

Gladys Allen Wins First Prize For Bathing Beauties

"Miss Morehead" Becomes "Miss Morehead State Teachers College"

On Thursday night Gladys Allen, "Miss Morehead," was elected the winner of the first Bathing Beauty Contest held at Morehead State Teachers College. Thelma Strong, "Miss Allie Young Hall," placed second and Martha Lewis, "Miss Ashland," came in third.

In addition to the winners the beauties were: Mattie Center, Pauline Butcher, Isobel Prichard, Jo. Pack, Ruth Johnson, Margaret Horacek, Mary Crain, Glenna Hackney, and "Miss Flatwoods," who seemed quite accustomed to the limelight.

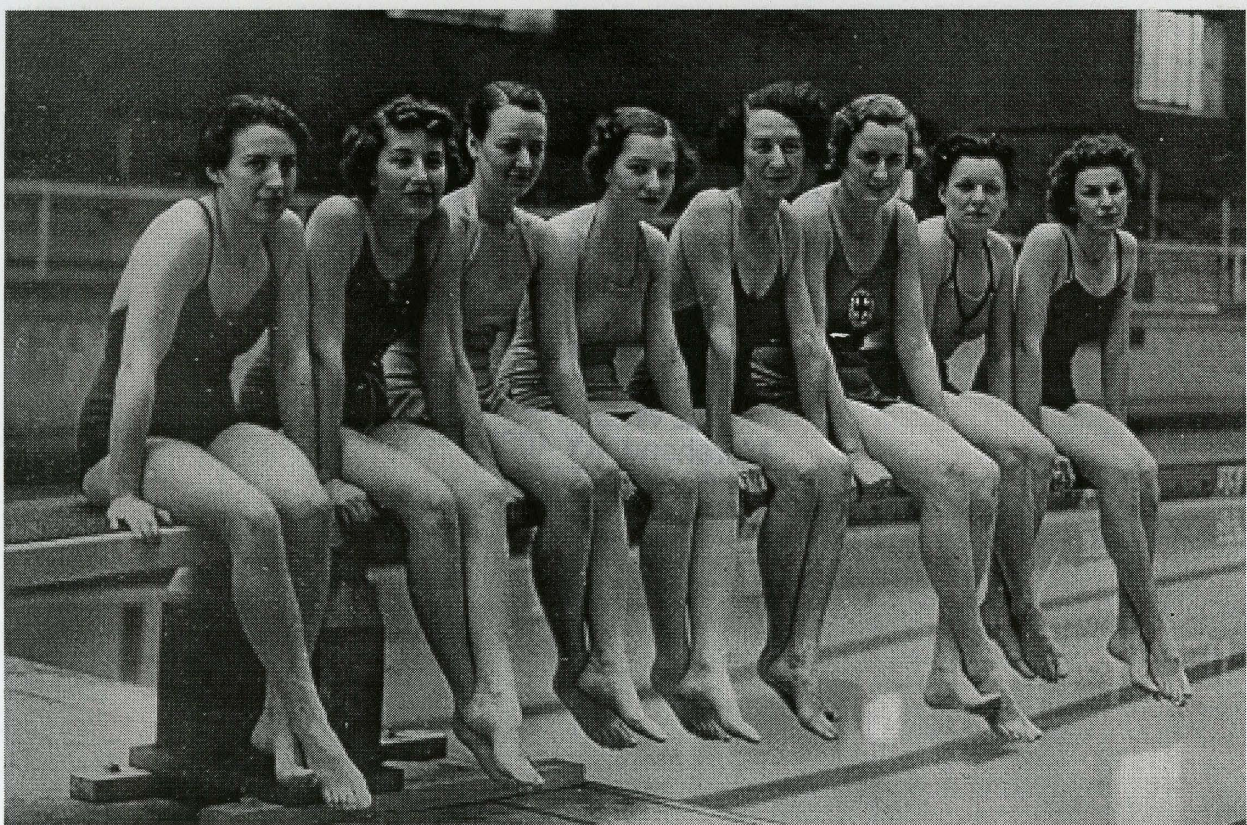
The contest followed six swimming events. The participants placed in this order: Free style, 30 yards — Robinson, Caudill Whitt; Back stroke, 30 yards — Berger, Conn; Relay, free style, won by the team composed of Whitt, Plerce, Melvin and Radjunas. Free style, 30 yards — Martin, Holbrook, Lewis; Underwater, 30 yards — Bell, Berger, Radjunas; Medley Relay, 90 yards, won by the team composed of Bell, Whitt, and Tom.

The mermaids, Gladys Allen, Jo Pack, Pauline Butcher, Sue Barbour, Virginia Lee Nickell, Beatrice Conley, Margaret Penix, Marie Thomas, Mary Crain, and Pauline Stamper performed in a sausage dive, pajama relay, a rose, accordian, and several other formations climaxed by an "M."

An exhibition, of diving by the boys was abruptly ended by a free-for-all water fight caused by dampening the enthusiasms of an orator.

Music for the parade of the Bathing Beauties was furnished by J. N. Minish and Maynard.

Ed Weicherz presided as master of ceremonies.



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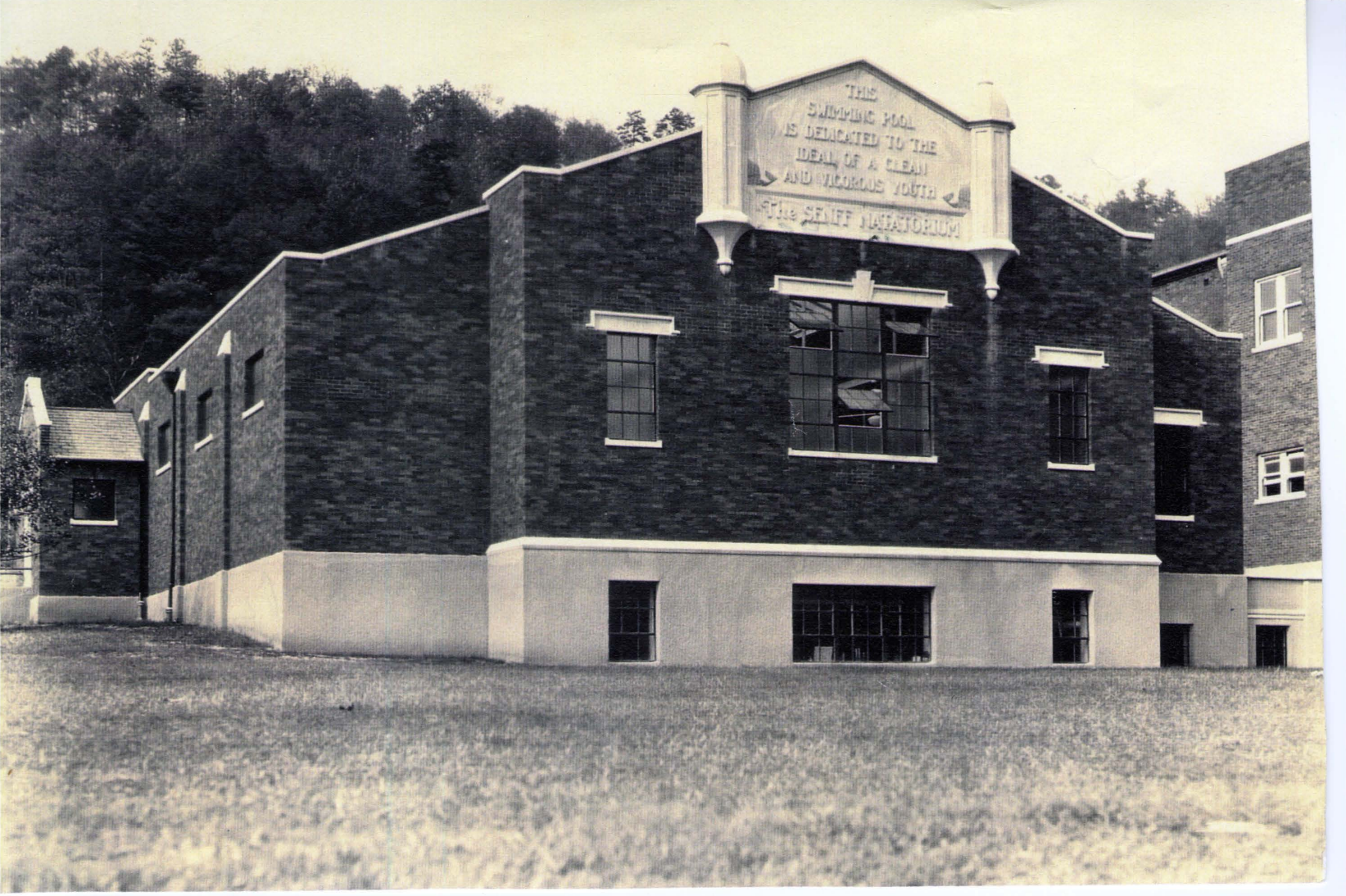
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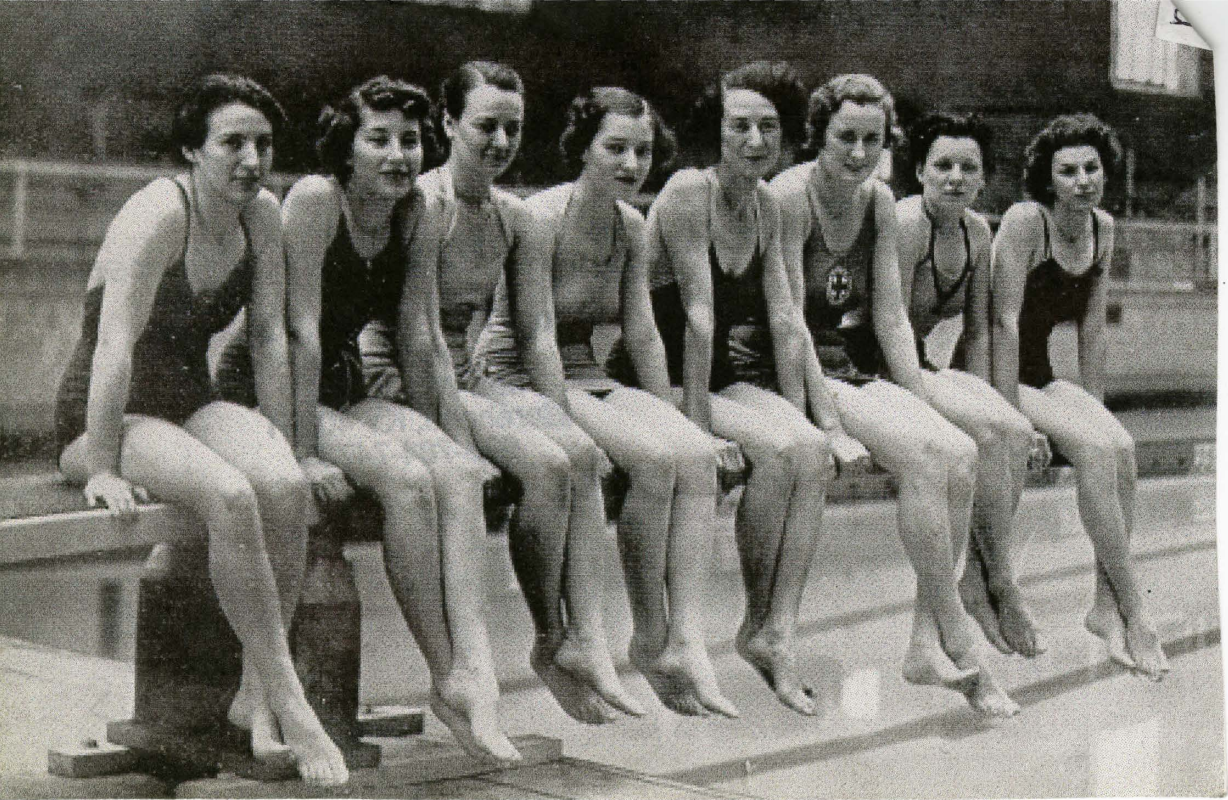
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Morehead State Teachers College
Daughters of Poseidon Swim Team - 1936

