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New Gym To Be In Full Operation Next Fall

Plans are already being shaped for the formal opening of the Mallory Memorial Gymnasium, which will probably be completed by June 1. The dedication will be one of the major campus events of next fall.

The new building, costing \$625,000, will house the basketball court, which will be of maximum size and which can be transformed into two or more smaller courts running crosswise. The stands will seat between two and three thousand people. There will also be courts for handball, offices for the coaches, lounges, showers, dressing rooms.

It is possible that an additional wing will be added to the gymnasium within the next year. This wing was included in the original plans, but is not included in the present contract because funds necessary to build it are not yet on hand. It is to house the girls' gymnasium and the twenty-five-meter swimming pool, which is planned to meet Olympic specifications.

The overall dimensions of the completed structure will be 220 by 160 feet, or a little over two-thirds of a city block, by a half block. In short it is a large building.

It has not been decided what form the dedication ceremonies will take. It is possible that one event will be a basketball game between Southwestern and a big team from the East.

You Are Invited To Visit Southwestern

Southwestern issues a standing invitation to high school students, both local and out-of-town, to visit the campus. This is beyond question the best way to gain a fair and accurate impression of the College. (Admissions counselors everywhere advise high school students to visit the campus of every college they are considering. In this way the students will be able to make wise choices.)

Those who visit Southwestern should notify the Office of Admissions when they expect to reach the campus so that someone may be on the look-out for them and show them around the campus.

During the present year an unusually large number of guests have visited Southwestern. They have toured the buildings, visited some classes of their choice and, most important, met a number of the students. One of the best ways of judging any institution of higher learning is to get acquainted with the students who attend. The caliber of a college is reflected in her sons and daughters.

If arrangements are made in advance, out-of-town students are welcome on the campus overnight. The College is not able to accommodate an unlimited number of students on any one evening; therefore it is necessary that an exchange of letters precede any overnight visit. But the most important thing is to come.



Coach Mays

Coach Mays Lays Plans For Lynx Eleven of '54

Southwestern has recently signed a new football coach—Richard C. (Rick) Mays, of Memphis. An alumnus, he played his college football at Southwestern and coached here under Shorty Propst in 1937.

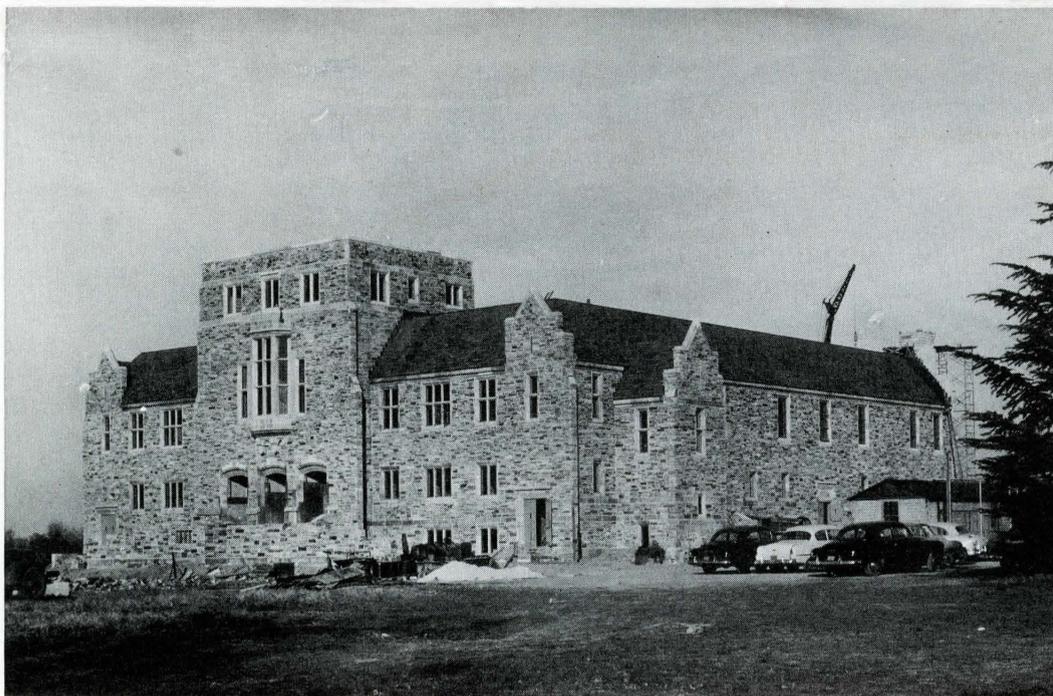
He has entered upon his new duties with enthusiasm and is shaping plans for the '54 campaign. He expects to install a "T" formation modeled on that used so successfully at Georgia Tech in recent years.

E. A. ("Oscar") Wright, who was line coach during the past year, will assist Mays in developing his team.

In gaining Coach Mays Southwestern is not losing anyone from its coaching staff. During the past few years Glenn Johnson, Head Coach and Director of Athletics, has coached four sports, football, basketball, baseball and track, three of them without assistants—much too heavy a burden for even a man of Coach Johnson's energy. When Coach Johnson asked to be relieved of football the athletic committee immediately and enthusiastically recommended to the Administration that Coach Mays be secured if possible.

Rick played football four years at Southwestern. At that time he tipped the scales at a burly 130 pounds and thought nothing of playing a full sixty minutes against such

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The Mallory Memorial Gymnasium is rapidly nearing completion.

New PiKA Building To Be Dedicated In Summer

The handsome building that will house the national headquarters of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, located on ground donated by the College and adjacent to the campus, is nearing completion. The members of PiKA will hold their national convention in Memphis this summer, at which time the building will be formally dedicated and its opening celebrated.

The building is patterned after the Governor's Palace in Williamsburg, Virginia—doubtless because the architect, Mr. George Mahoney, of Memphis, a graduate of the University of Virginia where the Alpha chapter is located, admires Williamsburg architecture and feels that it is appropriate for the home of PiKA to suggest the state of the fraternity's birth. The architecture harmonizes beautifully with that of Evergreen Presbyterian Church, which is located adjacent to it.

