

# Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year

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### 30-Member Chorus, Five Soloists Perform Handel's 'The Messiah'

Glenville State College Chorus, under the direction of John D. Robinson, assistant professor of music, presented "The Messiah" last night at 8:00 in the college auditorium.

"The Messiah," Handel's most popular oratorio, was composed in 1742 in 24 days. Handel directed the first performance a year later. As the singers began the stirring "Hallelujah Chorus," King George II of England was so inspired that he rose to his feet. The audience followed his gesture and remained standing until the chorus ended. King George's action established a precedent that is still followed at performances of "The Messiah."

Five soloists were selected for the oratorio. Joyce Brannon, a senior from Vads, sang "Behold, A Virgin Shall Conceive," "O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion," "Then Shall the Eyes of the Blind be Opened," "He Shall Feed His Flock Like a Shepherd," "He was Despised," and "O Death, Where is Thy Sting?" Miss Brannon also did the alto solos last year.

Soprano soloists were Shirley Conrad and Shirley Hager. Miss Conrad is a sophomore business education student from Roane County. Miss Hager, a junior, is a music student from Greenbrier County.

Paul Wigal, a freshman from Wood County, did the tenor solos, "Comfort Ye My People," "Thy Rebuke Hath Broken His Heart," "Behold, and See If There be Any Sorrow," "He was Cut Off Out of the Land of the Living," "But Thou didst not Leave His Soul in Hell."

Bass soloist was Edward McKown, sophomore from Lookout. "Thus Saith the Lord," "But Who May Abide the Day of His Coming," "For, Behold, Darkness Shall Cover The Earth," "The People That Walked in Darkness," "Behold, I tell you a Mystery," and "The Trumpet Shall Sound" was sung by McKown.

Miss Bertha E. Olsen, at the organ presented the Overture and the Pastoral Symphony. Students who accompanied the soloists on the piano were Shirley Hager, (Continued on Page 2)

### Christmas Vacation Is Dec. 19 to Jan. 5

To bring a festive note to Glenville State College a Christmas tree in the Administration Building lobby has been trimmed by the Palette and Brush Club with handmade birds constructed by the art department.

Ending the campus celebrations, the 1958 Christmas recess begins at 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19 and ends Monday, Jan. 5 at 8 a.m., when regular schedule will be resumed.

Any cuts taken before beginning of the recess or immediately after the end of vacation will require student's appearance before the credits committee to arrange for makeup work.

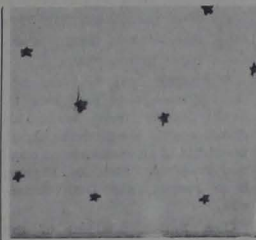
#### Christmas Dinner Thursday

Mrs. Eileen Wolfe, instructor in home economics, has released the dining-hall menu for Thursday evening dinner, Dec. 18. Piece de resistance will be turkey accompanied by tomato juice cocktail, dressing, mashed potatoes, giblet gravy, broccoli, cranberry sauce, relishes, pumpkin pie, hot rolls, cherry preserves, oleo, coffee, hot tea, milk.

### Five GSC Students Gets AB Degrees At End of Semester

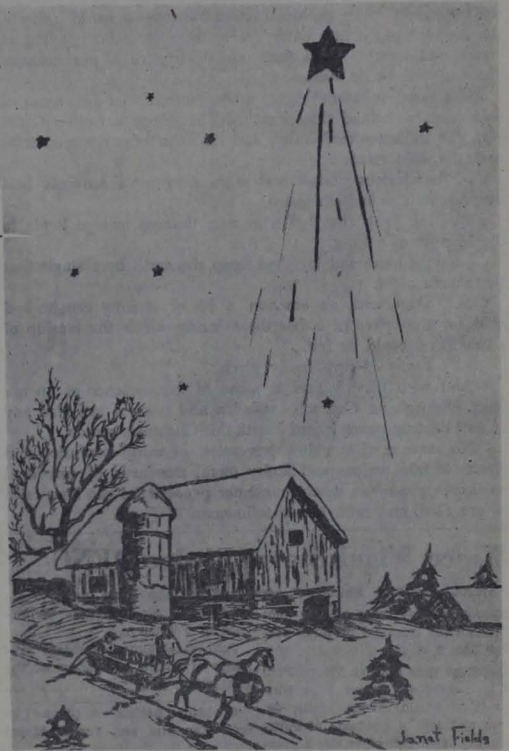
Dean Delmer K. Somerville has released the names of five students who will complete requirements for A.B. degrees in education in January.