Coach Lourse Caudill, J. Porter, E. Harpham,
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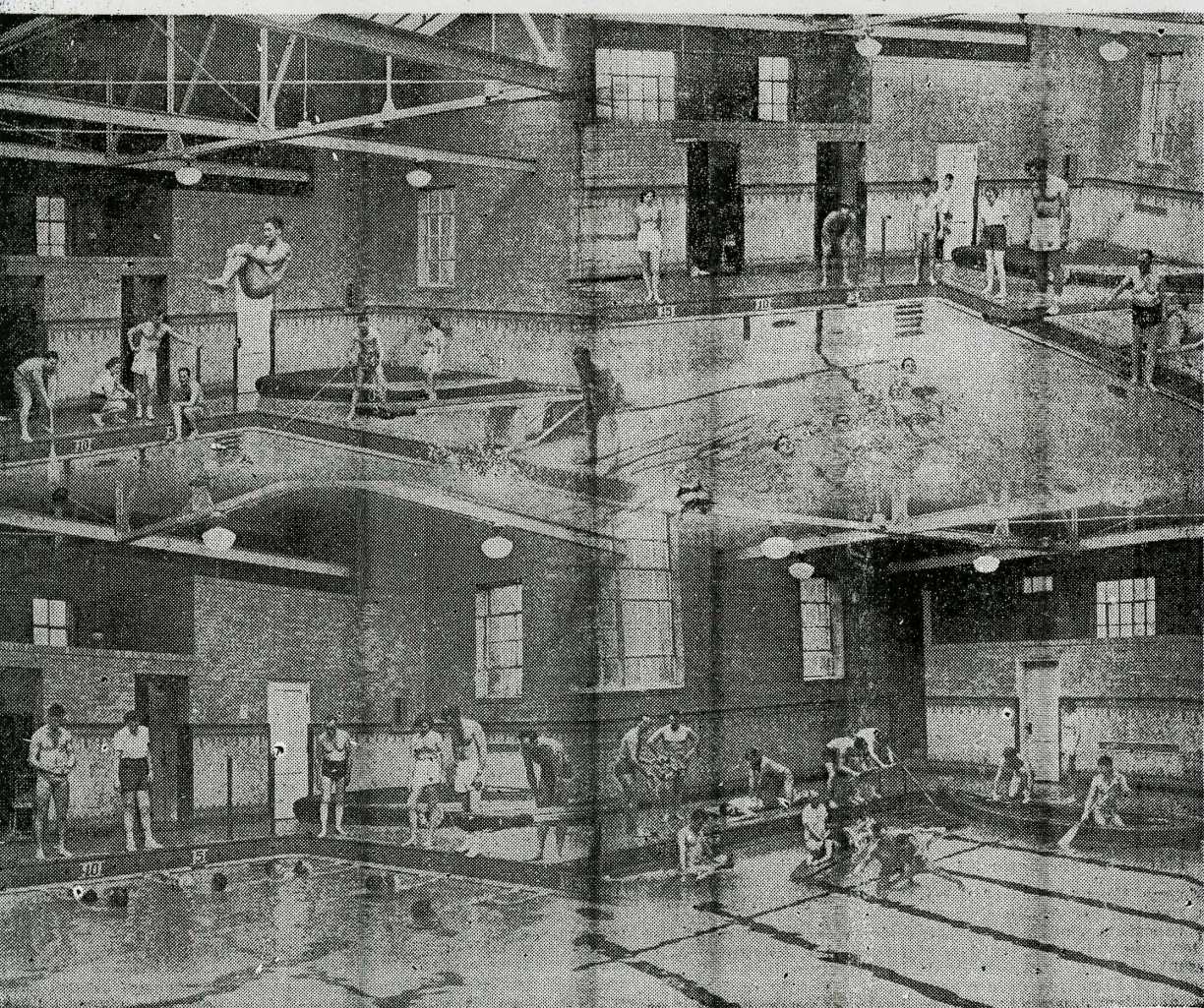
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Senff Swimming Pool Is Almost Ready

R.C.N. 22 June 1933

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Mr. Rice and Mr. Boggess deserve a great deal of credit for their work in providing this new and beautiful structure to the school plant.

Special mention should be made of the beautiful tile work which is being used to finish the pool. The tile is being installed by the Kena Rosa Company of Louisville under the direction of Mr. Thurman. It is probably as beautiful work as any that will be found anywhere in the state, and is certainly making a finished swimming pool that will be a "thing of beauty and a joy forever."

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Swimmers will enter the pool only through the gymnasium proper. There is a south exterior entrance but it is for the use of spectators on-