Only a third of the building will be used by the national offices. The remainder will house an inter-fraternity library, PiKA historical materials, a general meeting room, and a lounge. A fully equipped kitchenette will be located adjacent to the meeting room. The building will be air-conditioned throughout. The total cost is estimated at \$250,000.

The decision to locate the general headquarters of Pi Kappa Alpha in Memphis was made at the national convention in 1946, held at Mackinac Island, Michigan.

The national officers of the fraternity expect to move into their new home in June. When college opens in the fall, the home of the Pikes will be in full flower. Southwestern is therefore one of the few small colleges in the nation which boasts the headquarters of a national fraternity.

Though the building is exclusively the property of PiKA, the officers of the fraternity hope that it will serve as an inter-fraternity center, and to that end they will make available its facilities for use by fraternities, sororities, and other Southwestern organizations.



Jennie Lee Davis, Whitehaven, Tenn., rehearses her lines as Lenore in *BEHOLD THE STAR*, by Neal Weaver, while other players listen critically.

Out-of-Ordinary Productions Offered By Dramatics Group

Continuing with its efforts to encourage new playwrights, The Southwestern Drama Department opened its 1953-54 season with the premiere of *Behold The Star*, a comedy written by a young Kentuckian, Neal Weaver. This was followed by a production of Sophocles' *Electra*, which was highlighted by the first public performance of the newly formed Southwestern Modern Dance Group featuring the WHBQ-TV star, Joy Fourmy Thompson, as choreographer and soloist.

Featured as guest artist in the dramatic cast was Miss Barbara Cason, outstanding young Memphis actress making her first local appearance since returning from New York as winner of the Main Street to Broadway acting competition sponsored by the Malco theatres.

A new undertaking of the drama group

has been the presentation of one-act plays as part of the weekly fine arts programs in chapel. The group has also been active in the presentation of plays, skits, and variety programs for various clubs throughout the community and in neighboring towns.

The next major production will be the classic French farce, *Tartuffe*, by Moliere, in a rollicking new translation. An unusual musical drama program will also be presented in cooperation with the opera class. This will include a recital of English and Scotch poetry set to music by Beethoven and a performance of the second act of Gilbert and Sullivan's seldom performed comic opera, *Ruddigore*.

Many Southwestern students have this year been participating in numerous off-campus drama, dance, radio, and TV activities. The Modern Dance Group will be featured in two concert pieces when the Ballet Society of Memphis presents two evenings of ballet in Bellevue Junior High Auditorium, March 26 and 27.

Several students are also performing with a new local group known as *The Amateurs* who are doing monthly readings of the classics for the Great Books Theatre at the Adult Education Center and presenting new plays written by the Adult Education Center creative writing groups. Several students have been featured on the Junior Theatre of the Air drama program on WREC and on Workshop 13, an experimental TV program on WHBQ-TV, which features Southwestern's professor of drama, Ray Hill, as host.

The student interested in drama, dance, and music has had a healthy diet of professional entertainment from which to choose this season. Already Memphis has played host to *South Pacific*, *Guys And Dolls*, Ballet Theatre, *John Brown's Body*, featuring Tyrone Power, Anne Baxter, and Raymond Massey, Ballet Quartet, the St. Louis Symphony, Paul Badura-Skoda, and many others. A professional stock has been performing recent Broadway hits at the Hotel King Cotton's Arena Theatre.



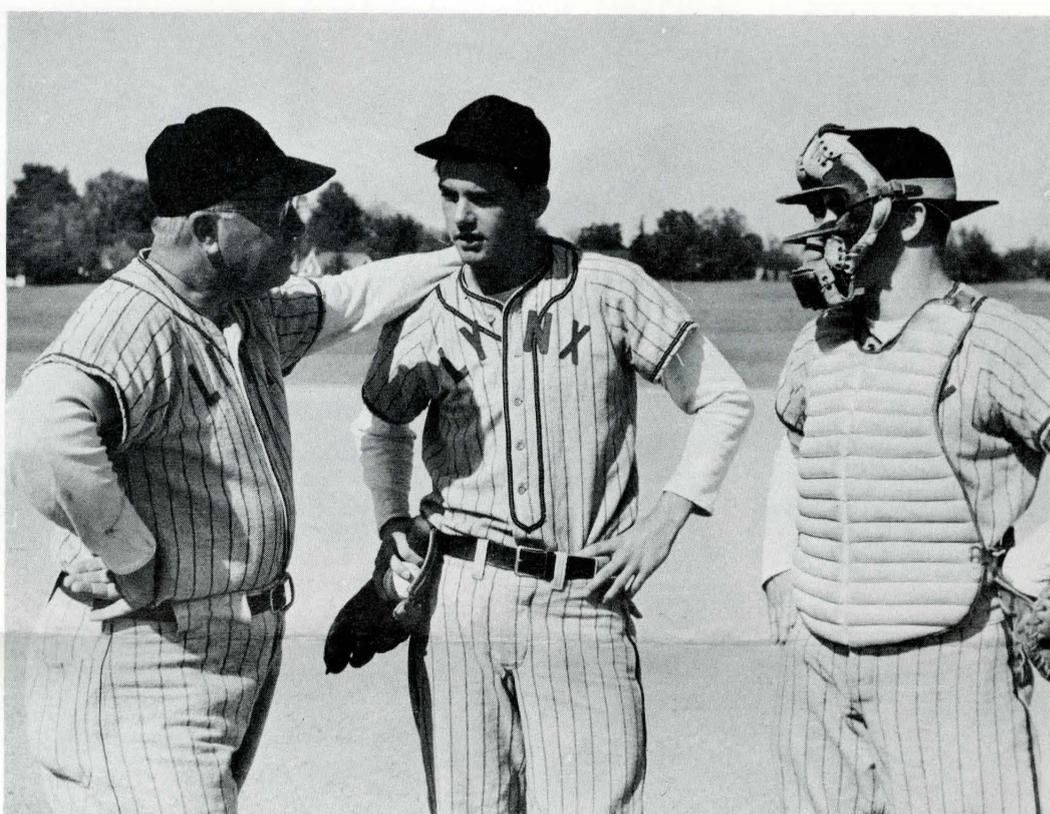
National Headquarters of PiKA will be ready for occupancy June 1.