Michael A. Borro, Beaver, Pa., physical education and speech; Joyce Brannon, Vads, music; Mrs. Barbara Wells Erwin, Vienna, elementary; Herbert L. Proffit, Spencer, social studies and speech; Dorsey Charles Scott, Glenville, physical education.



#### THE STAR

Long ago that black, cold night  
When winter's time had come  
No bright and cheerful fire light  
Warmed God's incarnate Son.  
But in a manger sweet with hay  
Placed carefully with love  
In swaddling clothes the Baby lay,  
His gleaming star above.  
The same bright star shines now  
on us  
That shone on the Baby there,  
And brings the glory of that night  
To mankind everywhere.



### College Carolers To Sing Tonight

"Come one Come all  
Come Big Come Small  
To the Christmas Caroling Party  
At Verona Maple Hall

Everyone is welcome to the Christmas Caroling party tonight at 8:30 p.m. The group led by Miss Bertha Olson will meet at Verona Maple Hall, go down by Louis Bennett Hall, up College Street, and through town. Several shut-in's will be visited by the carolers.

On the way back the group will stop by the home of Dr. and Mrs. Heflin and will return to Verona Maple Hall for refreshments.

This is the last issue of the MERCURY for December. There will be two more issues this semester.

### 'Uncle Vanya' Will Be Presented; Five Students Make GSC Debut

Original guitar music, an unusual set, and period costumes will be features of the second activity-card drama production of the year, "Uncle Vanya," when it is presented to the Glenville State College audience Jan. 12 and 13 according to William S. E. Coleman, director.

### Students, Faculty Present Assembly

The Christmas assembly will be presented Friday Dec. 19, at 10:10 a.m. by the music department. Classes scheduled at 10:10 will meet on Thursday instead of Friday.

A Christmas reading will be given by Charles Patterson, librarian; scripture and prayer by Dr. Heflin, and a violin solo by Francis Angalos.

Music will be arranged by the college orchestra and choir. There will be group singing of Christmas Carols.

### Aleta Strader Wins \$400. Scholarship

Aleta Strader, sophomore from Glenville State College, was one of the national winners in the 1958 National 4-H Club Congress held in Chicago from Nov. 28, to Dec. 6. Edwin Lee Dean, GSC freshman, (Continued on Page 2)

Written by Anton Chekov, "Uncle Vanya" is one of the great Russian plays. Last year it was done off Broadway and made into a motion picture starring Franchot Tone.

Jim Buck, who plays Telegin in the play, is composing guitar music which he will present in the drama. Members of the Play Production Class are constructing the novel set which will have several levels; part of it will project into the auditorium.

**Has Russian Setting**  
Set prior to 1900 in Russia, this drama deals with a family who has been supporting Professor Serebrakoff so he could write and study. Serebrakoff has been "using" the family, it is discovered.

To add further complications, both Vanya and Astrof are interested in the professor's young wife. Vanya is played by Ralph Everett, a newcomer to the GSC stage. Dave Wayland, also making his debut at Glenville States, plays Astrof.

**Activity Card Event**  
Other cast members are Jennings Beegle, Serebrakoff; Patty Horn- (Continued On Page 4)



'MESSIAH' SOLOISTS left to right are Joyce Brannon, alto, Edward McKown, bass, Shirley Hager, soprano, Paul Wigal, tenor, and Shirley Conrad, soprano. (—MERCURY photo by Cottrill)



# Peace On Earth ...

... good will to men."  
With each successive Christmas season our thoughts are again turned to these age-old words, and we are forced to re-examine our own state of existence, our own values, and our own hearts. How close are we to our "peace on earth?"

Although there is not world-wide peace in our time, we can achieve a peace within our hearts, a peace which "passeth understanding." The political see-saw between world powers, the frenzied probe into outer space, the diplomatic juggling of words and treaties — all these are descriptive of our insecure state of world-wide existence.

Yet these need not destroy inner peace, if our own sense of values can withstand close scrutiny. The things that money can't buy, the influence can't sway, and time can't destroy sometimes have the most value.

... the glorious praises and songs sung by a heavenly host many years ago in Bethlehem.

... the faith that led wise men through foreign lands to the Manger of a King.

... the hope and joy shed upon the earth by a single Star that sacred night.