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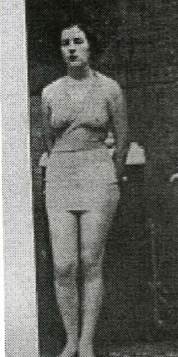
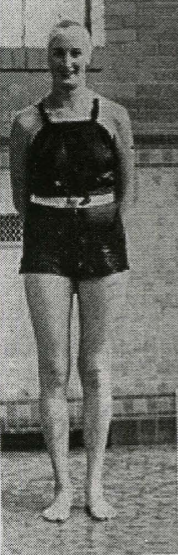
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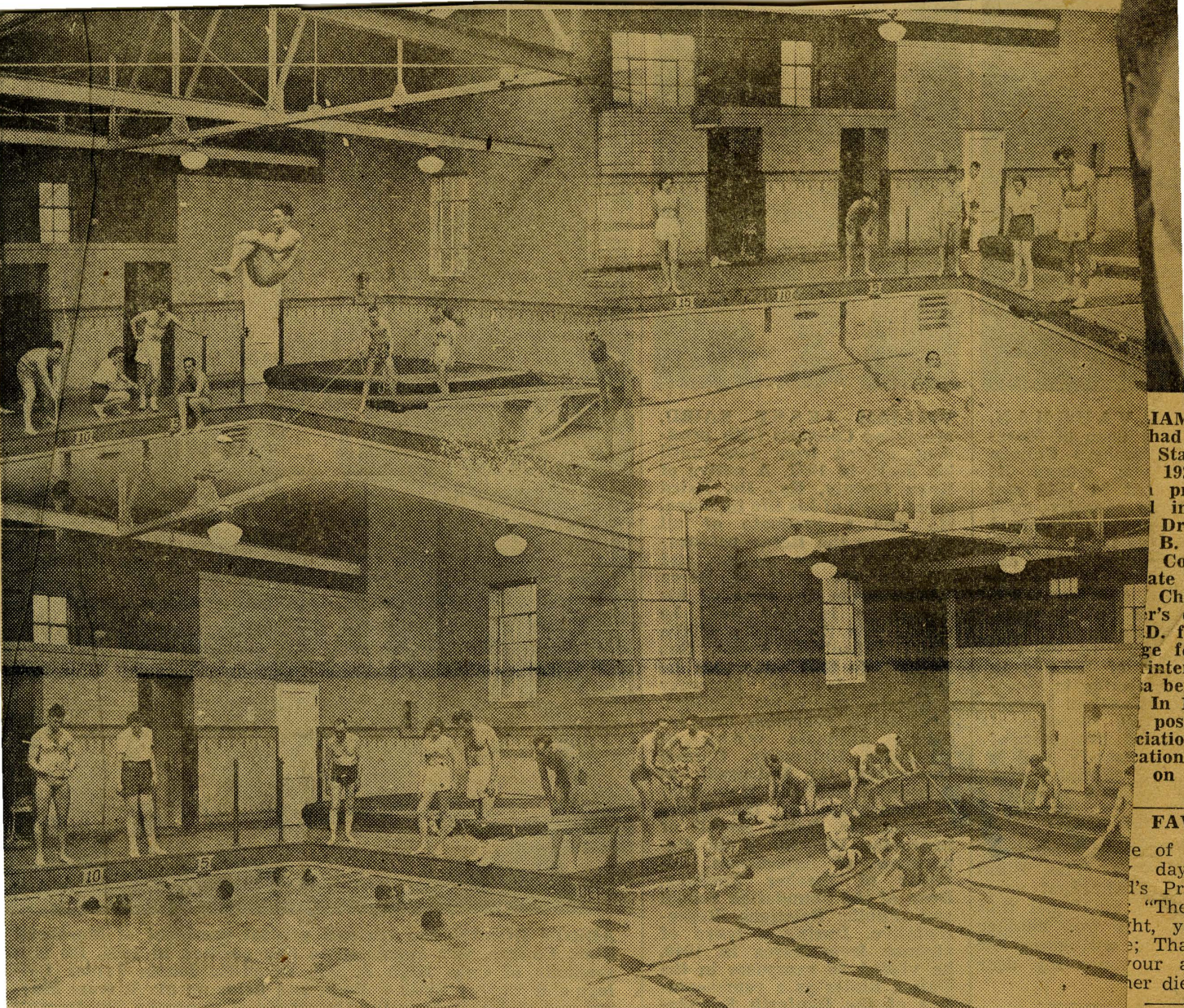
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WOMENS SWIMTEAM

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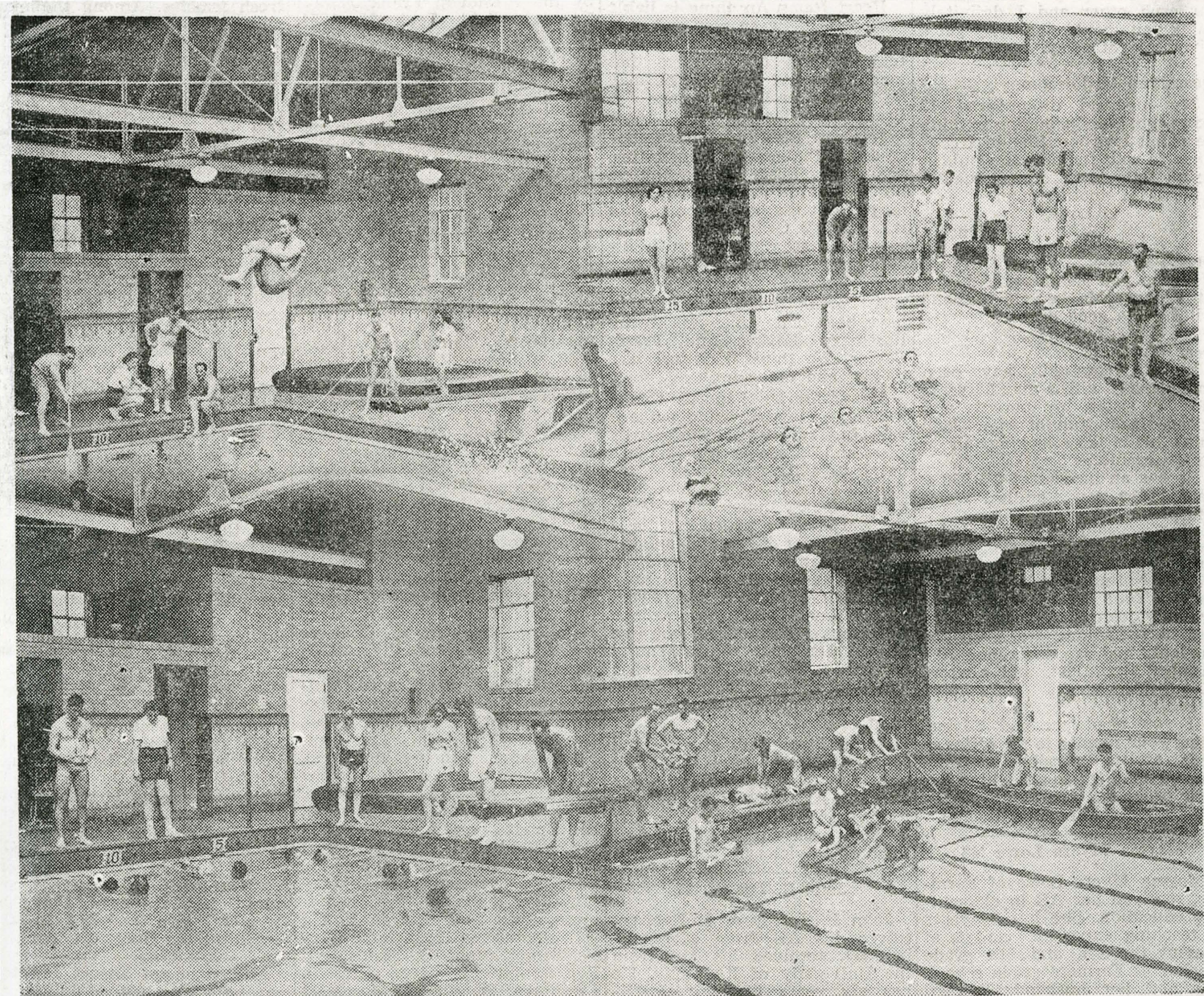


YOUTH'S FINEST—This is rated one of the finest indoor swimming pools in the South. It, and all other buildings on the Forehead College, will be open for visitors during Centennial week. There will also be guided tours, without cost. The pool is named for the late Judge Earl W. Senff, Mt. Sterling, for many years secretary of the Board of Regents. The Salt Springs

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Bathing Beauties To Parade; Water Carnival March 15

**Every Girl Eligible To
 Compete For Queen**

A bathing queen will be selected from the cream of Morehead's pulchritude March 15, when the annual parade of beauties march in the Senff natatorium. Miss Exer Robinson, chairman of the Social committee, who is sponsoring the Water Carnival, asks that all the names of contestants be filed with her by March 12.

Each member of the audience is given a ballot at the door, the winner to be chosen by popular vote.

The requirements for contestants, according to Miss Robinson, are good looks, good posture, and a "figure." Every girl is eligible, and may represent her home town, county, or an organization or club on the campus.

The first Water Carnival, held the week of the Winter festival, in February, 1938, was reigned over by Gladys Allen, Morehead blonde. Thelma Strong and Martha Lewis, Jackson and Ashland, respectively, came in for second and third positions. Last year's queen and alternate were two Paintsville girls, Tommy Jean Kirk, and Marjorie Thomas, while another blonde from Morehead, Frances Peratt ran them a close race to place third.

As the second feature at the aquatic celebration mermaids and mermen dive into the spotlight. In charge of the water sports will be Earl King Senff, Louise Caudill and Nell Walters. Mermaids suddenly burst forth into bloom, their arms and legs forming intricate petals and designs. Diving is always a highlight of the program, while races are termed essentials.

The Water Carnival opens at seven o'clock, and the admission will be twenty-five cents, Miss Robinson said.



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FEED WINTER BIRDS

In the southern half of the United States the problem of obtaining food is not often of importance to the birds spending the winter with us. Occasionally, however, heavy snows make food inaccessible for several days in succession. A winter defending station under such conditions will do much good in preventing hardships among the feathered creatures. Furthermore a constantly operated feeding station will attract birds to your yard and make your environs a bird haven providing you prevent predation by cats as well. During the time when food is scarce the opportunity of winning the trust and friendship of birds is at hand. Birds which have learned to find food at your station during inclement weather will continue to feed there and, if a resident species, will in all likelihood nest near you.

The question naturally, arises concerning types of food and location of the station. A mixture of various foods will attract a variety of species. Chick scratch grain which can be purchased from your grocer or feed store is a good all round food and seed-eaters. Certain birds are partial to sunflower seeds and the additions of these may make your table more attractive. The insect-eaters will be attracted by suet. A large piece of suet placed in a wire soap dish and fastens to a tree will bring woodpeckers, nuthatches, chickadees and many others. You may scatter feed upon the ground or you may construct a shelf with a roof protecting the station from wind, rain, and snow. It is even possible to build a shelf on your window ledge so that you may watch your visitors from your armchair. It may take some time for the birds to discover the station but once they have learned to come the number of visitors will constantly increase and your efforts, then, will be repaid many times over by the pleasure you will receive in making the intimate acquaintances of your feathered guests.