Spring Sports Are On; Track Looks Promising

When Southwestern's spring sports schedule gets under way around the end of March, the students will have free entertainment aplenty until the curtain is rung down on the session of 1953-54. Seven track meets, at least fifteen baseball games and thirteen tennis matches are already scheduled.

An unbiased forecast gives promise of stronger teams in all three sports. Coach Glenn Johnson will have eight men back from his fair track squad of last year and expects considerable help from a number of newcomers. Among the old men are Petesy Street of Whitehaven, Tennessee, who runs the hundred in less than ten seconds and the 220 in less than 22; Smoky Russell, a dash and high hurdle specialist from Tupelo, Mississippi; Kenneth Silvey, of Shreveport, dash man; Tom Tosh and Bill Lawson, of Memphis, middle distance men who scored points in almost every meet last spring; and Leigh MacQueen and Walter Gorman, of Memphis, in the distance runs. For the field events Coach Johnson has javelin-thrower Bob Jackson, of Memphis, who also high jumps.

Some dozen men, mostly new to track, are now working out, and Coach Johnson expects some of them to make the grade. George Gracey, Covington, and Gordon Robertson, Memphis, are giving the mile run a try; Robert Hunter, Birmingham, and James Jones, Millington, are priming for the middle distance runs; Jim Clarke, Grenada, Mississippi, Jim Gillis, and Jim Winslow, Jackson, Tennessee, are working in field events; Malcolm Whatley, New Orleans, is practicing the hurdles, and Stewart Love, Laurel, Mississippi, the sprints; Jim Sanders, Memphis, Robert Lawrence, Selma, Alabama, and John Thweatt, Luxora, Arkansas, are working out, but have not yet discovered where they may best fill in.



Coach Glenn Johnson talks it over with pitcher Bill Williams, Brookhaven, Miss., and catcher Frank Horton, Charleston, W. Va.

Bats Start Swinging; Baseball Days Are Here

Coach Johnson is expecting to field a strong baseball team. From last year's varsity he has on hand the entire outfield, half the infield, two pitchers and a catcher—who make a strong nucleus around which to build his varsity team. The outfielders are Clark Young, West Point, Mississippi; Tommy Jones, Shreveport, Louisiana; and Lee Weed of Memphis. The infielders are Jack Bugbee at first and Mark Waters at second, both of

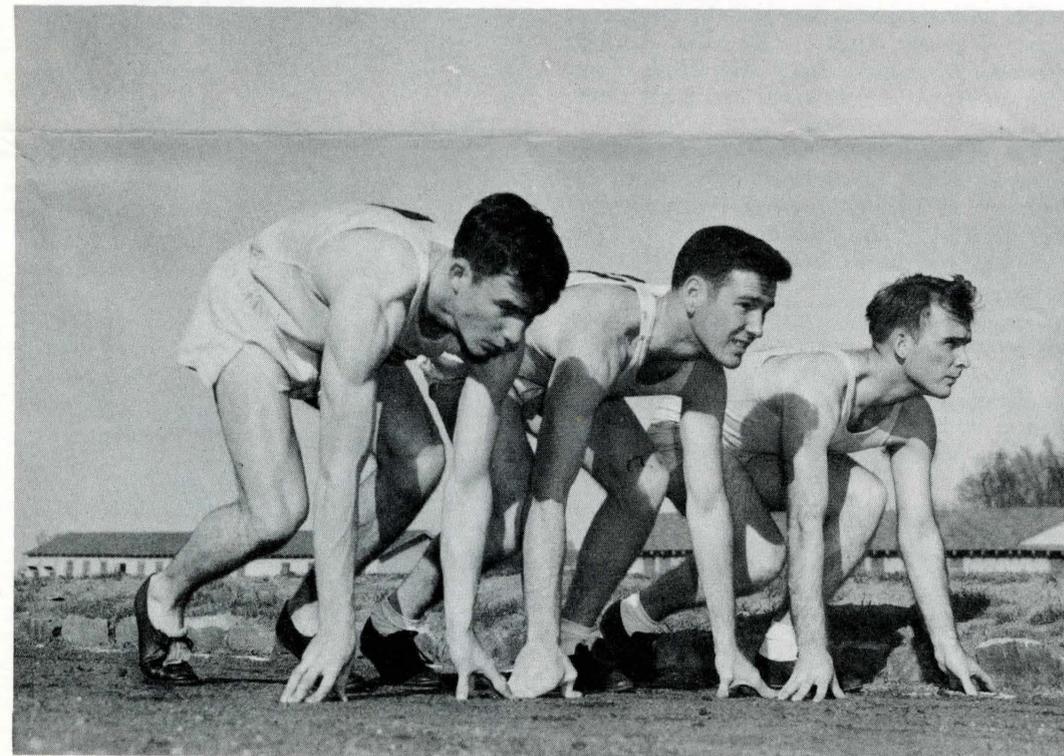
Memphis. The pitchers are Bill Williams, of Brookhaven, Mississippi, and John Lawhorn, of Lebanon, Kentucky. Both are veterans with strong right arms.

Behind the bat Johnson has Frank Horton, of Charleston, West Virginia, who has been varsity catcher for two years. Bill McAtee, reserve outfielder, is also expected to report.