... a moment, an emotion, a bit of eternity caught and held for the space of a heartbeat-during which the kinship of all mankind could be felt.

... a gift of love freely given

And with these values, a sense of the presence of an all-wise, all-forgiving God who upholds and inspires can lead any of us to a true peace in our hearts this Christmas season.

No amount of outside intervention, of world confusion and chaos, of false values and faulty moral standards, of emotional tension or strain can destroy our inner peace if we can keep faith in our God, and faith in our fellowmen.

## Wince, Wigal, Stover Pledge MENC

MENC president Shirley Hager announces that three pledges went through the informal pledging period Dec. 8 to 12.

Pledges were Carolyn Wince, Paul Wigal, and Peggy Stover. Miss Wince is a music student from St. Marys. Wigal, a graduate of Parkersburg High School, is also a music student. Miss Stover is from Beckley.

MENC plans to sponsor a Sock Hop for the GSC marching band following the Christmas vacation.

Plans are also being made to attend the Music Educators Conference in February.

John D. Robinson, assistant professor of music, is sponsor of the 13-member club.

Christmas parties are planned in both Kanawha and Verona Maple Hall and in Firestone Lodge.

Kanawha Hall's party is tonight at 10 p.m. Gifts will be exchanged and refreshments served.

Verona Maple Hall will have their party Thursday night.

## Council Approves Club Constitution

The student council met in regular session, Tuesday Dec. 10, 1958 at 6:30 p.m. Members present were Larry Stanley, Ray Ellis, Steve Taylor, Iolene Harding, Glenn Batten, and Adviser Stanley Hall.

A discussion was held concerning a dinner to be held Dec. 16, in the Colonial Dining Room. This dinner was for the Student Council, presidents of organizations on campus, President Heflin, Dr. Higgins, Dean Pickens, and Dean Somerville.

Glenn Batten, president of the freshman class, presided at a class meeting Dec. 1. The class voted to donate \$.50 per person to help buy a TV set for the student union.

Steve Taylor is to notify Gene Mann, president of Louis Bennett Council, in regard to having Louis Bennett Lounge open.

The Palette and Brush Club presented its constitution to the Student Council. On a motion by Larry Stanley and seconded by Steve Taylor, it was voted that the Palette and Brush Club be accepted as a formal organization on campus.

On a motion by Steve Taylor and seconded by Iolene Harding, the council was formally adjourned.

## Aleta Strader Wins

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man, was an alternate winner.

Miss Strader won a \$400 scholarship in the canning division. This scholarship can be used anywhere in the United States. She plans to continue at GSC.

West Virginia had seven national winners and one of the two national achievement winners. West Virginia was represented by 32 delegates.

## — KAMPUS KARTOON —



That shape looks familiar ... !

## Children Plan Gala Christmas Party; Trim Tree, Prepare to Greet Guests

### 30 Member Chorus

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Joyce Brannon, Peggy Stover, and Edward McKown.

Thirty students comprise the GSC Chorus. They are Elaine Allison, Carmen Amos, Francis Angelos, Mary Battin, Harry Black, Joyce Brannon, Stanley Burns, Mary Cleavenger, Doris Conkle, Shirley Conrad, Sue Davidson, Erleene Gainer, Shirley Hager.

Janet Hall, Gennis Hundley, Charles Massey, Joan McCoy, Edward McKown, Carol Sue Reed, Martha Reese, Robert Row, Joyce Rule, Roma Starcher, Connie Taylor, Sharon Tenney, Mary Taylor, Armita Tucker, Paul Wigal, Jewel Wilburn, and Carolyn Wince.

The rest of the program consisted of "And The Glory of the Lord," "For Unto Us a Child Is Born," "There Were Shepherds Abiding in the Field," "And lo! the Angel of the Lord Came Upon Them," "And the Angel Said Unto Them," "And Suddenly There Was With the Angel," "Glory to God," "Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion," "Behold the Lamb of God," "Surely He Hath Borne Our Griefs," "And With His Stripes We Are Healed," "Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates," "How Beautiful Are the Feet of Them," "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth," "Since By Man Came Death," "Worthy Is the Lamb," and the famous "Hallelujah!" which was sung by the chorus.

Kindergarten children are planning a Christmas party for Friday morning, indicates Miss Jewell Matthews, kindergarten director. They will have their room decorated and a tree trimmed for the occasion.