EVERGREEN PLANTS

Winter is a period of rest for growing plants demonstrated by the shedding of leaves of the

woody species and the dying to the ground of those herbaceous plants which grow from the roots a second year. Numerous small plants remain green during the winter and they add a bright cheery touch to an otherwise dull landscape.

The heath family contributes a number of evergreens. Mountain laurel and rhododendron are among the larger plants which bear green leaves at this period. Two other heaths are equally interesting. The first of these, trailing arbutus, is sought after for its blossoms, which have a fragrance much loved by those who know the plant. The other, wintergreen or mountain tea, is a favorite of the youngster who likes to chew the leaves for the flavor. The red berried which are abundant at this season are also edible and contain the wintergreen taste. Another red-berried evergreen, though not a heath, is often found growing with arbutus and wintergreen. It is known as partridge berry for the ruffed grouse is fond of the fruit. This plant is trailing and vine-like with small opposite leaves and is often found in the mosses along the mountain brook or hanging from the rocks in a shady glen.

Among the ferns there are many evergreens, particularly those which might be called rock ferns. The lobed and ebony spleenworts will be found growing on the rock cliffs wherever a bit of soil can be found. Walking fern, which received its name because the tip of the frond roots readily and starts a new plant, grows in shaded places on hillsides or in the valleys. The Christmas fern and marginal and spiny shield ferns are common large evergreen ferns.

Numerous other species also remain green in winter. Two of these, hepatica and wild ginger, are early blooming spring flowers which are familiar to nearly everyone.

It is possible to mention only a few evergreens which are not conifers but from the above list it is apparent that there are many species which remain evergreen. The winter hiker could spend an enjoyable afternoon in the woods adding to the list of which I have given you.

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From the effects of the different plant food elements one can easily tell which of these is lacking in the soil and work toward supplying that one and not have to buy those that are not needed in the growth of farm crops.

Sophocles wrote 113 tragedies.

Rowan Shows Largest Number Matriculating

**106 Students Are Listed By
 Registrar From Rowan;
 Carter Second**

A hundred and six students are registered from Rowan County at Morehead State Teachers College, according to a report from the registrar's office. This group leads with the largest number of students enrolled for the second semester, while Carter tops Morgan by one student, sixty-one and sixty students, respectively.

Johnson county leads by a majority of one over Boyd, Greenup and Floyd county are in the show with over thirty students each.

Twenty-five students are registered as "out-of-the-state," representing Arizona, New York, New Jersey, West Virginia, Indiana, Ohio, and Tennessee.

The list of counties represented and the number of students enrolled from each are:

Anderson, 1; Bracken, 3; Bourbon, 3; Bath, 23; Boyd, 41; Boyle, 1; Breathitt, 8; Campbell, 12; Caldwell, 1; Clark, 2; Carter, 61; Elliott, 26; Floyd, 31; Fleming, 12; Fayette, 1; Franklin, 2; Grant, 1; Greenup, 34; Harlan, 5; Hopkins,

one per cent of the phosphorous and one-fourth of one per cent in potassium. Using the figures above we find that there would be 6.5 of P. and approximately 50 pounds of potassium. To buy the above amount of fertilizer in commercial it would require an application of 1300 pounds of 2-8-6 to supply the amount of Nitrogen and would exceed the potassium a little. Now some farmers will apply 100 pounds of fertilizer to the acre and say it did not help any, that is true, because it only played a 13th part in the production of the crop.

Now let us see what is needed in the soil to produce a crop that is to be grown this year, according to Cir. No. 54.

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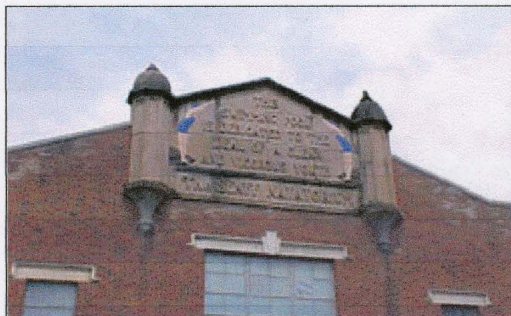
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Distinctive pool sculpture to be displayed at new facility

The west campus skyline is changing this week at Morehead State University with the final phase of the demolition of Senff Natatorium, the University's first indoor swimming pool which opened in 1933 and closed in 1988.



This dedicatory inscription on the façade of Senff Natatorium will be restored for later display in the aquatics area of MSU's new student recreation center. The frieze (low relief sculpture) was removed before the old swimming pool structure was demolished.

"The decision to raze the natatorium was not made quickly or easily," said MSU President Wayne D. Andrews. "This matter was under consideration when I arrived three years ago. Numerous efforts have been made over the last 20 years to seek funding from public and private sources to restore the facility and adapt it for another use. Sadly, nothing materialized and the building continued to deteriorate to the point of becoming unstable and a health hazard."

He continued:

"After consulting with the Kentucky Heritage Council and other architects, we decided that our only reasonable course of action was to remove the building and use the land to help preserve a historically more significant structure, Button Auditorium."

But Senff Natatorium will not be forgotten at MSU because the building's primary exterior architectural feature, the frieze (low relief sculpture) on the south façade, was removed for eventual display in the aquatics area of the planned student recreation center.

The sculpture features two swimmers surrounding this text: "This swimming pool is dedicated to the ideal of a clean and vigorous youth." It consists of 30 sections of limestone.

"The stone sculpture will be carefully restored to preserve its historical value," Dr. Andrews added. "We also will erect a campus historical marker at the original site."

He noted that the building's principal indoor feature, mosaic tile used in the pool area, could not be salvaged due to damage resulting from building subsidence and vandalism.

Senff Natatorium was among eight "contributing" buildings in MSU's National Historic District. The building itself was not listed as a separate historical structure.

Access to the building was significantly reduced two years ago with the rerouting of traffic behind the Combs Building to eliminate hazards to pedestrians and vehicles.

The land occupied by the natatorium will be converted to green space and held in reserve for the planned restoration and expansion of Button Auditorium.

Safeco Environmental was paid \$12,000 to remove asbestos from the facility. Solid Rock Construction received \$41,449 to complete the demolition.

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Workers carefully removed the 30 pieces of sculpted limestone which formed the distinctive frieze on the facade of MSU's Senff Natatorium.