Of the newcomers, two are pitchers: Arthur Hahm, of Hot Springs, Arkansas, a right-hander; and Harry Heidelberg, Huntsville, Alabama, a left-hander. Harry Master-son, Columbia, Tennessee, is at home either in the pitcher's box or on first; Jim Edens, Okolona, Mississippi, is an outfielder; Gene Maddux, Nashville, Tennessee, a shortstop; and Jim Breazeale, Crenshaw, Mississippi, a first baseman and catcher; and Crawford Street, Whitehaven, Tennessee, an infielder. Louis Dodez, Shreveport, a pitcher, may also join the squad.

Baseball Schedule

Mar. 31	DePauw University	.....Here
April 3	Arkansas State	.....There
5	Wabash	.....Here
12	Mississippi College	.....Here
14	Millsaps	.....Here
15	Millsaps	.....Here
16	Howard	.....There
17	Howard	.....There
19	Notre Dame	.....Here
23	Howard	.....Here
24	Howard	.....Here
29	Memphis State	.....Here
May 3	Memphis State	.....There
5	Millsaps	.....There
6	Mississippi College	.....There
11	Arkansas State	.....Here



Sprinters three: Petesy Street, Whitehaven, Tenn., Smoky Russell, Tupelo, Miss., and Kenneth Silvey, Shreveport, La.

Nine Matches Are On Schedule Of Golf Team

Nine matches are on the schedule of the golf team, not counting the Southern Intercollegiate Tournament at Athens, Georgia.

The season's highlight will be the trip in the latter part of April which will take the team as far as Tallahassee, Florida, where a match has been arranged with Florida State. On April 28 the Lynx will meet the University of Florida at Athens, Georgia, and on the following day will move into the tournament.

The only other out-of-town match will be against Ole Miss at Oxford on April 9. The Rebels open the season in Memphis on March 3.

Other matches, all in Memphis, include Wabash, April 5; Memphis State, April 13, and May 4; Spring Hill, April 21; and Sewanee, May 6. The Tennessee State College matches will be played in Memphis on May 7.

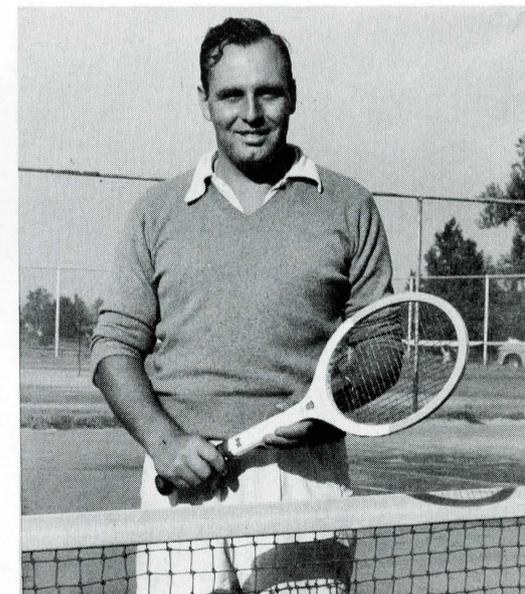
Coaches Bill Maybry and Pat Abbott have only two returning players from last year's varsity team—Jim Napier and Reg Germany, both of Memphis.

Men now trying out for the team are Frank Cothran, Selma, Alabama; Bill McLean, Spring Hill, Alabama; Louis Bledsoe, Fayetteville, Tennessee; Charles Wiese, Pine Bluff, Arkansas; James Dees, Camden, Arkansas; and Jack Jayroe, Garland Cherry, and Jim Turner, all of Memphis.

Tosh Will Lead '54 Eleven

Tom Tosh, pass-catching end from Huntington, Tennessee, has been elected captain of the Lynx eleven for 1954. He will be a junior next fall. Tall but sparely built, Tom played a bang-up game on both offense and defense.

The football schedule for 1954 has not yet been released, but it is certain to show the names of the traditional rivals of the Lynx—the Majors of Millsaps, the Tigers of Sewanee, the Choctaws of Mississippi College, the Warriors of Hendrix, the Colonels of Centre, and the Bulldogs of Howard.



Derrick Barton, tennis coach, is a former Davis Cup player.

Tennis Squad To Face Four University Teams

Coach Derrick Barton has arranged a tennis schedule of thirteen matches for his squad, not including the Tennessee Intercollegiate Tournament, which will involve three days of play.

The squad will need to be sharp throughout the season, since all matches are against strong opponents, including four universities—Ole Miss, Alabama, Emory, and Georgia.

The following matches will be played at home: Wabash, April 5; Ole Miss, April 9; Western Michigan, April 19; High Point College, April 20; Howard, April 23; Georgia, April 26; Memphis State, April 28.

The matches off the campus include: Memphis State, April 2; Millsaps, April 13; Alabama, April 14; Howard, April 15, Emory, April 17; and Sewanee, May 1. The state championships will be played at Sewanee on May 6-8.

Coach Barton has only three men from last year's squad, but two of them played the No. 1 and No. 2 positions last year. They are Tommy Crais, New Orleans, and Burton Henry, Gulfport, Mississippi. Jip Walters, Jackson, Mississippi, is the third holdover from 1953.

Newcomers on the squad are George Morris, Sheffield, Alabama; Tommy Buford, Nashville, Tennessee; Eric Mount, Cape Girardeau, Missouri; Jim Higgason, Pine Bluff, Arkansas; and Frank Barton, Stuart McCown and John Vogt, all of Memphis.

Sewanee, and the others over Aurora College, Millsaps, and the University of Chattanooga. The lone loss was to Mississippi College, with the Lynx being nosed out at the end after leading most of the way.

Following the win over Hendrix (traditional rival) in football last fall, students snake-danced in and around Parkside Restaurant, obstructed traffic, and whooped it up in general.

Coach Mays Plans—

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Southeastern Conference teams as Tennessee. During the 1935 campaign he played 58 minutes against such giants from Ole Miss as Bruiser Kinard and Buster Poole.

