

BEHIND THE FOOTLIGHTS

By MICKY BOWEN

The first play of the season produced by the Raleigh Little Theatre was not, by all signs, so well received on this college campus. This is the first time to our knowledge that Ainslie Pryor and company have been subjected to any extent of adverse criticism. Perhaps, however, the fault lay in the play-selecting committee of the civic organization, and not with the director, since most of the objection was to the script instead of about the production as a whole.

The acting and staging for the production was up to the high standard maintained by this group, but the play itself seems to have fallen short. The offering, as you know, was Moss Hart's "Light Up the Sky," a very shallow little drama on back-stage life which concerned itself almost completely with unrealistic characters. Perhaps this is a case in point in the old query of which is the more important—the script or the actors. We're happy to note that "Tobacco Road" has been removed from the list of future productions, because we feel that the reaction to such a play would be identical with this first; two such plays in one season would contribute greatly to a reputation for that kind of choice in plays.

We at Meredith are fortunate in having another chance to view the finished plays from the Barter Theatre of Virginia. The company is bringing their fall tour to Pullen Hall on the campus of State College on November 18, presenting Shakespeare's "Comedy of Errors." The theatre will have a fine week-end around Raleigh, since the Meredith Little Theatre is scheduling its fall production of "Good-bye, My Fancy" for Thursday and Friday, November 16 and 17. The productions were moved back one night to give Meredith students and townspeople ample opportunity to take in both plays.

If you've been to the library lately, (and who hasn't) and have heard people tramping around overhead, making loud noises, rest assured that the noise is coming from the rehearsals nightly for the above-mentioned fall production. Rehearsals are progressing rapidly, although most of the cast is losing an average of forty pounds a day. We're having it easy, however, compared with the girls who are working, or should I say hammering, on the set. I frankly think we should put in some sort of vocational course in college, since we can boast of so much talent in carpentry and such.

HYPNOTISM SHOWN FOR PSI CHI CLUB MEMBERS

Don't let anybody tell you that Marjorie Joyner can't count! She proved it at the October 26 meeting of the Psi Chi club by counting the squares drawn on the blackboard. Marjorie and June Short were guinea pigs for Dr. Corder, State College psychology professor, when he demonstrated the powers of hypnotism.

After putting the two girls into hypnotic sleep, Dr. Corder drew eight squares on the blackboard, placing crosses in two of them. He then instructed Marjorie to count the squares, telling her that she could not see those containing crosses. "One, two, three, four, five, six," she slowly counted. Everybody knows Marjorie can count at least to ten—or can she?

When Dr. Corder told June that her hand was freezing, she immediately began chafing it as if to warm it; she shrank from his touch as if afraid he would burn her when he told her his finger was a lighted cigarette.

Every girl at the meeting had a taste of this phenomenon in a mild stage when Dr. Corder exercised mass hypnotism.

B. S. U. CONVENTION

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Together with State College and Shaw University, the Meredith B.S.U. is serving as host to the convention delegates, and girls from the college organization are serving on various committees.

The registration and home assignment committee is composed of Carolyn Massey, Betty Jo Smith, Mary Evelyn Brown, Evelyn Wilson, Sarah Coxe, Jean Dula, and Elaine Saunders, working with Miss Billie Ruth Currin. Some of the heavy load of registration has already been relieved with an early registration at Meredith on October 26 and 27.

Twenty other Meredith students are helping serve meals at the church tomorrow at noon and again at night. Many out-of-town students will also be accommodated at Meredith for the weekend.

College personalities taking part on the convention program from Meredith are Elaine Saunders, Evelyn Wilson, and Carolyn Massey, who are appearing on student panels within the discussion groups. Marjorie Joyner is one of three students participating in "Crystallizing Convention Emphasis."

TAKE A LOOK AT CITY OF RALEIGH

By LeGRACE GUPTON

Let's take a look at Raleigh. That's the unusually well-rounded college town in which Meredith is situated. Why is it interesting to so many different types of people?

The politician sees in it the capital of the most progressive southern state, stamping ground of assembly-men and lobbyists, and heavy voting area.

The educator is impressed with its seven colleges in excellent standing-throughout the nation, and its expanding public school system.

The shopper is pleased with the up-to-date stores in several business districts.