A bowl of red jello and one of green will carry out the Christmas theme in the refreshments. Christmas cookies will also be served the children and their guests who in this case will be the parents and younger children in the family.

Nearly all the work for the party is to be done by the children themselves. Last Wednesday they began trimming the tree which is just tall enough that each child can reach the top from a chair; and they will make the jello during the kindergarten period.

### Sing Songs, Play Games

The children have drawn names for a gift exchange with a 50 cent limit on each gift. In addition to the opening of the gifts and the refreshments, the program for the party is Christmas games and songs.

One of the parents will take colored moving pictures during the morning. These will be shown to the parents at a meeting of the Kindergarten Parents Club and also to the children during class time.

This is one of the two times of the year that the kindergarten tries to get the whole family together, the other being the spring picnic.

## Glenville State College Hams Call CQ YL 88 73, Get QSL Long-Time Amateur and Novice Contact Twelve States



Have you seen the new antenna on top of the Science Building? Arthur Ellis, sophomore from Weston, and John Edgar Frederick, junior from Smithville, have instituted what they hope will be a large group of Ham Radio Operators.

Ellis has been a long-time ham. He received his first license, novice, in 1952. The same year he obtained his general license. He is a member of West Virginia C. W. (continuous wave code). This is a service, free to all, which passes messages to anyone in the United States. In times of disaster, this service is invaluable. However, during holidays and at any other time the service can be used as it is not confined to emergencies.

Frederick, who received his novice license in July, 1958, is planning to go for his general license this month. He is primarily interested in the technical aspects of radio.

Frederick and Ellis both feel that ham radio holds something of interest for everyone. No only code but voice also can be used with the higher licenses. It is possible to talk with people in all walks of life; during the summer ham fests are held all over the state. In July 1959 a ham fest will be held in Jackson's Mill. At these meetings

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ARTHUR ELLIS, left, and JOHN FREDERICK, right, work with the receiver and transmitter they have set up in the Science Building. Both are Ham Radio Operators and hope to start a radio club at Glenville State. (—MERCURY photo by Cottrell)

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# Peaster Scores 38 In Basketball Win

Kanawha Hall defeated the Independent team 36-25 in WAA basketball play last week. Carolee Singleton led her team to victory with 24 points, aided by Ginny Davis who contributed four points and Peggy Perrine with two points.

High scorer for the defeated team was Jean Huff with 10 points. The other forwards, Martha Hall and Ann Ratliff, also helped with the Independent scoring. Score keeper and timer were Nancy Strickland and Nancy Haddock.

In the second round of competition Verona Mapel Hall was victorious over the WAA team 49-30. High scorer for Verona Mapel was Barbara Peaster with 38 points, and Marty Douglas also made seven points.

Dorothy Butler led her defeated team with 14 points, while Patty Mace contributed 11 points and Delma Cottrill five. Referees for the evening were Linda Mayo and Janet McHenry. Scorekeepers for this game were George Manlove and Frances Patterson.

No games will be played next week due to the Christmas activities.

## Slate Maintain Lead In MAA Competition

The Slat combine currently leads MAA volleyball play by virtue of an undefeated season through six rounds of competition. KEK holds down second place with only one loss against five victories. Tied for third place with two losses each

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FRESHMAN FRED SMITH dribbles toward the GSC goal in the Davis-Elkins, Glenville basketball game played in the local fieldhouse Dec. 5. In the foreground freshman Bob Lambert waits for the pending play while Junior Wilson and Paul McKown guard D and E players. Davis-Elkins players who can be seen in action are Warren (45), Back (25) and Fowler (13).

(—MERCURY photo by Cottrill)

# W. Va. Wesleyan Comes to Glenville For Thursday Night Clash With Wave

Defending conference champion W. Va. Wesleyan invades the Glenville State Field House tomorrow night in an effort to continue their already impressive string of victories.

Wesleyan, conceded to be one of the best balanced teams in the conference, consistently puts the entire first team into double figures on the scoring ledger.

On the other, hand Glenville, an extremely young aggregation has neither the rebounding prowess nor the scoring threat pos-

sessed by the powerful Bobcat's. Prior to the Dec. 12 game with Morris Harvey, the Pioneers were still without a victory in the WVIAAC with a total of four games in the losing column.

Glenville opened the season with a loss to Bluefield State as the Byrd men fell short in a final stanza rally, 71-64.

In contrast, the Bobcats opened their season with a resounding 115-67 victory over Wheeling College.