Coach Mays is a Memphis insurance man, but he has not been able to get far away from the football field. When the frost is on the punkin, and the pigskins come out of moth balls, he is usually found on one of the local practice fields helping some coach shape up his team. During four of the five years from 1937 to 1941 he helped Charley Jamerson at Tech High School. In two of these years Tech was City Champion.

In 1948 he accepted Ruffner Murray's invitation to coach the backfield at Central and has been there up through the recent campaign. During this span Central finished on top in the prep league three times.

Mays could have made a career of coaching had he chosen to devote full time to it, but he has preferred to make his living in insurance and to work as assistant coach on a part time basis. At Central he was quite happy and would have been satisfied to remain there. But when the call came from his alma mater he felt that he must accept, though to do so meant assuming greater responsibility in the game than he had intended. He will be on the job from the first of September through November at Southwestern.

Mays is married and has a son, Richard, Jr., who is a loyal member of the Lynxcat Buddies.

Basketeers In Strong Finish

The Lynx basketball team wound up their season with a dazzling rush, playing five of the last six games on the road and winning five of them. Two of the victories were over

Interested In A Scholarship? If So, Act Now; Time Is Short

High school students are invited to investigate Southwestern's scholarship program and if they are eligible and interested, to make application for those awards that seem to suit their own individual needs. High school seniors who rank in the upper quarter of their classes are urged to inquire immediately about the Honor Scholarships, eighteen of which are awarded annually.

Winners are selected on a basis of high school academic record, extra-curricular activities, and scores on the scholarship examination taken at the applicants' own high schools. Students living in Shelby County come to the Southwestern campus for the examination.

For dormitory students these scholarships have a potential value of \$2000, payable at the rate of \$500 a year. The day-student scholarships have a potential value of \$1200, payable at \$300 a year.

Students living in Shelby County must apply at or before the examination, which will be held on the campus on Saturday, March 13 at 10 a.m. and will be repeated on the following Saturday, March 20, at 10 a.m. Students need take only one of these tests, not both. All other students must send in their applications by March 15. Application forms will be sent on request.

In addition to the Honor Scholarships, nine Leadership Awards will be granted to high school seniors who have leadership qualities and who rank in the upper half of their classes.

For dormitory students these awards have a potential value of \$2000 or \$500 a year. For day students they have a value of \$1200, or \$300 a year, the same as the Honor Scholarships.

These awards are granted on the basis of extra-curricular activity records, which must be outstanding in one or more fields, such as publications, athletics, band, student government, and the like. In addition, students must have good recommendations from their high school principals, teachers, and ministers, and must make satisfactory marks on a screening test.

Southwestern also offers students the opportunity to apply for grants, employment and loans. A large number of students do part-time work, and a large number also obtain loans to help them finance their college expenses.

For additional information, interested students should write the Office of Admissions, Southwestern.

Foreign Students Add To Campus Life

The nine students from foreign lands now on the campus of Southwestern make a very important contribution to the College. The rest of the students find these foreign young people good representatives of their nations and are broadened by association with them.

In the present student body Formosa, China (Hong Kong), Greece, Austria, Brazil, Guatemala, and France are represented.



Big guns open up in the Battle of Robb Hall.

Surprise Snow Gives Students A Rare Treat

Old Man Winter dropped a pleasant surprise onto the scarved and capped heads of Southwestern students on the afternoon of Sunday, January 10. At first a few snowflakes drifted down, scarcely frosting the peaks of the Gothic stone buildings. But as the occasional flakes thickened into a soft white veil, students forsook their rooms for the yards and behaved like kindergartners. Snowballs flew and broke on the backs of woolly jackets. Painfully red faces and dripping hair were evidence that some girls had been victims of self-appointed face-washers. But few could resist the urge to get drenched and numb in the winter fairyland.

Those from the Deep South were fascinated. Cities like Mobile and New Orleans had reared innocents who had never seen snow. And of course they were the first out of doors and the last to come in.

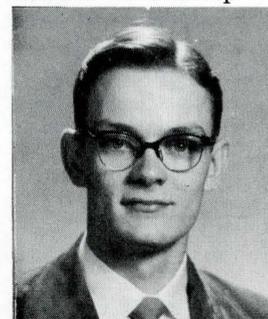
A few eager students with perpetually inquiring minds trudged to the zoo across the street from the campus in order "to observe the reaction of the polar bears." It was reported that the bears were delighted. No other people or animals were out in the falling snow except the bears, rolling and wrestling in the rock inclosure. A few courageous ducks finally came out to give their feathers an icy bath.

Cameras were the vogue. The shot of a good face-washing was worth the risk of a lens smashed by a stray snowball. The **Commercial Appeal** sent its photographer to capture the reaction to the first snowfall in three years. As a result a Southwestern co-ed, clinging to a sled in the snow, grinned from the newspaper the following morning. After the picture was made, the sled was put to a more active use. All those who dared were taken for a wild ride over the coated yard and inevitably "dumped" into a drift.

All night long the snow drifted slowly

Wins Rhodes Scholarship

For the fourth time in Southwestern's twenty-nine year residence in Memphis, a student from the College has been granted a Rhodes Scholarship. The latest to win this



David Alexander

very high award is David Alexander of Bowling Green, Kentucky.

David graduated from Southwestern last spring as a major in Greek, and this fall enrolled in Louisville Theological Seminary. He plans to become a Presbyterian Minister.

At Southwestern Alexander was a prominent figure on the campus. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, President of Eta Sigma Phi, the classical language honor society, and president of his dormitory.

Only thirty-two students in the country are chosen annually as Rhodes Scholars. Selections are made on the basis of character, personality, leadership and physical vigor.

down, and on Monday morning students blinked out their windows at a three-inch blanket of white which transformed the campus into Christmas post-cards. No incentive to sleep late kept them inside. By mid-morning the snow had become a railroad map of tracks.

All the fun of the preceding day was repeated with additions. Batteries of strong-armed marksmen gathered between classes and waged short-lived but violent warfare.

