

Two New Students From Puerto Rico and China Give Impressions of Meredith

Remember the big thrill we all got last year when *Good Housekeeping* listed Meredith as one of the fifty best small colleges of the South? You'll get an even bigger thrill if you ask Flor de Maria Munoz why she chose Meredith. Believe it or not, her aunt in Columbia University saw that article and wrote about it to Flor de Maria, then in school at The Lady of the Lake College in San Antonio, Texas.

Flor de Maria wanted to attend a college where she could speak English all of the time. She almost didn't get to come to Meredith, though. First of all, her mother was afraid that Flor would get homesick; then she caught flu and could not enter for the fall semester. Last and most terrifying of the obstructions, she almost missed the train in Richmond.

Flor de Maria was fortunate to have a mother who broke away from many of the traditions concerning boy-girl relationships which still are held in Puerto Rico. Times are changing in Puerto Rico now, however, and girls are given more freedom. Her pleasant disposition will prevent her from being lonely away from home and her steady boyfriend, an engineering student in Puerto Rico.

She likes college life so far, even though the food is not hot and spicy, "like a rhumba," that she is used to.

The other student from abroad enrolled here for the spring semester for the first time is Theresa Wong, who prefers to be called by her Chinese name, Junlin. She has the difficult problem of trying to decide whether to keep the Chinese customs or adopt new American ones.

Born in Hongkong, China, Junlin is twenty-one years old by American calculations. The Chinese babies are a year old on the day that they are born, and are two years old on the Chinese New Year, even though they may actually be only a few months old. This difference is still very confusing, for Junlin will be a year older on February 17, today, which is the Chinese New Year's Day, even though she doesn't celebrate her birthday until next July.

TWO FINAL SESSIONS

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Hutchins has rebelled against the United States plan of education which he says is only imparting facts. His battle has been one against the fact gatherers. In Hutchins' plan, the student learns as he pleases, takes general tests, and then specializes.

Hutchins has had to fight for his New Plan in education. An article in *Fortune* '47 says, "Many educators are coming to think him at least partially right." Though he has many unfavorable critics, Robert Hutchins stands today as a pioneer in the field of education.

Past speakers this year at the Institute of Religion have been David Bradley, author of *No Place to Hide*; Ralph J. Bunche, Director, Department of Trusteeship, The United Nations; Max Lerner, author, editor, and social philosopher; and Dorothy Fosdick, a member of the Policy Planning Stall, Department of State.

EIGHT SPEAKERS

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Wednesday evening a campus-wide party will be held in Astro Hall at 9 P.M., and there will be no informal discussion on that night.

The chapel service on Monday will be led by Dr. Glenn Blackburn, on "What Is Religion." Mr. Richard Young will lead the evening discussion on "Love or Perish," and the "Pause for Power" the first day will be led by Mrs. J. Winston Pearce.

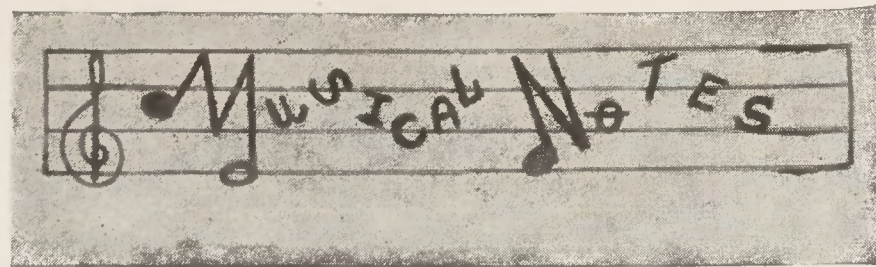
"Christ, the World's Alternative" will be discussed by Mr. Maxie Collins in chapel on Tuesday. Later at the afternoon devotional Miss Emily Lansdell will be the speaker, and on Tuesday night Dr. Blackburn will speak on "Some Fears That Keep Us From Being Christian."

At the Wednesday chapel service Rev. E. T. Clarke will speak on "The Christian's Secret of a Happy Life" and Jimmy Ray will lead the "Pause for Power." That evening Mrs. Pearce's topic will be "The Stars Also."

"Milestones for Measuring Spiritual Growth" will be discussed by Jimmy Ray on Thursday at the morning service, and Richard Young will lead the afternoon devotional. Dr. Poteat will speak on "The Christian Movement in the World Today" at the evening service.

Miss Emily Lansdell, a foreign missionary, will speak on Friday morning on "Christians and Reality in World Relations." Mr. Collins will lead the "Pause for Power" and Rev. Clarke will lead the final evening service on Friday on "Touching Reality."

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By JOANNE MASON

Mr. Stuart Pratt, pianist, was presented by the music department of Meredith in concert on Wednesday evening, February 8. Mr. Pratt, head of the piano department, was heard in the second of a series of faculty recitals to be given during the year.

Mr. Pratt's program, presented in the new auditorium, included the following selections:

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- Concerto in C minor..... Bach-Petri
- Three Menuets..... Bach-Petri
- Sonata, Op. 57 (Appassionata)..... Beethoven
- Allegro assai
- Andante con moto
- Allegro ma non troppo
- II
- Two Sarabandes, Op. posth..... Brahms
- Rhapsodie in B minor..... Brahms
- Op. 79, No. 1..... Brahms
- III
- Gnomenreigen..... Liszt
- Berceuse..... Chopin
- Hommage a S. Pickwick, Esq. P.M.P.C..... Debussy
- The Great Gate of Kiev..... Moussorgsky

67 STUDENTS' NAMES

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Elaine Saunders, Jo Snow, Beulah Venetia Stallings, Janet Stallings, Jerry Staton, Martha

Stough, Janet Tatum, Jean Taylor, Patsy Ruth Upchurch, Nancy Walker, Claudine Watson, Jean White, Chris Williamson, Bertha Wilson, Evelyn Wilson, and Jean Wrenn.

COMMITTEE OF 150

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ner. Arrangements are in charge of Mary Bland Josey, together with Mrs. Egerton.

Focus Weeks are held every other year at Meredith, with plans made by these committees, totaling 150 students. Teams of eight leaders participate in a Focus Week; a Religious Emphasis Week in the years between features one speaker.

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