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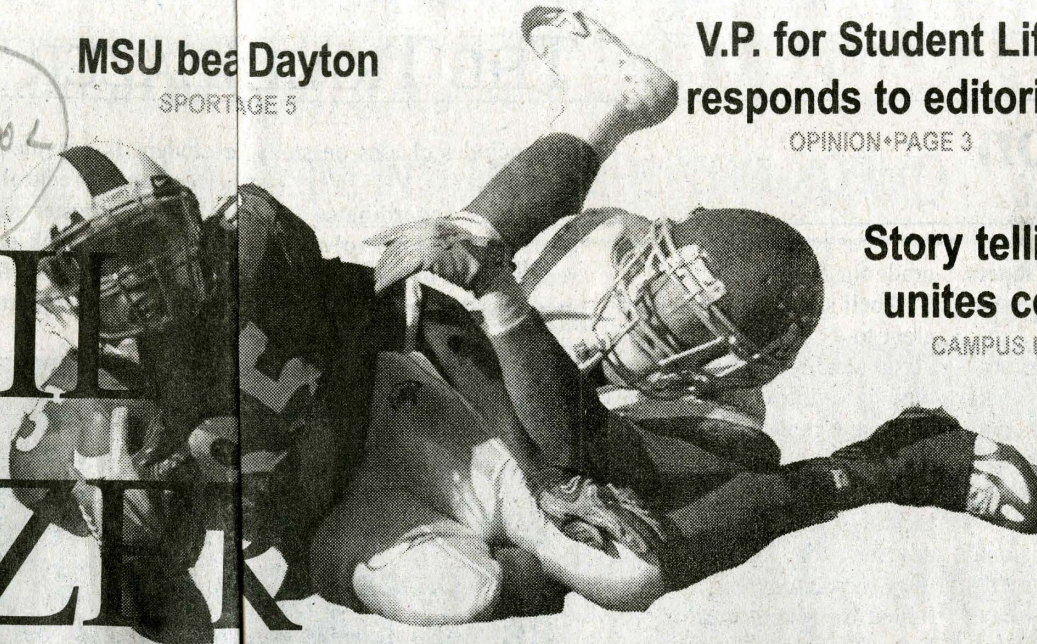
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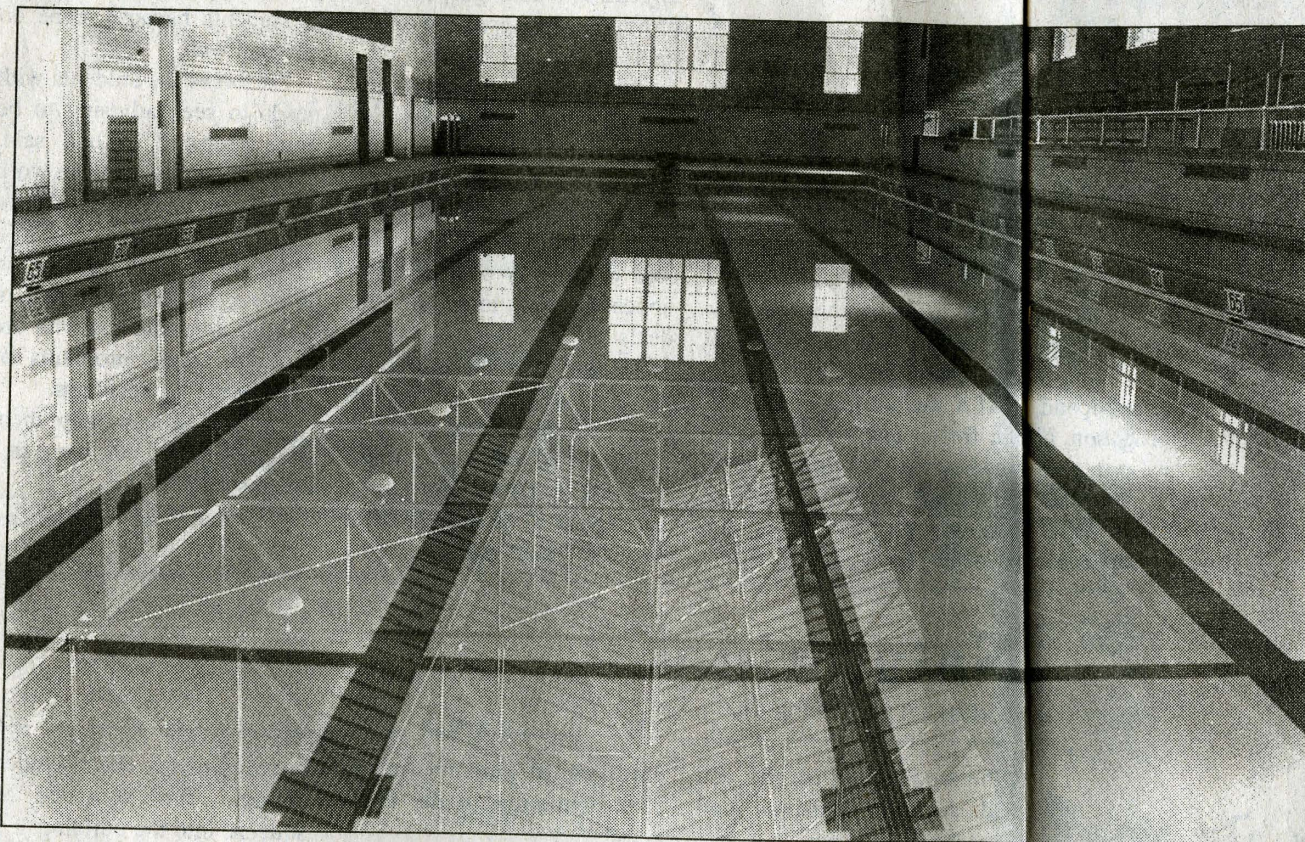
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In the 1940s, Senff Natatorium was used daily by students, faculty, community members and the swim team.

Old pool has dark ending

*Regents vote to demolish
Senff Natatorium; renovation too costly*

SARAH PERRY — Editor

Former MSU employee arrested

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It has been two years since former MSU employee Darin Blackburn left MSU after being charged with fraudulent use of university credit cards.

On Sept. 25 Blackburn was arrested in New York, N.Y., and charged with grand larceny and possession of stolen property, according to an article published in The New York Post.

Blackburn, 38, was fired earlier this month by Nick & Toni's Café in New York,

While at MSU, Blackburn had served as the MSU Center and Conference Services manager, and held a position with Student Activities.

According to court documents, Blackburn was arrested in Morehead on March 18, 2005, for fraudulent use of university credit cards. On Jan. 1, 2006, the court granted Blackburn a diversion.

Gary Adkins, assistant commonwealth attorney for Mason, Fleming and Bracken

Though its windows are broken and the walls vandalized, the old red-brick building stands tall and proud. Forty years ago, splashing water and student laughter could be heard reverberating inside the Senff Natatorium, but now, quietness surrounds the building as it awaits demolition.

On Sept. 20, the Board of Regents (BOR) voted unanimously to remove the building from campus, citing an adaptive reuse for Senff could not be identified.

President Wayne Andrews said the university had preservation architects evaluate the Natatorium twice, but converting the building to any other use would be very costly because of the building's design.

"The reality is, it was built as a swimming pool," Andrews said.

According to U.S. Department of the Interior documents, the Natatorium was closed to the public in 1988 when major plumbing pipes under the pool were damaged during an extended winter freeze.

Andrews said knocking down the building is part of a larger plan to update Button Auditorium. Because Button lacks adequate toilet facilities and backstage facilities for actors, the plan is to develop a project in the next few years to provide those services where Senff now stands.

A 'clean and vigorous' history

The story of Senff Natatorium began in April 1932 when President John Howard Payne, with the support of the BOR, commissioned the architectural firm Joseph and Joseph to design plans for an indoor swimming pool, according to "Morehead Memories" by Jack Ellis.

Ellis, a retired Director of Libraries for MSU, said the BOR elected to build the pool because of cheap labor costs. Jesse Boggess, the construction supervisor, refused to use power equipment — manpower and mule power were the primary sources of the construction.

The building was completed in June 1933 and was named after Judge Earl W. Senff, a member of the BOR. Etched in

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”

— Jack Ellis, on the “peeping tom” women who watched the Navy Bluejackets swim nude

stone at the front of the building, facing the Adron Doran University Center, are the words, “This swimming pool is dedicated to the ideal of a clean and vigorous youth,” and was penned by Emmitt Bradley, an English professor at (then) Morehead State Teachers College.

Andrews said the stone etching is going to be preserved and placed on the new student recreation center when it is built.

Ellis said the Natatorium was known as one of the most beautiful swimming pools in the South.

“It was the absolute epitome of swimming pools,” he said.

According to Ellis' book, aquatic

sports came to MSU and the Daughters of Poseidon and the Aquamen were created.

“When the swimming pool was built, it changed the whole picture of aquatic sports in the south,” Ellis said.

The pool not only served the swim team, students and faculty of MSU, but also the Navy Bluejackets during World War II. The Bluejackets were required to attain certain swimming skills before completing their training, Ellis said.

The Bluejackets attracted a lot of “peeping toms” because they swam nude, Ellis said.

“There's a path up where the girls peeked in behind the pool,” he said with a laugh.

A sea of memories

Ellis and MSU Golf Coach Rex Chaney have many memories of the old swimming pool.

Chaney said when he attended MSU from 1953-1957, Bill Mack was in charge of teaching people how to swim. Chaney dubbed Mack as “the man in charge of Natatorium” and said no history should be written about the pool without mentioning Mack.

He describes Mack as a stern man whose goal was to reduce people's chances of drowning. But, sometimes his methods were a little severe, he said.

In order for students to pass his course, Mack required all students to pull a body out of the water within two minutes — and sometimes, that body was kicking and biting the entire way, Chaney said.

“She [the body] just about drowned us before we passed the course,” he said.

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Academic probation explained

ALEXIS DAMRON— Managing Editor

Students at MSU can relax — one semester of bad grades does not mean expulsion. If students fail to meet grade standards, they are placed on probation.

According to the MSU undergraduate catalog, the grade requirement for students varies by credit hours. If a student has 16 hours or less, they must maintain a 1.6 cumulative GPA. Students who have completed between 17 and 30 hours must have a minimum of 1.7, and those who have earned between 31 and 45 hours have to have a 1.8 GPA. A 1.9 is required for students with 46 to 60 hours, and after 60 hours students must maintain at least a

2.0 GPA.

Deborah Abell, associate provost of graduate and undergraduate programs, said the GPAs differ by class hours because achieving good grades is expected to be harder for new students.

The catalog states that students who do not meet grade guidelines are placed on first-term academic probation for one semester. At the end of the first term, students who have not raised their grades are placed on second-term probation.

Abell is in charge of notifying students when they are put on academic probation. She said once grades are posted at the end

of each semester, the registrar's office confirms grades and then provides a list of all students on probation to the graduate and undergraduate department.

“We send out notification letters to students the last Friday before offices close,” Abell said. “This is in case students need to change their schedules to fit the guidelines of probation before the next semester starts.”

She said the problem there is a problem when students have moved and not updated their information with the university

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after he allegedly pocketed cash from other customers, whose tabs he then charged to an American Express card issued to Grammy award-winning saxophonist David Sanborn, The Post reported.

According to The Post, from Jan. 1 to Sept. 14, \$23,256.20 was charged to Sanborn's card at the restaurant.

Sanborn said he was responsible for just \$7,768.86 of the charges.

Blackburn was arrested as he was loading a U-Haul for a move out of town, according to The Post.

used only in non-violent offenses and is done for people who made “decisions that were out of character for them.” A diversion allows felonies to be removed from someone's record after a period of time, he said.

A motion to revoke a diversion may be filed, but Josh Judd, assistant commonwealth attorney for Bath, Menifee, Montgomery and Rowan Counties, said, “No comment,” when asked if he intended to file a motion to revoke Blackburn's diversion.