The snow is now long gone, though a few bruises have lingered. White Christmas got the calendar mixed and missed, but a white January 10 did almost as well. At least the students are glad that at long last they got to see winter deck out the campus in its laciest white formal.

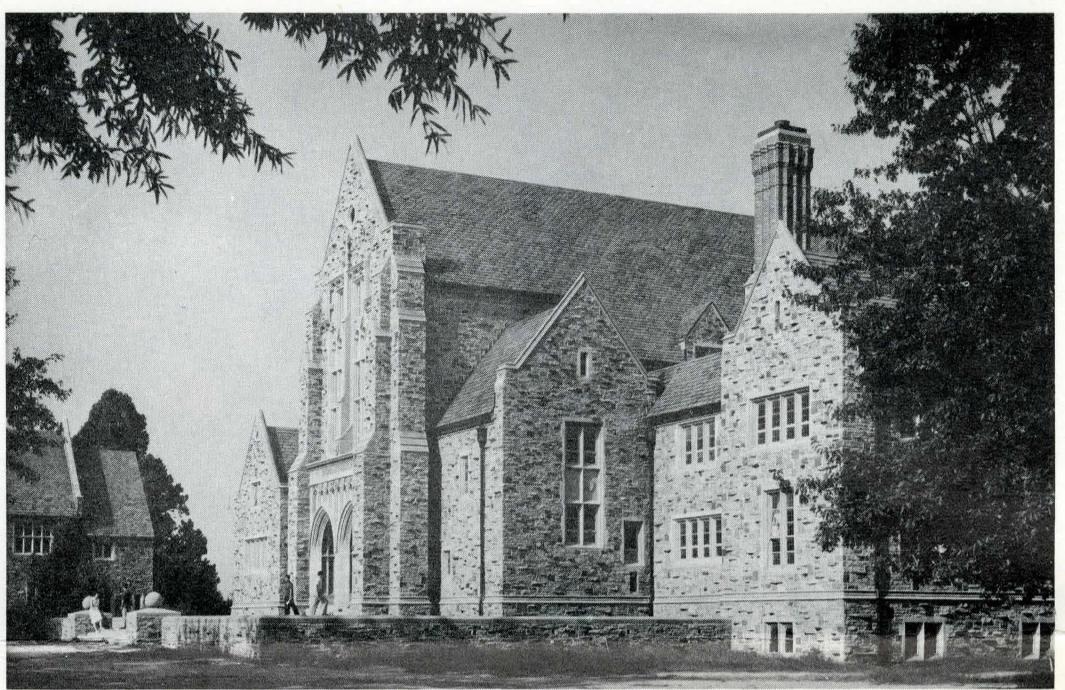
New Library Promotes Interest In Reading

Southwestern's new Burrow Library is proving to be a great boon to the student body. Student use of the library has increased by an estimated one hundred per cent over last year. Some increase had been anticipated, but not the leap that materialized. Even the librarians admit surprise at the new enthusiasm for browsing, looking through magazines, and good solid reading that has been shown since the library was opened at the beginning of the present college year.

The Reading Room has seen constant use by unusually large numbers of students. The Browsing Room is nearly always filled, and the individual study desks have been very popular, especially with advanced students. An increase in the use of records by the music majors has caused the library staff to work overtime. The Conference and Seminar Rooms have been so well liked by professors that it has been necessary to reserve them in advance.

In addition to all this, students evidently love to loiter in and around the building. Faculty and students alike are very proud of it and have made it the show place of the campus. High school students who are shown through it are impressed by the many ways in which it makes reading seem attractive.

The library is the gift of Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Burrow, of Memphis. There have been very few gifts like it at any time or place. Instead of making the gift of a certain sum of money to the College, Mr. Burrow announced in 1950 that he was giving Southwestern a library building. He chose a long-time friend, Mr. Walk C. Jones, as architect, and the two men, working with college committees and leading experts on library construction, translated Mr. Burrow's dream into reality. The completed building cost approximately \$1,000,000.



New Library is the million-dollar gift of Mr. A. K. Burrow, Memphis cotton factor. It was dedicated last fall.

When the gift was first announced, Mr. Burrow said that he wanted to provide a building that would be outstanding a hundred years from then. The planning and construction of the library were centered around that wish. More than a year was spent in planning it. The outstanding authorities in the country were consulted, and the finest of the new libraries, such as those at Princeton, Harvard, and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, were studied, with the object of making use of every feature and every new device that would be useful to Southwestern students. Every effort was made to provide handsomely for the present and to anticipate the needs of the future, so far as they can be foreseen.

The result of all this investigation, study, and effort is that the Burrow Library is con-

sidered to be one of the finest new libraries in the country. It is also said to be the best library in the country connected with the Presbyterian Church.

One of its outstanding features is the large number of carrels, or individual study desks, in the stacks. (In most libraries students are not allowed in the book stacks, but must get the books they want from the librarian.) Southwestern students have free access to the stacks, and are permitted to move books from there to the study desks, which are conveniently located on all tiers of the stacks. There are sixty-six of these individual study desks.

The largest room in the library proper is the Reference and Reading Room, which is one hundred and five by thirty-three feet and accommodates ninety-six students without crowding. To one side an alcove for current magazines seats sixteen.

The Circulation Area, where books are checked in and out, is separated from the Reading Room by glass doors and wall. The sound-proofing is so effective that in this area students may talk without disturbing those in the adjoining room.

One of the most popular parts of the building is the Browsing Room, which is furnished as a lounge and supplied with newspapers, magazines, and books of general interest. Needless to say, it is in constant use.

The second floor is designed mainly for conferences—and here again is a feature much liked by students. There are eight small rooms where professors and students may meet for tutorial conferences and where small groups of students may study together. There are also two seminar rooms intended for groups of about fourteen people, and several lounges. A Special Collections Room and a Treasure Room are located immediately over the entrance area.

