfect place for picnics, especially, when there is plenty of barbecue and homemade cake. Those going on the home economics - industrial arts outing were Alice Storey and Glenn Smith, Mary Read and Johnny Sears, Mary Margaret Steagall and Lloyd Luna, Margaret Coleman and Van Reed, Donna Cantrell and Charles Lester. By the way—ask Margaret Coleman about the fish they caught.

Youth Assembly . . .  
Nancy McClary and Mary Ann Warmbrod reported a very exciting week-end at Chickasaw State Park where they attended a Presbyterian Youth Assembly. It seems that cute boys from our neighboring colleges were plentiful.  
Joanne Lee really gets around.  
Even New York . . .  
Just imagine—she was in Canada last Sunday afternoon and back in Nashville by 10:00 that night. She will have to tell us all about her plane trip to New York. It must be wonderful to have such nice friends.

Kirksey Elected State Beta Council Member  
Dr. Howard Kirksey, head of the Graduate Division at MTSC and Frank Bass, executive secretary of the Tennessee Educational Association, were elected to membership on the Tennessee Council of the National Beta Club at the annual state convention in Nashville last week.  
Other members of the Council are Dr. Jack Smith, Memphis; Dr. Andy Holt, University of Tennessee; Mack Davis, ETSC; Dr. Robert Stone, Martin College; Gene Sloan, MTSC; F. S. Elliott, H. H. Burrum, and Daley Thompson, public school administrators and Dr. Quill Cope, state commissioner of education.

TAU OMICRON HONORS ALUMNAE



Tau Omicron sisters at Middle Tennessee State College alumnae and members of the chapter gathered for the annual luncheon Saturday, May 1. Seated with Miss Elizabeth Schardt and Miss Virginia Wilkinson are officers of the club for the current year. Left to right, Liz Hay, Dorothy A. Lewis, Virginia Wilkinson, Elizabeth Schardt, Betty Hale, Betty Jean Williamson, Shirley Keyes, and Betty Harrison. Standing, Ernestine Miles, Mrs. Homer Pittard, Mrs. Frank Gwaltney, Dorothy Dickey, June Tucker, Elizabeth Nicholson, Clifford Boyd, Ruth Clark, Mrs. Hay, Mrs. Charlie owell, Cornelia Swain, Marguerite Sherrill, Dolores Sorrels, Peggy Welchance, Amanda Waggoner, Lucy Hale, Virginia Francis.

White Team Wins MSM Attendance Contest; Blues Pay

The Methodist Student Movement at MTSC announces the election of new officers in its regular assembly room next Wednesday evening, May 12.

As a result of a recent contest, the Whites over the Blues, the body known as the Whites will be given an evening's pleasure at Cedar Forest. The award was announced at an earlier meeting at which time the Whites had a greater representation than the Blues.

Cedar Forest will offer the winning Whites recreation and entertainment for its greater attendance record. Tennis, badminton, shuffleboard, and many other sports are offered at the camp.

President Hodges urges all MSM-ers to be present at its next meeting at which time new officers are to be elected. The organization meets every Wednesday evening (unless otherwise announced) at 6 p.m. in the Administration Building on the second floor.

Clayton James and Bob Abernathy of the MTSC faculty were commencement speakers at Warren county high schools last week.

Newman Club Presents Informative Lectures

Father James Kemper will present a series of talks on several subjects which non-Catholics and Catholics alike hold false conceptions. Members and non-members are invited to attend.

The talks will begin May 5 and follow thru until May 26. Father Kemper will speak on the following subjects: The Mass, Do Catholic's believe that only Catholics can be saved? Do Catholic worship Mary and the Saints?; and Can a priest forgive sins?.

These talks will be given at the regular 6:00 P.M. Wednesday night meeting. All who are interested are invited to attend.

BSU Ends Year With Large List Of Activities

Looking in on the BSU the past few weeks, they have been found engaged in study course and promotion. The BSU director assisted in the Kentucky Retreat program the first weekend in May, and there gained some new ideas and inspiration.

The close of the attendance contest saw Gold team, with Glenn Smith as captain, as winners. Plans are being made for an outing on May 25.

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PLAN 'A' HAS AN ALTERNATE, REMEMBER?

In his final assembly, May 3, retiring ASB president Nowlin Taylor told the MTSC students that their voluntary assembly plan was unique in being one of the only of its kind in the colleges of this area. However, it has not been taken advantage of during the past year.