Wesleyan boasts a two-game-winning streak of the Pioneers, the last Pioneer victory being in the initial game of the 1956-57 season. Since the Bobcat series began in 1914, the Pioneers have notched 30 victories while losing 25.

Following the Wesleyan encounter, the White Wave is inactive until Jan. 8 when they are host to the Salem Tigers. Salem, like Glenville, started the season slowly but with a few games to gain momentum, the Tigers are expected to round into a rugged cage team.

## WPDX Changes GSC Broadcasting Time

"Radio Goes to College" has had its broadcasting time changed over WPDX, Clarksburg. The time of broadcasting is now 5:45 p. m. Saturday. WHAW, Weston will continue broadcasting at 12:15 p. m. Saturday.

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# Pioneers Falter Before WVIAAC Foes; Lose to D-E, Fairmont, W. Va. Tech

Three WVIAAC opponents proved to be just too much for Coach Leonard Byrd's Glenville State Pioneers as the White Wave bowed to Davis Elkins, Fairmont, and West Virginia Tech in recent play.

Davis-Elkins and Paul Wilcox found the Pioneers a surprisingly stubborn aggregation as Glenville remained within striking distance throughout the early portion of the game.

In the last five minutes of the first half, Glenville faltered to let the Senators pull to an impressive 44-26 bulge at halftime. Preceding the sudden Pioneer slump in the first half, the Byrd men were never behind more than three or four points.

Glenville came roaring back in the second half to cut the Senators lead to as little as ten points but the height advantage and the presence of Paul Wilcox stopped the White Wave drive.

Larry Gandee tossed in 16 points for the losers with Lawrence Barker contributing 12. Wilcox took scoring honors with 32 tallies with John Warren notching 22.

Fairmont State topped the Pioneers 88-77 in a WVIAAC game played at Fairmont. Again the Pioneers played on nearly even terms with the Falcons throughout most of the game with a second half spurt by the Fairmont men putting the Pioneers in the hole.

Glenville fell behind 38-42 at halftime and the Falcons increased their lead ten points at the

end of the first ten minutes in the second half.

Don Nuckolls led the GSC scoring parade with 20 points and Bob Lambert added 15. Gary Shamblin took top honors with 30 points for Fairmont followed by teammate Ron Everhart with 22 points.

Glenville had earlier defeated the Falcons in the Weston Warm-up tourney, 76-66.

Glenville was completely blanketed by the race-horse tactics of West Virginia Tech at Montgomery on Dec. 10. The Golden Bears moved to a 40-32 lead at the end of the first half as Kermit Gentry and Dick Brown found the range for 29 of the Tech points.

Tech began to move rapidly in the second half and they were unsurmountable. Glenville scored only 16 points in the first ten minutes of the final stanza while Tech burned the nets for 28 tallies.

In the final ten minutes, Tech went on one of the most astounding scoring rampages anyone ever witnessed. During this period, Glenville was held to only 24 points while the Golden Bears added insult to injury by dunking 40 points, probably a record for a quarter of play. Final score had the Pioneers on the short end of a 108-72 victory.

When the MERCURY went to press the Pioneer regular season record stood at 0-3 with a 1-1 record in non-conference games.

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## Martha McNeel Is Snowflake Queen; Annual Dance Is Sponsored by IRC

The International Relations Club sponsored "Snowflake Ball" was held Dec. 5 from 8 p.m. until 11 p.m. Music was furnished by the Stanley Burns Sextette.

Martha McNeel, sophomore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard McNeel from Hillsboro, was crowned queen. Miss McNeel was escorted by Jack Gay, former Glenville State College student now attending West Virginia University.

Crownbearer for the coronation was Debbie Byrd; Becky Byrd was flower girl. Both wore carnation wrist corsages.

Miss McNeel, the Snowflake Queen, was crowned by John Davis, IRC sponsor. A bouquet consisting of four red roses, symbolic of the four previous Snowflake Balls, one white rose, symbolic of the 1958 Queen was presented to the queen by the club.

Princesses were Miss Kitty Miller, senior, escorted by Gene Rowe; Lois Moore, sophomore, Randall Vannoy; Carolyn Hall, freshman, Ronnie Alfred; Carmen Amos, junior, Francis Angelos. Princesses were presented carnation wrist corsages.

Deemed a social and financial success, the Snowflake Ball was chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. John Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Wells.