Photo by Carlo Angerer

Tracy Dye sings Thursday, Sept. 27 during Pi Kappa Phi's Miss Push America pageant.

Probation

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and never receive their letters because the letter was sent to the wrong address.

While on academic probation, a student cannot take more than 13 credit hours during the spring or fall and no more than three hours during the summer sessions.

Craig Dennis, provisional studies coordinator, meets with students after they have been put on a probation status. He receives information from Abell and then sends out another letter to students.

"I only send a letter out during the summer," Dennis said. "There's no time over Christmas Break, but it gives students the opportunity to change their schedule before I do it for them."

If Dennis changes a student's schedule, a hold is then put on the student's account and the student cannot alter it.

The catalog suggests that students on probation retake as many classes as possible when they receive an E (failure), D (below average), or U (unofficial withdrawal) as a

grade for that course.

Abell said an "E" is equivalent to a "0," so retaking the class would be the quickest way to improve a GPA because it replaces the grade.

Students on academic probation are required to have meetings with their academic advisors for counseling and they have study hours determined by which term of probation the student is on.

Dennis said students are required to attend four hours of study table each week.

The undergraduate catalog states that students on probation can continue to attend MSU for two semesters, or as long as they manage a 2.0 in the most recent semester.

Abell said if a student makes grades, and several semesters later has an unacceptable GPA again, the probation periods starts over again.

Any student on second-term probation is required to enroll in MSU 099.

Abell said the course is called "Learning for Success"

and includes classes on study skills.

Dennis coordinates the course. He said it involves lessons on time management and provides one-on-one time for

The student is provided with options: reenrollment as a one-semester suspension and placed back on probation, or applying for an appeal to the Committee on

302 students are in first-term probation
290 students are in second-term probation
86 students are suspended

Illustration by Carlo Angerer and Alexis Damron

the student and instructor.

"Students see 099 as useless, and it is useless if a student isn't working to their ability," Dennis said. "Some students are doing something to fail a class. It's their decision to be successful."

Dennis said if a student is ever on second-term probation again, they do not have to retake MSU 099.

At the end of the second term of academic probation, if a student still has not met grade requirements, that student is suspended from MSU for the following semester.

Academic Standards and Appeals.

Dennis said while students are suspended, they are allowed to attend classes at other universities and can transfer them to Morehead. However, if a student fails English at Morehead and retakes it at another campus, the credit will transfer but will not replace the failing grade.

If a student thinks the reason for an unacceptable GPA was beyond his or her control, the student can appeal the suspension, but cannot appeal the probation status, Abell said.

"If a student feels their reason for a bad GPA was out of their control, then they write a letter," Abell said. "The committee considers all appeals. A good reason to write a letter would be if a non-traditional student has a sick child."

Dennis sits on the committee as a non-voting member. He said he is there to answer questions for the members.

"If they are questioning a student, I'm there to say, no, they didn't attend study tables," Dennis said.

He said if a student has a good track record when appealing the suspension, ordinarily the appeal could be approved.

John Modaff, a speech professor and member of the Academic Standards and Appeals Committee, said, deciding if students can come back or not is difficult. He said the quality of a person's appeal has a lot to do with the decision.

Dennis said that although this program does not make a student leave school immediately, a low GPA can affect students' financial aid, grants and scholarships because most have GPA requirements.

"Even though we allow some students to come back, they don't have the money to because they lost their aid," Dennis said.

Tonia Lewis, assistant director for graduate and undergraduate programs, said the number of students on probation has decreased this year. Only 302 students are on first-term probation, 290 are on second-term, 86 are suspended, and out of the 22-23 students who appealed their suspension, half were approved to return to MSU.

Abell said she thinks the probation process is beneficial to students because some do not plan well.

"It forces the students with needs to seek advising to be more prepared," Abell said. "Then their advisors can work with them about which classes they are taking."

Dennis said probation serves as an alert to the school to point out students who are having various problems or making wrong decisions.

"Then we can help them find resources on campus," Dennis said.



MSU archive photo

Senff Natatorium stands with no broken windows or no graffiti in the 1940s. The building

Natatorium

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"She would grab on and you had several abrasions and scratches after you got her. When I came out of that pool whenever I was done, I was wounded."

The rough experience didn't deter Chaney, he said. He successfully completed the course and credits Mack for his teaching methods.

"With Bill Mack, everything was cut and dry with swimming," Chaney said. "Back then the training was, get them however you can get them and get them in."

When Ellis attended Breckinridge Summer School

enrolling in summer school was swimming in the afternoon.

"I remember as a child, playing outside the pool and just waiting for it to open," Ellis said. "It was really a joyful time, a happy time, at Morehead."

The community also was heavily involved with the Natatorium and community members could purchase semester swimming passes for \$1.

Locals would dodge the night watchman and break in at night, too, Ellis said. According to Ellis' book a

crank open the window enough for someone to squeeze into the building.

Ellis writes, "On one occasion, one boy dived from the side of the pool in the darkness, and the water level had been lowered considerably. After that, anyone breaking in after hours made sure there was always enough water in the pool before diving in."

Ellis said this week that while Senff Natatorium served many purposes during its prime, perhaps it is time to let the past go.

"A lot of people learned to swim there." Ellis said. "But

soon will be removed from campus because renovations were deemed too costly.

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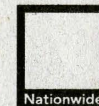
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Lots of memories made at Sneff Natatorium

Let all acquaintance be forgot and days of Auld Lang Syne. We sing these words whenever a year comes to a close. But what can be said of a beloved building that is being demolished? The acquaintances and memories made and the events that took place there are all priceless.

One of my favorite time periods in history is the 1930s. The fashions and the dances that came from the era fascinate me. So does the history of the Sneff Natatorium. After writing the article on its demolition, I feel kind of sad about it. However, I do understand the reasons behind the demolition of the building. As I

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sat in my interview with Dr. Jack Ellis as he told the story about the building, I felt as though I stepped back in time.

Sure the building is known for being a public pool but what some do not know is how widely it was used. According to Ellis's book, the Natatorium was a place where a winter water carnival

was held as a social, therapeutic and fund raising event. The fund raising was done for curing the "winter blues." Also an election of a queen and king was held in the building. When one entered the building there were booths and barkers present to create a carnival atmosphere.

Then there were the naked navy swimmers. Yes, I did write naked navy swimmers. As historians know, the 1930s were a time period where the United State participated in WW II. One of the requirements for naval officers to complete their training was to take certain swimming classes. These classes involved lessons, which involved endurance exercises. In

order to complete these exercises the officers had to swim in the nude.

In the rear of the building, windows were left open to ventilate the building. Ellis' book stated there was a worn path behind the pool where girls would peek in at the nude swimmers. There were local boys who knew the building so well that they could break into it without anyone seeing.

The purpose of this column is not to run down the university for its decision. I understand that the building was old and unsafe. I also understand that there was not an appropriate reuse for the building. I thought people should know a bit of history behind the building.

MSU: Decision to demolish building not 'quick' and 'easy'

MSU release

The west campus skyline is changing this week at Morehead State University with the final phase of the demolition of Senff Natatorium, the University's indoor swimming pool opened in 1933 and closed in 1988.

"The decision to raze the natatorium was not made quickly or easily," said MSU President Wayne D. Andrews.

"This matter was under consideration when I arrived three years ago. Numerous efforts have been made over the last 20 years to seek funding from public and private sources to restore the facility and adapt it for another use. Sadly, nothing materialized and the building continued to deteriorate to the point of becoming unstable and a health hazard."

He continued:

"After consulting with the Kentucky Heritage Council and other architects, we decided that our only reasonable course of action was to remove the building and use the land to help preserve a historically more significant structure, Button Auditorium."

But Senff Natatorium will not be forgotten at MSU because the building's primary exterior architectural feature, the frieze (low relief sculpture) on the south façade, was removed for eventual display in the aquatics area of the planned student recreation center.

The sculpture features two swimmers surrounding this text: "This swimming pool is dedicated to the ideal of a clean and vigorous youth." It consists of 30 sections of limestone.

"The stone sculpture will be carefully restored to preserve its historical value," Dr. Andrews added. "We also will erect a campus historical marker at the original site." He noted that the building's principal indoor feature, mosaic tile used in the pool area, could not be salvaged due to damage resulting from building subsidence and vandalism.

Senff Natatorium was among eight "contributing" buildings in MSU's National Historic District. The building itself was not listed as a separate historical structure.

Access to the building was significantly reduced two years ago with the rerouting of traffic behind the Combs Building to eliminate hazards to pedestrians and vehicles.

The land occupied by the natatorium will be converted to green space and held in reserve for the planned restoration



This historic, dedicatory inscription on the façade of Senff Natatorium will be displayed in the aquatics area of Morehead State University's proposed student recreation center. The frieze (low relief sculpture) was removed before the old swimming pool structure was demolished. It consists of 30 pieces of sculpted limestone. (MSU photo)

Inset: The frieze is removed last month. (MSU photo)

Senff pool building demolished at MSU

By VANESSA OVERHOLSER

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Some say it's a sad thing that the Senff pool building is being demolished. Some say it served its purpose. Like all good things, the life of the Senff Natatorium must come to an end.