Last fall the plan went into effect by a majority vote of the student body. With it was Plan B which was an alternate agreement to be used if Plan A did not work.

Plan A recommended that the attendance at all assemblies should be completely voluntary on the part of students and faculty. It was a firm and unanimous belief of the planning committee that every effort should be made to remove the stigma of compulsory attendance which was at that time placed on the assembly.

PLAN A WAS A TRIAL

The committee recommendation emphasized that "if after fair trial plan A does not work to assure satisfactory assembly attendance Plan B is ready to go into effect.

Plan B for semi-compulsory attendance provided class cuts only if the student attended assembly. On leaving each assembly each student would deposit a card stating his name and the name and number of the class which he would ordinarily attend.

This plan is not as appealing as the one now in operation but is certainly more satisfactory than the old compulsory attendance set up. (If it were similar to some other colleges, MTSC might have weekly compulsory assemblies with special seats for the entire student body. Such would be possible in the new gymnasium.)

FEW FAITHFUL RESPOND

Plan A has had one year's trial. Excellent programs have been given for the few faithful students who have recognized the privilege of voluntary attendance. Two or three of this year's assemblies have had good attendance, but this is not significant when all nine of them have deserved it.

Those who have attended regularly seem to like the voluntary plan. They do not wish to return to the compulsory attendance which was formerly enforced. Their only wish is that more students would try it so that all students will not have to conform to its alternate.

A DEFINITION . . .

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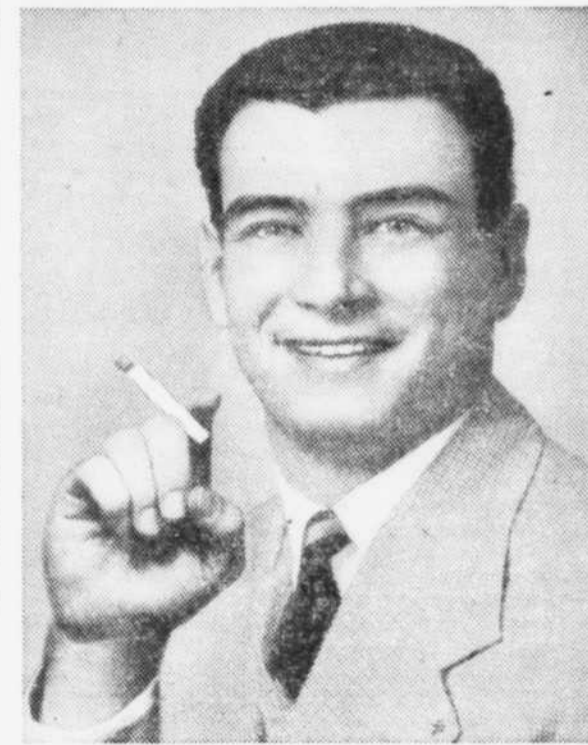
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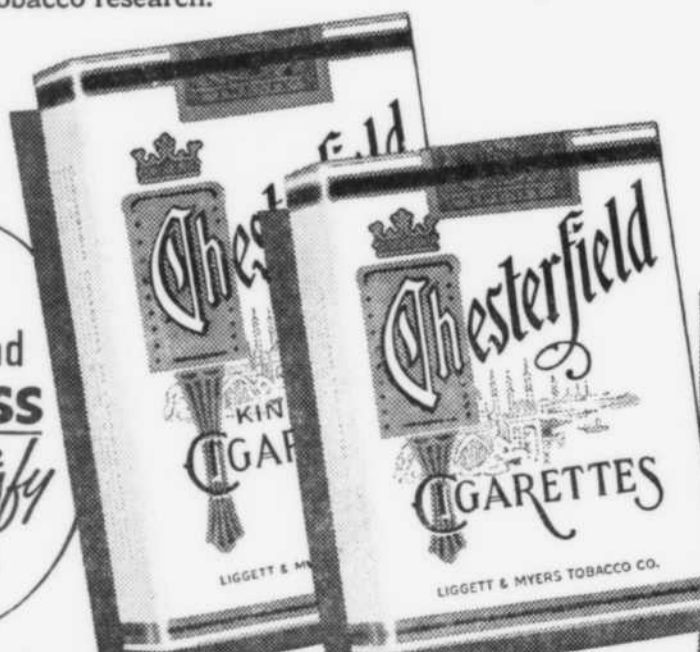


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Along The Side-Lines . . .