The researcher is helped by libraries and archives in several state buildings and by two public libraries.

On the other hand, apartment seekers often find what they are looking for at Dix Hill, and welfare workers have more to do than is possible. Automobile insurers get gray over the high accident rate.

But what is there to interest you, the student? We here at Meredith have been more fortunate than the great number of girls tucked away in mountain retreats accessible only by helicopter or pack mule. This town is infested, overrun, surrounded by three varieties of Joe College, and it doesn't overwork the Pied Piper getting them to go your way. Right down the street, not too many blocks away, is State College of the many fraternities and Cowliseum. The latter is important for basketball games, ice skating, dances and Farm and Home Week. You are already familiar with the activities of the former.

From out of the west ride (if they can bum one) the young Lochinvars of Chapel College—the boys with the light blue sweaters and rebel flags. This is only a fairly safe bet, however, because of the large number of predatory females who by virtue of being enrolled there get dibs on whatever shows up in the bear traps. The score is accordingly higher if you can land one of this variety. Then, sixteen miles to the northeast is our fellow Baptist institution, by whose courtesy we have our water tower decorated and our parlor enhanced with angel statues.

Say no more. The moral of the story is: Make hay while the sun shines.



PHIDO SAYINGS

P-H-I Team! P-H-I V-I-C-T-O-R-Y

Cheered on by an excited group, the Phi hockey team charged through the defensive line of the Astros for a 2-1 victory on Friday, October 27, at 5 p.m. The good defensive playing, which prevailed throughout the entire game, failed to keep the Astros from making their single goal midway of the first half. However, the Astro players, slightly confused by the similarity of the left and right inners played by the McRackan twins, allowed the first Phi point, for which Rebecca McRackan was responsible, to get past "Salty" Salter near the end of a hard-fought first half. During the shortened second half, in which a new and easier-seen white ball was used, Faye Nichols made the winning goal, which set off a loud cheer by Phi members.

The defensive line-up was led by Sue Fitzgerald, Center Halfback; Kitty Barbehenn, Left Halfback; Betty Yates, Right Halfback; Sally Massey, Goalie; Bonny Morgan, Left Fullback; Joyce Covington, Right Fullback; and Jean Dula who played Right Fullback during the second half. Offensive players were Rebecca and Catherine McRackan, Right and Left Inners; Jean Pace, Right Wing; Kitten James, Left Wing; Faye Nichols, Center Forward; and Joyce Cov- (Continued on page five)



STAR GAZINGS

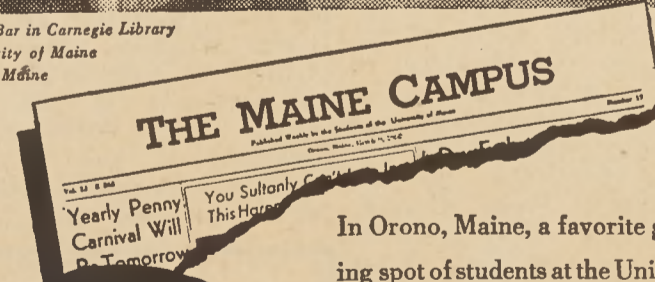
Interest is high among the Astros this year. A committee of upperclassmen have done much serious thinking about ways to promote the society, and plans are now under discussion for the compiling and printing of an Astro handbook, which will contain the name, home town, and class of every member of the society. Just think how valuable this little booklet will be, both at college and in the years after graduation. When a former classmate becomes renowned for her music, writing, or painting, all one will need to do to refresh memories of college days together will be to bring out the Astro handbook!

Another committee, headed by Charleen Swanzy and Barney Schettler, has been appointed to manage the social side of the society. The first item on their party agenda is a big hayride for old and new members and their dates, which is scheduled for tonight. This snappy fall weather is just right for this type of fun, and that, along with the fact that boys are also invited, has led the food committee to believe that every Astro will be present, so pull out your jeans and be on time.

Item number two on this party list is another one of those wonderful spaghetti suppers, for girls only. It is to be held in the Hut, at a date to be announced later. Parties such as this provide wonderful opportunities to (Continued on page five)



Snack Bar in Carnegie Library University of Maine Orono, Maine



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