The entire main floor is air-conditioned, and elevator service, designed mainly for carrying books, can also be used for passengers.



Unposed picture of students in the Reading Room of Burrow Library.

Singers' Tour—There's Nothing Like It—Nothing

by Dorothy Henning and Johnnie Sudduth

It all started with the singing of the Alma Mater on the lawn in front of Palmer Hall. Seventy-two Southwestern students were embarking on a six-day tour through Mississippi and Louisiana, presenting a program of sacred music in eleven different cities. We were accompanied by "Papa" Tuthill and Jack Funkhouser, our directors; Mrs. A. H. Cable, the resident head of Voorhies Hall, who was our "mama" for the trip; and two of the greatest guys we've ever known, the drivers of our buses. Bill Metz and Bill Oakley have driven the singers for years, and have become our chief critics and best friends.

When the Alma Mater was concluded, we boarded the Greyhounds and set out for Jackson, the longest hop of the tour. Before long every type of "bus amusement" imaginable was taking place. Suitcases were used for stools and pillows for tables in the bridge games that soon began. The more domestic girls brought along knitting and embroidery. A group who couldn't limit their musical repertoire to the mere tour program began a big "revival" at the back of the bus. Bill Metz' bus was blessed with the presence of the harp, which Bill and the freshman boys had to load and unload for every night performance. Bill probably does not now consider the harp a heavenly instrument.

Royal Welcome at Jackson, Miss.

A royal welcome, including a turkey dinner, awaited us at Jackson. It had been prepared by the wonderful women of the First Presbyterian Church, among whom were several of our mothers. The concert that night was one we were proud of, especially since it was our first of the tour and we had our largest audience. Afterwards we were assigned to homes of various members of the church. That night there were parties at the homes of LaVerne Myers and Robin Sprague.

We bade farewell to our hosts and hostesses bright and early the next morning and headed for Gulfport. There was no concert that night, so we had plenty of free time to "do the town" and see the beach. The weather was perfect—just like Easter. Everything was green, jonquils were blooming, and camellias were in full flower everywhere. Many of the hosts took their guests on a grand tour of the coast from Gulfport to Biloxi, and a few of the Singers spent part of the afternoon skimming through the gulf in yachts. That night Mr. and Mrs. Barber gave an open house for us. Entertainment consisted of dancing, singing, a "revival," and rhumbas by Alvehy Marques.

We Broadcast At Gulfport

Sunday morning we gave part of the tour program, which was broadcast from the crowded First Presbyterian Church. Then, full of Sunday dinner, we whiled away the afternoon as the buses jogged up to Laurel. After freshening up at the homes of our thoughtful hosts, we sang what we considered a good performance at the First Presbyterian Church, in which the acoustics are marvelous. Following a delicious spaghetti supper at the church, we zipped over to Sue



Southwestern Singers, seventy-two strong, just before leaving the campus on their annual tour of song and festivity.

Carter's lovely home and entertained ourselves in our usual fashion. The highlights of the evening were campfire-type singing, led by "Jip" Walters, Harry da Ponte's contortionist style of jitterbugging, and loads of good food. In another room Sidney Vise, our choir president, entertained with a piano "concert."

"Papa" had told us Monday would be our toughest day, but he did not quite anticipate the major calamity that befell us. We boarded the buses at 7:15 and headed for Natchez, en route playing Ghost and 20 Questions, and occasionally singing "Pine Tree." But somehow we missed our way, and arrived in Natchez an hour late. Slightly upset, we gulped down lunch (a mighty good one), sang at the high school, and made a flying start toward Shreveport. The "harp" bus sprang a leak and was forced to stop every few miles for water. It finally fluked out on us for good, but, following the principle that the show must go on, its passengers left their baggage behind and poured into the other bus.

Nearly suffocating, we sat on laps, suitcases, chair arms, and the floor. Harry da Ponte urged the bus on with cries of "On, King, on you huskies!", and we finally arrived safe but tired in Shreveport one-half hour before the performance. We inhaled an excellent dinner, warmed up, and dragged into the choir loft. Surprisingly enough, the program was good, even though several of our cohorts fainted during the performance. Some of us were luggageless, and all of us were in need of a good night's sleep.

The Show Must Go On!

The next day was much less strenuous. Our first stop was at Monroe, Louisiana, to sing at the high school—after a good meal. We enjoyed visiting with several prospective students of Southwestern there. Then, on to Vicksburg. Everyone was impressed by the beauty of the town and appalled at the destruction left by the recent tornado. We enjoyed another wonderful meal at the church,

along with members of the Singles and Doubles Class who sponsored us there. The concert went well except for a little harp trouble. Marian Cobb's harp had slipped out of tune and took about ten minutes to tune while all of us stood.

The next morning we really put on a concert at Chamberlain Hunt Academy in Port Gibson. The students there responded so well to our singing of Negro spirituals that "Papa" finally stepped down and let us put on a real "revival" for them. After lunch we got to know the boys that the principal had referred to as our Presbyterian "little brothers." We decided that they would be welcome in our family.

Hypnotized at Greenville

Our last night stop was at Greenville, where once again we were well received at the church and in the homes. "Papa" complimented us that night on singing so well and with such flexibility that he "could do anything with us." He may never know that it was through no fault of our own—only that we were so tired that he had us nearly hypnotized. After a good ham dinner, we sang and then went to Harrylyn Graves' home where we shook the rafters with our party routine.

Thursday morning we made the hop of nine miles to Leland, where we sang at the high school, ate lunch, and occupied all the children's swings and see-saws. As soon as the powers-that-be could tear us from these pursuits, we rode to Shelby, and at our concert there the little first-graders listened with great attention. After cokes we hit the trail for Memphis and Southwestern, ending our tour, as it began, with the singing of the Alma Mater in front of Palmer Hall.