### Raiders Lead VSAC Baseball Penant Chase

With the season two-thirds completed it seems that Middle Tennessee State and East Tennessee State will be in the VSAC baseball playoff May 21 and 22. Under the rotating plan the western division champion will play on the home field of the eastern division champion.

Neither MTSC or ETSC have been defeated in our Volunteer State Conference play this season. ETSC has a 7 win, no loss record for the season to date while MTSC has won 8, lost two (Vanderbilt and Florence) and tied the University of Tennessee.

MTSC lost its first OVC game to Lipscomb 11-2 this week.

Lincoln Memorial University, defending champions in the VSAC have a one-one record as of May 1.

Harold Stour is proving the stout men of the ETSC staff, having pitched three wins with no defeats. Billy Craig of Austin Peay, Lynn Banks, Jim Ballard and Joe Griffith, all of MTSC have a two win, no loss record. David Lipscomb's Colson has won two games, losing none and has the conference best earned run average with 1.5.

Shrader is Top Hitter  
The leagues top hitter thus far is Doug Shrader, a sophomore converted from a pitcher to an outfielder at MTSC. Shrader is hitting .600, having collected 27 hits on 45 times at bat, including two home runs, two triples and two doubles. Lloyd Crowe 538 and Donald Squibb 571 hit Lincoln Memorial. Don Riley of ETSC with a .530 average is

fourth. K. Hawkins of Union is batting .554, Jerry Robinson, Austin Peay .434, Sammy Campbell, Bethel, 403 and Crenshaw of Lipscomb 375. Lipscomb and MTSC each have six men batting above .300. LMU has four hitting above .500 and MTSC has four hitting above .400.

Leagues standings as of May 1 are as follows:

Team	Conference games		
	Won	Lost	Pct.
ETSC	2	0	1.000
MTSC	3	0	1.000
Lipscomb	1	1	.500
Union	1	1	.500
LMU	1	1	.500
Bethel	1	1	.500
Austin Peay	1	2	.333
Milligan	0	2	.000

Team	All Games		
	Won	Lost	Pct.
ETSC	7	0	1.000
MTSC	8	2	1.000
Lipscomb	4	4	.500
Union	4	3	.583
LMU	5	2	.710
Bethel	record incomplete		
Austin Peay	record incomplete		
Milligan	record incomplete		

### Raider Baseball



Seated (left to right) Bill Stinnett, third base; Martin Garrett, second base; Mitchell Thompson, short stop; Gerald Johnson, first base; Coach Francis Riel; Bobby Osteen, left field; Bernard Street, center field, Doug Shrader, right field; Buck Rolma, catcher. Standing is the relief workers and pitchers. Left to right, Johnny DuVal, Catcher; John Carson, outfield; Joe Evans, infield; Glenn Carson, infield; Jon Ballard, infield; Joe Maynard, outfield; Ralph Sellars, pitcher; Tommy Griffith, pitcher; Lynn Banks, pitcher; Frank Baling, infield; Jim Satterfield, pitcher; Raymond Hunter, pitcher; J. D. Rion, manager.

### Raiders Top OVC Foe Second Time Beat Murray 10-9

Middle Tennessee State College baseball team made it eight wins against two defeats, but only after an almost futile attempt to put down a big eighth inning rally by the Murray State Thoroughbreds. The score was 10-9.

Going into the eighth frame the Raiders had a commanding lead of 10 to 1 behind the pitching of J. C. Duncan and Lynn Banks. Then the fireworks started which fell short by only one run of wiping out the big Raider lead. Four walks and four basehits, coupled with three MTSC errors, produced eight runs for the boys from the blue grass.

David Lipscomb College tennis team has a strong claim to the western division title while ETSC has already moved ahead in the Eastern division.

### MTSC Makes Playoff Bids In Ohio Valley

Middle Tennessee State College is bidding strongly for a playoff position in both the Ohio Valley and Volunteer State conferences baseball championship.

The Raiders have won eight games, lost two and tied one. The team has been winning by the simple process of scoring more runs than their opponents in contests with big scores. The 4-3 loss to Florence and a 4-4 tie with the University of Tennessee have been the only "low" score games of the season. The Raiders are now averaging better than 10 runs a game. They have defeated Miami of Ohio, Murray State (2); Western, Austin Peay (2), David Lipscomb, Florence.

Doug Shrader, the sophomore converted from a pitcher to an outfield is pacing his team and both the VSAC and OVC in hitting. He has been at bat 45 times in ten games, has hit safely 27 times has been credited with 10 runs batted in with a percentage of .600.