Her Majesty Martha McNeel

### Odd Balls To Sponsor Drive for Toys, Candy

Inspired by the Christmas spirit of giving, the Odd Balls, an unofficial organization of GSC men, are sponsoring a drive to collect comic books, clothing, toys, or money for toys or candy for distribution this season.

### Ham Operators

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hams have the opportunity to meet people that they have been talking to during the year. All sorts of radio contests are held, and drawings are made for prizes.

In the one week the radio station has been in operation, Ellis and Frederick have contacted 12 states. These contacts have all been made between classes. On week-ends, when Ellis is at home in Weston, he and Frederick talk back and forth between the college and Weston. Gene Elmore, 1958 graduate of Glenville State College, is a ham. He talks with the GSC men from his home in Burnsville periodically.

Dr. Byron Turner, professor of chemistry, has made available space for the ham station and arranged for the antenna poles. The receiver is a converted signal corps receiver. Frederick built the transmitter.

With Dr. Turner's help, Ellis and Frederick hope to start a radio club at GSC. A license could be obtained with call letters for the college. Anyone with an interest in radio will be eligible for this club. The novice license is easily obtained. The technical test is not complicated and the code test requires only a speed of three words per minute.

Many GSC students were formerly radio men in service. These students could form a nucleus for an efficient club. Further details can be obtained from Dr. Turner, Ellis and Frederick.

## Student Union: Where the Elite Meet Is A Home Away from Home for Many

By Joan Comstock

What would GSC be without a popular meeting place for the students? Probably the most used building on this campus is the Student Union.

The Union doors are open at 8:30 a.m. and close at 10:00 p.m. During this time many students can be seen talking, studying, playing cards, eating, or just sitting and enjoying the atmosphere. Much can be gained by this friendly, informal socialization, for the student develops an understanding and appreciation of other people.

A survey was taken among some of the "socialized union goers" as to why they go to the union.

The following students gave these opinions:

Patsy Garrett—I go to the Union for relaxation and to get away from just staring at four walls. Katy Stewart—Because I can't stand my dirty room and seeing all the work I have to do and don't do.

Norma Curry—To try to break the walls that hold me in this dorm, so that I may laugh and talk and not get into trouble for it. I like to associate with other people. Beverly Hockenberry—To socialize and dance when someone will ask me.

Dixie Barrett—To see Harry. I like

to dance and talk with my friends.

Jackie Millard—To meet people, get help on lessons, play cards with Gene, Barb, and George, and relax.

### 'Uncle Vanya'

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er, Marina; Jane Riddle, Helena; Beverly McCombs, Sonia, and Beverly Rogers, Madame Voltskaya. Beegle and Miss Horner are also new personalities to the GSC audience.

An activity card event for college students, tickets for high school students will be \$.50, \$.75 for adults. Curtain time is 8:00 p.m.

An Ohnimgohow-Alfa Psi Omega production, "Uncle Vanya" will be followed in February by "Arms and the Man", now being rehearsed.

Assistant director of "Uncle Vanya" is Barbara Hugins; Betty Lou Sisk is prompter.

### Slats Maintain Lead

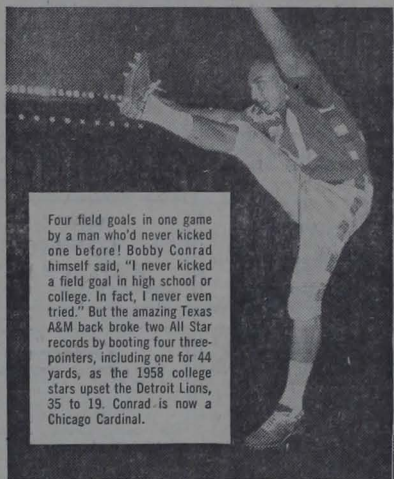
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are the Independents and Hoods.

Athletic Director Carlos Ratliff indicated that two more rounds of play are in order before the championship can be determined.

As announced by Ratliff, MAA basketball play will begin sometime after the holiday recess.

THEY SAID IT COULDN'T BE DONE - BUT TODAY'S L&M GIVES YOU-



Four field goals in one game by a man who'd never kicked one before! Bobby Conrad himself said, "I never kicked a field goal in high school or college. In fact, I never even tried." But the amazing Texas A&M back broke two All Star records by booting four three-pointers, including one for 44 yards, as the 1958 college stars upset the Detroit Lions, 35 to 19. Conrad is now a Chicago Cardinal.

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