Jack Ellis is a retiree of Morehead State University's (MSU) Camden-Carroll Library. Ellis is also a local historian in Morehead who has personal memories and ties to the Senff pool building. He is one who believes the building has served its time.

"I'm trying to be a practical historian. I don't see a use for an old swimming pool if there is a new one," Ellis said. "It has served its purpose. We do have a new pool. It's a state of the art pool . . . even though it leaks. So they tell me."

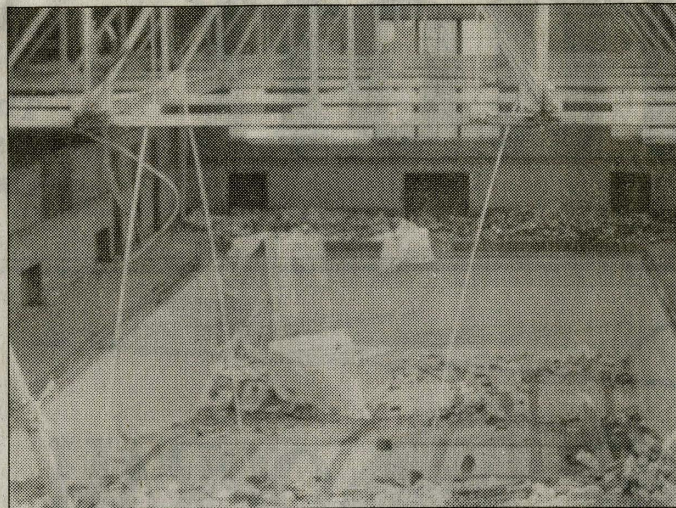
Ellis said, "The old pool never leaked a drop."

He said the pool has been closed for 30 years. He stated nobody seemed to miss it. He added he thought many probably never noticed the building or even entered it.

He said he would rather see them not use it and tear it down rather than using it as a museum. Ellis isn't sure how it could be used as a museum.

The building was located behind the university president's home across from Adron Doran University Center (ADUC).

"The Senff Natatorium was built by my wife's uncle Jess Boggess," Ellis said.



Vanessa Overholser photo
The Solid Rock Construction Company from West Portsmouth, Ohio is taking down the building. Special sections of it will be kept in memory of the structure.

The building was first envisioned in April 1932, according to Ellis. He said MSU President John Payne had full support of the board of regents on his idea for the building. Payne and his colleagues hired an architectural firm Joseph and Joseph to design the blue prints for the building. The board of regents put the idea to a vote in favor of constructing the facility.

Ellis added, "The Morehead Lumber Company had the contract to work on it. William H. Rice was the on-campus engineer who was in charge. He was the engineer for 50 years."

Ellis said the project was a cooperative venture. He said Morehead Lumber Company wanted to get more people to work. He added that United States President Franklin D. Roosevelt had a charter to build things.

According to Ellis, structures the government sponsored had to be of historical, cultural, educa-

tional and long-lasting value. The project was under a federal program entitled Works Projects Administration or WPA.

"Labor was intensive. The powered equipment was crude then. The equipment that was used were rugged steam shovels," Ellis said. "The Natatorium was built with mules and scoops. No power equipment to dig for the basement and the foundation."

Construction for the building took about a year to complete. It was June 22, 1933 when the Natatorium was completed. Many have described the building as being "state of the art" and "most beautiful of the swimming pools in the South." The architectural design was of the Norman period, chosen to match other buildings on campus.

"The Natatorium was dedicated to the ideal of a clean and vigorous youth," Ellis said. It was this ideal that inspired the inscription on the cemented



Vanessa Overholser photo
Morehead State University's historical pool building is in the process of being torn down. The building was established in 1933 and it was used until 1988. The Solid Rock Construction Company, West Portsmouth, Ohio is working on the demolition of the old building. This disassembly began Dec. 27 and the process is expected to be completed within two weeks.

section above the entrance to the brick building. Ellis shared some childhood memories of the building.

"When we were growing up, Breckenridge was a 12-grade elementary school to train teachers." He said, "The school was established in 1931 to 1981. Back then, student teachers were called practice teachers. These practice teachers would come to our classes to observe them."

"As a requirement to go to the school you had to attend summer school," he said.

Everyday when classes were over students were allowed to buy a swimming ticket for \$1 to go

swimming in the Natatorium.

"It was a big deal back then. Everybody was so enthusiastic about it," Ellis said. "Everybody in the community could come in and use it."

Billy Withrow is a foreman of the Solid Rock Construction Company from West Portsmouth, Ohio. He said the building needed to be torn down.

"It cost more to refurbish it then to demolish it. It was a beautiful facility," Withrow said.

Richard Patrick is an Information Technology Consultant at MSU. He had fond memories of being a kid and swimming in the pool, he said.

"I wish they could re-

furbish it. Especially with it being a historical landmark," Patrick said.

"It's sad to see it go. We used to go swimming in it every summer. I graduated in 1972. Breck students were able to swim in it everyday. It was a great pool. I liked it better than the new one," Patrick said.

"It was a treat to walk to the Breck after P.E. class. We would go swimming and when we would walk back to Breck our hair would freeze," Patrick said.

The demolition process started last week. The process is to be complete within two weeks of the starting date.

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Regents. (Natatorium refers to an indoor swimming pool.) Etched in stone at the peak of the front of the building are these words "This swimming pool is dedicated to the ideal of a clean and vigorous youth." Those words were written by MSTC's eminent English Professor Emmitt Bradley, and formed the function for the future for that stately old building.

College Board of Regents Approved Pool Plans

The College Board of Regents had discussed the possibility of constructing a swimming pool on campus for several years. However, there was never enough money available and it was always delayed. But in April 1932, President John Howard Payne, with the support of the Board of Regents, commissioned the Louisville architectural firm of Joseph and Joseph to design plans for an indoor swimming pool.

Plans were first submitted to build the swimming pool in the basement of Button Auditorium where the auxiliary gym was located. Those plans were reject-

ed. Later plans were submitted and accepted by the Board to build the pool on Battson Avenue, and connected it to Button Auditorium via a tunnel (that was the way we used to enter the swimming pool). Construction began in September 1932, under the direction of local contractor, Jesse L. Boggess, and College Superintendent of building and Grounds, William H. Rice. Mr. Boggess was a prominent local builder, (this writer's wife's uncle) who also built the President's home, power plant building, Morehead City Hall, and the old Peoples Bank building on First Street, plus many fine homes in Morehead. Mr. Rice was Superintendent of Build-

ings and Grounds at MSTC for 40 years.

Local Contractor Jesse Boggess Used Local Labor

Mr. Boggess, taking advantage of the areas large unemployment rate, elected to go with local labor. He also refused to use power equipment which made the construction "very labor intensive," which was his purpose. Manpower and mule power were the primary power sources for the construction. Men who operated scoops pulled by mules dug the hole, and shaped the earth. Wagons pulled by mules driven by local teamsters (literally, but not union) transported building supplies from the rail head to the building site. But it was a labor of love. The men appreciated to opportunity to work, when jobs were scarce, and therefore did quality work. Although crude construction methods were used, the swimming pool has never leaked a drop to this very day. However, the new Russell McClure Pool does seem to have a small leak.

The beautiful Senff Natatorium was built almost entirely by local labor and craftsmen. The exception was the tile work around and in the pool. The tile was installed by the Kena-Rosa Company of Louisville, under the supervision of Mr. J. Thurman. It was recognized as some of the most artistically, and practically designed tile work in the South. Also, it was designed to be "a thing of beauty, and a joy forever."

Swimming Pool Roof Contained Many Skylights

Another unique feature of the pool was that the roof contained a large portion of glass skylights. These skylights could be opened and closed manually via pulleys and chains. This permitted the intense excess humidity, common to most indoor pools, to escape through the roof. Also the glass roof permitted natural sunlight to illuminate and help heat the pool, thereby saving on electricity. (This would have been impossible had the pool been built under Button Auditorium.)

Construction Saved Giant Oak Tree From Destruction

When the pool was constructed attention was paid to conser-

the College on June 22, 1933. The pool was 90 feet long and 30 feet wide, with a depth of from 3 feet to 9 feet. The chlorinating system was designed to pump 100 percent of the water content of the pool through the system each day, thereby assuring a purer water quality.

Upon Completion, Students "Plunged" Into Classes.

Soon aquatic performances, swimming classes, teams and swim meets were organized for intercollegiate competition. Coach Len Miller was appointed men's coach and Miss Louise Caudill was appointed women's coach. (Mr. Clrell Porter was employed as caretaker of the new facility.) Soon the Daughters of Poseidon and the Acquamen was organized. These were college students with a special interest in water sports. They believed in themselves and became very competitive in intercollegiate aquatic sports. The late Miss Louise Caudill was a successful teacher and swimming coach long before she went on to become our beloved Dr. Louise, caretaker of local community health.

Winter Water Carnival Organized In New Pool

The Senff Natatorium was a heavily used facility year round. Many local students, and many local citizens, utilized the pool. To be able to swim in the middle of winter made the winter go faster, and helped reduce the winter doldrums that affected many Moreheadians. (Since no one went to Florida in those days.) Although no one in Morehead realized it, they were afflicted with Seasonal Affective Disorder (S.A.D.) This is a malady marked by depression supposedly caused by lack of sunlight.)