Gerald Johnson, senior first baseman and cleanup hitter for the Raiders has the best RBI total with 10. He is hitting .340 and has collected three doubles, a triple and a home run and leads the team in stolen bases with nine.

### Bisons Win Tennis, Down MTSC 7-0

Middle Tennessee State College tennis team was handed its sixth straight defeat 7 to 0, at the hands of David Lipscomb College in Nashville.

The win gave the Bisons the Western division championship in the Volunteer State Athletic Conference.

The Raiders were unable to capture a single win in the contest. Charles Hailey of Lipscomb beat Gene Porter of MTSC 6-3, 6-8, 6-2; Dean Spear of Lipscomb beat Charles Coving of MTSC 6-2, 6-0; Jerry Porter of Lipscomb beat Harry Brunson of MTSC 6-2, 6-2; Spencer Gilbert of Lipscomb beat James Duncan of MTSC 8-10, 6-4, 6-0; Allen Dixon of Lipscomb beat Hal Christenson of MTSC 7-5, 2-6, 6-3; and Hailey and Spears of Lipscomb beat Convington and Porter in the doubles 6-1 and 6-1.

Lynn Banks, Jim Ballard each have been credited with two wins against no defeats. Jim Satterfield and J. C. Duncan have won a game each. Joe Griffith, Ralph Sellars and Raymond Hunter, the other two Raider pitchers have worked mostly in relief with each being credited with one loss. Hunter is also credited with one win.

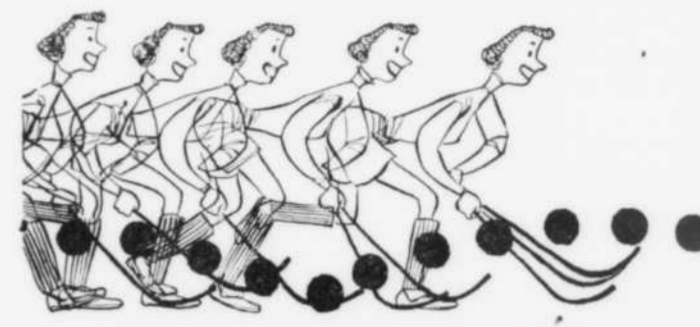
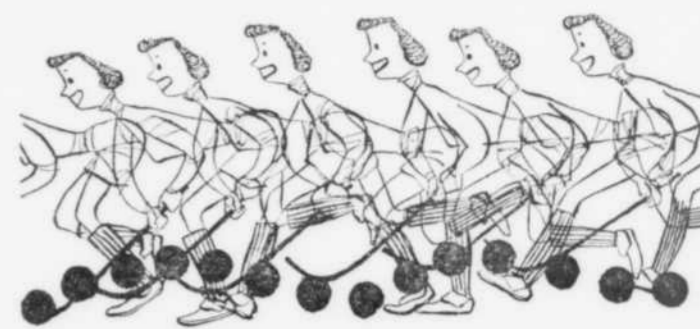
Bob Abernathy, director of field services for MTSC, spent last week in Muncie, Indiana attending a conference in this field.

### CLEMENT TOPS BROWNING

In the gubernatorial tally which was run jointly with the ASB election Frank G. Clement topped Gordon Browning 179 votes.

### MTSC Is Region Aviation Post; Club Sponsors Flying Meet

The MTSC aviation club has been selected as a regional headquarters for the National Intercollegiate Flying Association, region four. The selection was made on the basis of club membership, apparent activities in aviation, location, and interest shown in the national intercollegiate flying meet. Other clubs in region four of the NIFA are the University of Arkansas club, the John Brown University aviation club and the Aero-Tigers of Tennessee A. and I. University.



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### Home Ec Students Attend State Convention At UT

Five students and one faculty member represented MTSC at the Tennessee Home Economics meeting in Knoxville April 23, 24, and 25. They were Ernestine Miles, president of the College and University clubs division; Marie Smith, voting delegate; Eleanor Warmbrod, Mary Reed, Betty Harrison, delegates of the Home Ec club here; and Mrs. Virginia Muncie, College Clubs advisor.

Highlighting the convention was the College Clubs luncheon Saturday at the Farragut Hotel in Knoxville. Special speaker at the luncheon was Eva Maria Bettac, an exchange student from Germany. Miss Bettac was MTSC's guest. She is now residing in Woodbury, Tenn.

Saturday morning following a general business meeting the college delegates attended a coffee at the University of Tennessee home economics department and made a tour of the facilities.

The meeting for election of officers was held on the University campus.