Thanks to Papa Tuthill, Jack, Bill and Bill, all the people here at school, and all the wonderful hosts and hostesses who took such good care of us on the way, our 1954 choir tour was a great success. Thanks to everyone. There is nothing like the choir tour—absolutely nothing!

Man-of-the-Year For '53

An outstanding honor was won by Denby Brandon, Jr., of the Class of 1950, when the Junior Chamber of Commerce selected him in January as the Outstanding Young Man of 1953 in Memphis.



Denby Brandon

The award was announced at a Jaycee luncheon at the Claridge on January 14. Denby was cited for "his many contributions in religious, civic, educational, vocational guidance, and television fields."

He was presented for the Distinguished Service Award by Carl Stokes, Memphis attorney and chairman of the committee of three judges who made the selection.

His outstanding service in the community was probably the popular and useful television program called "Your Future Unlimited," which appears on WMCT. Denby writes the script and acts as moderator for this show. It has been called by the Memphis Press-Scimitar "the outstanding educational and public service program developed locally." So successful has it been that it has been used as a model for shows of the same nature on ten other television stations.

He has represented the local committee on educational television at conferences in Atlanta and Nashville, and he is now sponsoring a movement to bring a Christian vocational guidance center to Memphis.

His memberships in local civic organizations are numerous. He is a member of the Civic Research Committee, of the Shelby County Mental Hygiene Association, of the Springdale Civic Club, and of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

It is most unusual for a man only three years out of college to rise to the top and be recognized in such a spectacular way for his achievement.

College Or Armed Forces —Which? Can Be Both

Every boy in high school faces the problem of what to do about his military obligation. Should he join one of the armed services soon after graduating from high school? Or should he attempt to complete the work for his bachelor's degree in college before doing his turn with the armed forces?

Most boys prefer to go on to college immediately after graduating from high school and if possible to remain there for four years. The reason for this preference is that college graduates usually become officers and draw the good pay that officers receive, whereas boys with only a high school education find that opportunities for advancement and for getting into the better paying brackets are limited.

The government is in hearty agreement with these boys. Its official word to high school graduates is that they should go on to college if they are college material, and get as good an education as possible; and that they can best serve their government after they get their degrees.

To make it easy for college students to gain deferment, the government has provided that any freshman who ranks in the upper half of his class is recommended for deferment. The grade requirements for the last three years at college are much lower than for the first year.

The government also provides that college men who pass the Selective Service College Qualification Test are likewise recommended for deferment. Out of the hundreds of Southwestern men who have taken this test during the last four years, only about ten have failed to pass. So far as our information goes, no Southwestern student who has been recommended for deferment has ever been drafted.

Southwestern students who want to make absolutely sure that they will finish their

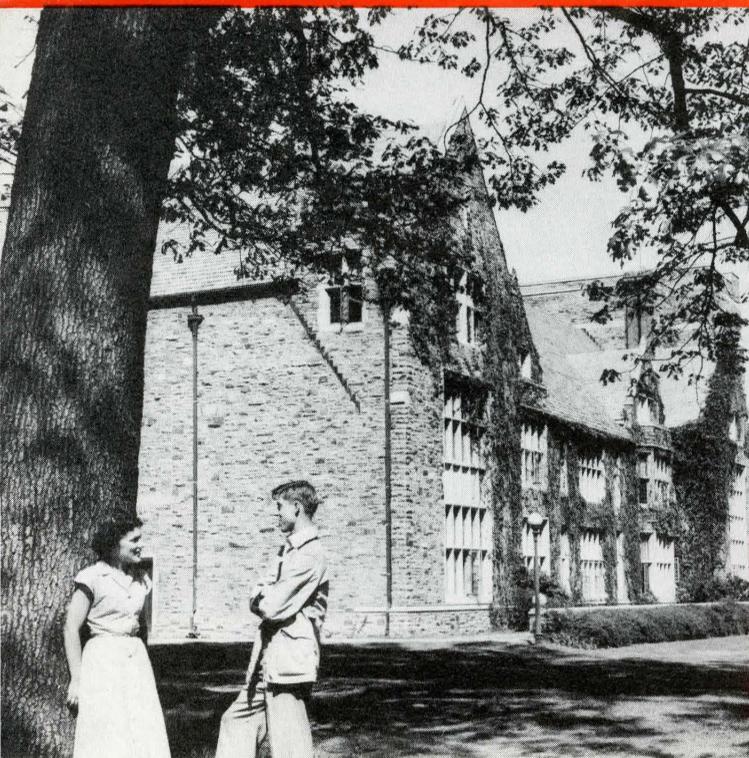
college work before meeting their military obligations consider the Marine Corps program most attractive. In order to obtain officers, the Marine Corps guarantees to all college men who enroll in their Platoon Leaders Class, commonly called PLC, that they will be able to get their degrees without having to face the draft. The Marines require of the PLC's that they attend two summer camps of six weeks duration at some time during their college career. During the first six weeks period the PLC is paid as a corporal, and during the second he is paid as a sergeant.

When they receive their college degrees, the PLC's are commissioned as Second Lieutenants in the Marine Reserve Corps and are required to spend only two years in the active service. No service requires a shorter time of any enlistee or draftee than this.

The second most attractive program to Southwestern men has been the Navy OCS. A good many of them have chosen to remain in college through deferments secured on the basis of their score on the Selective Service Test or the satisfactory academic record they have made. Then after passing physical and intelligence tests they attend the Officer Candidate School and on successfully completing it they receive their commissions as ensigns. They must serve three years in the navy.

The Navy Reserve Officers Candidate program is also considered attractive by Southwestern men. This program is like the Marine PLC set-up, but the upper age limit is eighteen and a half, and the enrolees must attend training classes two hours a week while in college. In Memphis the training center is less than two miles from the campus.

It can be seen from the summary above that the surest guarantee a Southwestern man has of remaining in college four years are to enroll in the PLC or the Navy Reserve Officers Program. Actually, however, very few Southwestern men have been drafted, regardless of whether they have been officially enrolled in the service programs.



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