Therefore, a new use was made of the new swimming pool in an attempt to help students and residents overcome that disorder, when on March 1, 1934, the first Winter Carnival was organized on campus. It was a social recreational, therapeutic, and fund raising event to help raise money for the Raconteur. The first year there were swimming and diving exhibitions. Also, there was a choreographed water ballet presented by the Daughters of Poseidon. It was

Crowning The King And Queen Was A Royal Affair

At 9 p.m. came the drum roll in the background. An eerie hush came immediately over the crowd. The King and Queen of the Carnival were announced amid loud whistling and stamping of feet. The Queen was . . . Beryl Motley; the King was local resident, Roger Caudill. The royal couple was crowned in one of the most elaborate ceremonies this side of the Atlantic. After, the King and Queen danced one together, the crowd danced until midnight, before the curfew rang. Everyone seemed to have fun, a lot of money was made for the raconteur, and another Morehead Winter Carnival was history.

By 1940, Morehead College's winter Carnival became a water carnival again. Therefore, it was returned to its original site which was in the new swimming pool. Since it had moved away from the water to the Gymnasium, it had become very commercial. Therefore, believing that

there were too many hurt feeling, too much commercialism, and too much energy spent in the wrong direction, the winter carnival became the new Water Carnival.

Bathing Queen Selected

In 1940, a bathing queen was selected at the Water Carnival. The bathing beauty contestants had to do more than just parade around the pool in a bathing suit. They were required to participate in swimming, diving, or water ballet. Also, they were required to have good posture and figure. Every girl on campus was eligible to compete. They could represent their hometown, campus club, dormitory, or other organization. Morehead College had entered the age of the Bathing Beauty Contest.

On March 15, 1940 the first "bathing queen" was selected at Morehead College from among several lovely applicants. Admission to the affair was 25 cents, and each person received a ballot and was entitled to vote on their choice. The contestants were: Matty Center, Pauline Butcher, Isabel Pritchard, Jo Pack, Ruth Johnson, Margaret Horacek, Mary Crain, Martha Lewis, Thelma Strong and

drenched Mr. Wicherz, the Master of Ceremonies. (What if this tradition had continued to the Miss America contests and Bert Parks would have been drenched upon announcing the winner. That would have been better than the football tradition of drenching the swimming football coach with Gatorade.) However, the winter carnival was dropped during WW II, as a different tradition was established in the swimming pool.

New Tradition Swimming Without Suits

When the Navy trained electricians at Morehead College during W.W. II, they were required to attain certain swimming and endurance skills before completing their training. They swam without bathing suits. Many times the translucent windows in the rear of the pool were cranked open for ventilation. That provided passers by a clear view from outside. There was a well worn path behind the swimming pool where the girls strolled while the sailor's swam.

Local Boys Slipped Into Swimming Pool After Hours

Many of the local boys had a way of breaking into the swimming pool after hours. Usually a lower level window was left open enough to reach in and crank the window open enough for one boy to squeeze into the building. Then he would open a back door and let the others in. Swimming and diving had to be done quietly in the dark so as not to attract Lee Cochran, the Campus Night Watchman. (Lee's claim to fame was that the President ran the college during the day - but he ran it at night.) Some of the most daring divers would climb out on the overhead steel beams and dive into the 9 foot depth below. (Always making sure the pool had not been drained.) Paul J. Reynolds told me that on one occasion one boy dived from the side of the pool in the darkness, and the water level had been lowered considerably. After that anyone breaking in after hours made sure there was always enough water in the pool before diving in.



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Beryl Motley, a sophomore student from West Liberty, was elected queen of the 1937 Morehead Winter Carnival.

began. However, Mr. Boggess and Mr. Haggan, (Professor of Agriculture) devised a way to save the tree. Mr. Boggess built a large semi-circular concrete wall, making a well half way around the roots, thereby saving the tree. (Although the tree is now gone, the wall still stands.) The tree stood for another 50 years and countless Breck Students climbed that tree while awaiting the pool to open on summer afternoons.

Construction was completed and the building turned over to

(This was Morehead's answer to the Mardi Gras). The queen of the first Winter Carnival was Ruth McKenzie from West Liberty. (A vote on your choice for Queen cost you 1 cent per vote, the election of a king did not come until later.)

Winter Carnival King and Queen Elected

The winter carnival grew in interest and participation each year. In addition to the usual aquatic events, they began electing both a King and Queen. In 1937, the nominees for Queen were Beryl Motley, and Linda Eaton. Nominees for King were Roger Caudill, and Ruby Smith. The contest became heated, a rally and debate was held. Banners, parades, and caucuses, made the campus a beehive of political maneuvering. Also, since a local man was nominated for King, the community also became involved.

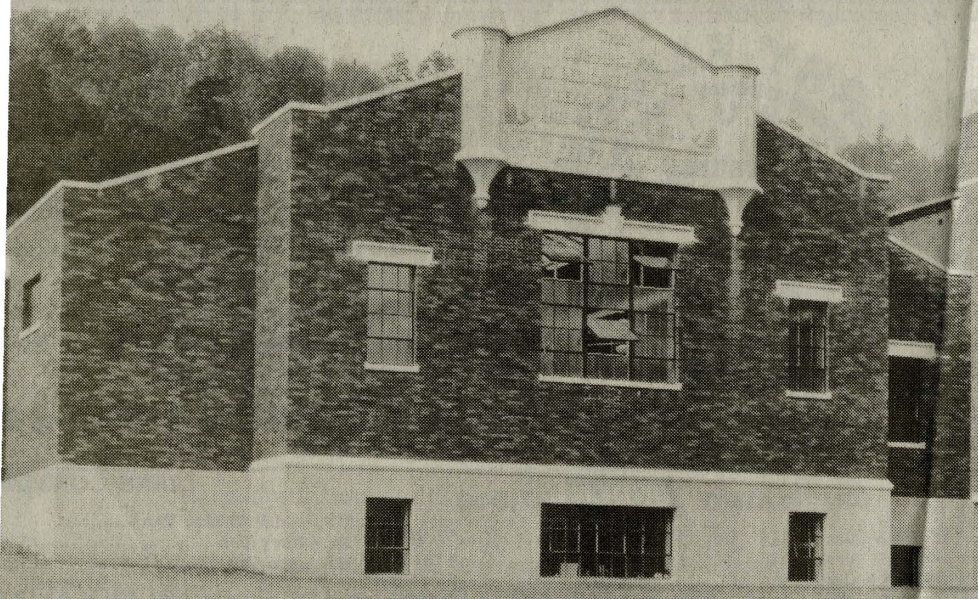
Mardi Gras Atmosphere Promoted

Finally, on Saturday, Feb. 20, the doors opened into the beautifully decorated Gymnasium reflecting the carnival spirit. That year there were booths, and barkers reflecting a carnival atmosphere. Such shouts as "hurry, hurry, come closer, see the spider woman!" "For one dime, see the colossal, stupendous, gigantic giant for one thin dime." Also, fortune tellers, food, bingo, and "chuck a luck" was available for a price. Then the carnival atmosphere changed to quiet anticipation when it came time to announce the king and queen.

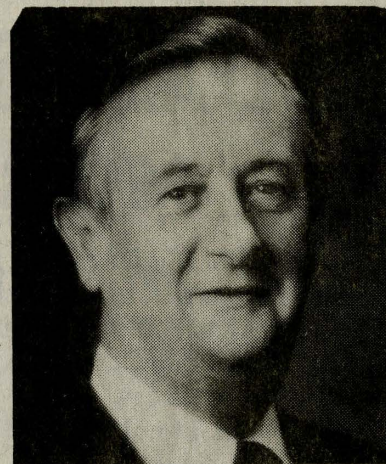
tion of swimming, diving, and choreographed water ballet. The water ballet was under the direction of Miss Louise Caudill in which the beautiful mermaids suddenly burst into full bloom from under the water. Arms and legs formed intricate designs of petals and flowers climaxed by a large M in the water. The Acquamen coached by Mr. Downing consisted of Chuck Morris, Stan Rodjunas, E. Bell, Joe Jackson, and E. Vanderpool. These young men performed diving exhibitions and speed swimming much the delight of the crowd, while the mermaids prepared for the final phase of the bathing beauty contest. The final phase included the traditional walk around the pool in their bathing suits accompanied by music, provided by J.N. Minish and E. Maynard. Ed Weicherz served as master of ceremonies. There was no interview or evening gown competition.

The time came to announce the results of the vote, accompanied by the traditional drum roll. The winner was local beauty Gladys Allen. Thelma Strong from Jackson was first runner up, and Gladys Lewis from Ashland, second runner up. While the crowd seemed pleased with the vote (I'm sure Gladys Allen had a lot of supporters there since she was a native of Morehead). Many of the Acquamen were unhappy. They were still in the water when the vote was announced and they immediately started a water fight that

closed after the new Russell McClure Pool opened in the Morehead State University Athletic Complex. The new pool is beautiful, and much more functional. However, to the thousands of Breckinridge children who learned to swim, dive, and water fight in the old pool, it remains a very special memory. Also, to those countless college students who perfected their swimming and diving techniques, it also is a special memory. All of those swimmers were also getting great aerobic exercise and didn't know it. Their lives were richer, happier and healthier as a result.



swimming pool on the campus of Morehead State University. It was 1934, and was closed 50 years later, in 1984.




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