Saturday afternoon the group made a trip to the Smokies and had a buffet supper at the Graystone Hotel. The speaker for the evening meeting was Dr. Andy Holt from UT.

### Naval Representatives Explain Program Here

Two Naval representatives of the Naval Aviation Cadet Procurement Office at the Memphis Naval Air Reserve Training Unit, now on tour of Mid-Southern colleges and universities in an effort to contact qualified candidates, were on the campus of Middle Tennessee State College May 5. They were Lieutenant Commander M. E. Moore and Chief Petty Officer J. D. Lynch.

To qualify for the Navy's 18-month highly specialized aviation training program candidates must have completed 60 semester or 90 quarter hours of schooling, pass the flight aptitude and physical examinations, be unmarried, between the ages of 18 and 25 and have not received final induction notice into any of the Armed Forces. Under the Navy's policy, a candidate may be enlisted anytime within two months of his having completed the required number of hours. In this way a man will be exempt from selective service until after his completion of the required schooling. Under no conditions will candidates who are enlisted be ordered to active duty until after completion of this required schooling.

### Nashville Farm Leaders Study MTSC Pastures

Approximately 70 farmers and farm leaders from the Nashville area toured the MTSC farm Wednesday as a part of the annual Middle Tennessee "green pastures" tour.

Dr. C. N. Stark, head of the MTSC agriculture department, pointed out that the college farm had about 54 acres in alfalfa and "considerable acreage in barley. The alfalfa is to be converted into silage. He estimated the yield would be from 6 to 10 tons per acre.

### BSU Plans Banquet

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The Pre-school Retreat for officers and any Baptist students who would like to attend is scheduled for Cedar Forest September 17 and 18.

Plans center around the annual banquet these days. It is to be at McKnight's Restaurant Thursday evening, May 13, at 7:00. Speaker of the evening will be Mr. Robert Denny, associate in the Convention-wide Student Department and chairman of the Baptist World Alliance Youth Committee. Miss Billie Russell of Nashville, well-known from Ridgecrest and other student programs, will bring special music. Among other guests will be Mr. Charles Roselle, new state student secretary. Tickets, which are \$1.50, may be secured from any BSU officer.

On April 21 a film entitled "Baptist Students at Ridgecrest" was shown. It has been the hope of the BSU council that one of their group may be sent to the Student Retreat at Ridgecrest June 2-9. Thus far only \$8 has been raised toward this, however; if you as a Baptist student or faculty member have a contribution to make, please do so by May 17.

**Calls Council**  
A Summer Council must be elected. If you are planning to attend summer school, please drop by the BSU office and leave your name.

### Spielman - - -

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Buchanan Players and is a member of Alpha Psi Omega. She is feature editor of this year's annual, president of the home economics club for next year, and an officer in the BSU, SCU and PTA.

**Glad of Interest**  
Miss Smith says that she is very happy about her election, but most of all she is glad to see that so many people are interested in their student government.

Ernestine Miles is past state president of the Collegiate Home Economics Association and has been mainly associated with home economics work on the campus. She was a member of the National Honor Society, and was active in the PHA in Murfreesboro Central high school. She was initiated into the Tau Omicron, women's honorary society at MTSC last quarter.

Miss Miles was runner-up in the Miss Murfreesboro beauty contest last summer.

### Hay Is Pre-Med

Liz Hay is a girl with a real scholastic average. She is majoring in chemistry and plans to enter UT Medical School after graduation. She was active in high school athletics where she was on the girl's basketball team, and was also president of her senior class.

At MTSC Liz is a cheerleader and a student worker in the chemistry department. At present she is vice president of the women's dormitory council, holds office in the science club, chemistry club and WAA. She is a member of the Tau Omicron women's honorary society, MSM and SCU. She has served on the staffs of both the MIDLANDER and the SIDELINES.

### SOCIAL CALENDAR . . .

- May
- Thur. 13 MSM Social
- Fri. 14 BSU Banquet
- Sat. 15 Spring Quarter Formal, Union Building
- Mon. 17 Sigma Club Banquet, U.B. Athletic Banquet, U.B. Recreation Club Picnic
- Tues. 18 Chemistry Club Banquet
- Thur. 20 Baseball, TPI
- Fri. 21 Senior Recital, Auditorium
- Sat. 22 Student Recital, Auditorium
- Tues. 25 SIDELINES Social
- Sat. 29 Science Club overnight trip
- Sun. 30 Young Artists' Recital, Auditorium
- Mon. 31 Home Ec Club Alumnae Luncheon, Science Bldg.
- June
- Wed. 2 Alumni Banquet, Union Bldg.
- Thurs. 3 Baccalaureate Sermon, Auditorium
- Fri. 4 TO Breakfast, Union Bldg.
- Exam week begins; social activities close
- Final examinations
- Final examinations
- Convocation, Jones Field 6:00 p.m.

### J. T. Hayes Is New Track and Sabre Club Leader

The elections for the 1954-55 officers of the Track and Sabre Club were held April 28, 29, and 30.

John Thomas Hayes, senior from Murfreesboro, was elected president; George Stotser, junior from Lawrenceburg, vice-president; Marion Collins, junior from South Pittsburg, secretary; Jimmy Cranford, junior from Columbia, treasurer; and Johnny Duval, sophomore from Nashville, sergeant-at-arms.

Two changes to the Track and Sabre Club Constitution were also voted on at this time. Article V, Section II pertaining to the executive committee and its functions and Article VI, Sections I and II pertaining to meetings, functions, and finances.

### Three Faculty Members Attend Conference

Three members of the MTSC faculty—Dr. Belt Keathley, Dr. Beeler Smotherman, and Dr. W. D. Bowdoin, attended the Educational Administration conference at ETSC last week.

This group of Tennessee professors of secondary school administrations have been meeting at the various colleges offering graduate work this year. The group will meet at MTSC this fall.

### Commencement - -

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Thompson and Miss Clark) are Veterans, whose average age when they started to college was 31 years.

There are two men and eight women in the class who have been more than 20 years in completing the requirements for a degree. In each instance these persons started to college prior to 1934 but for various reasons have not completed their work until this year. One member of the class was born prior to 1900 and did not start to college until 1926.

The two "babies of the class" are Samuel B. Woodfin and Miss Martha Hickman, each of whom was 16 years of age when entering college.

### MTSC Wins - - -

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The fellow divisionaires chose MTSC as the site of the divisional meeting which will be held fall quarter.

Miss Coleman has been the winner of several honors because of her outstanding beauty. Recently she was campus winner of the Mutual Broadcasting Company's College Queen of America contest sponsored by the MTSC Supreme Court. She has been for two years a MIDLANDER beauty. Margaret was selected as the '53-'54 sponsor of ROTC Company "E." She entered MTSC in 1952 from Fayetteville high school and is now a junior, finishing next spring.

Charlie Hodges, presently a member of the Supreme Court, was campaign manager for the newly elected ASB president, Ross Spielman. He has been active in student government work since his freshman year. He is a junior from Old Hickory, Tennessee.

Joyce Garner performed many duties at the convention as well as being reported for one of the group sessions. She is majoring in secretarial science.

Others active in the convention were 1953-'54 president, Malcolm Rives, Secretary Lucy Hale, Ross Spielman, Amanda Waggoner, Quentin Lane, Ralph Daniels, Peggy Ambrester, ASB president Nowlin Taylor, State Sponsor Dean Clayton L. James, and Mrs. Evelyn Felder.

The group on returning toured the University of Tennessee campus and the Museum of Atomic Energy in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Next year's convention site will be Belmont College in Nashville.

### Honor System . . .

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find that it is a success. We are trying to teach the students good citizenship and honesty, and I think that is the best way to do it.

**Bill Kelton:** It is my considered opinion that the establishment of an honor system would raise the general level of academic achievement. The overwhelming majority of reputable institutions of higher learning have honor systems. At least this has been my observation from having been enrolled in four colleges. Of course, so long as the object of college is to enjoy a four year loaf on father's "dough," an honor system is not needed. An honor system is not needed as long as the administration recognizes everything but scholarship. But if we ever come to the conviction that the purpose of attending college is to become educated, then the results of an honor system would be beneficial.

### Miss Williams Visual Aids Project Wins National Attention

Miss Maureen Williams of the regional library staff at MTSC has completed an outstanding unit of study in Dr. Beeler Smotherman's visual aids class in the Graduate division.

The book contains pictures and text materials about each of the book stations and county libraries in the ten counties served by the MTSC headquarters.

The book has gained the attention of the American Library Association and will be on display at the annual convention in Minneapolis next month. A copy will also be prepared for the State archives.

The SIDELINES spring social will be Thursday, May 20. All staff members who have worked any quarter during the year are invited. If you are interested please attend the staff meeting at 7:00 Wednesday night, May 12. Further plans will be made at that time.

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