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## Seniors Prepare for Graduation

Graduation exercises get underway on Saturday, June 2, 1956, as the alumnae arrive for Alumnae Day. The day will consist of a business meeting at 11:00 a.m., and an alumnae luncheon at 1:00 p.m. with guest speaker, Mr. William H. Neal. This day will be a happy one as old friends pick up where they left off, and renew old acquaintances. The luncheon will be followed with the Senior Exercises at 4:30 p.m. The day will be completed with the Choral Club Commencement Concert at 8:15 p.m. that night.

On Sunday, June 3, 1956, Dr. Albert G. Edwards will preach the Baccalaureate sermon at 11:00 a.m., and at 7:30 p.m., Dr. Gwynn will speak at Senior Vespers. Evelyn Taylor is in charge of Senior Vespers, and there will be a communion service with the fathers of the seniors serving the communion supper.

On Monday, June 4, 1956, Commencement Exercises will be held in the auditorium at 10:30 a.m. followed by the lowering of the class colors which will be given by senior class president, Bonnie Bunn to Barbara Ann Arrington, president of the rising senior class,



The seniors are eagerly preparing for graduation. Above Helma Jean Thomas, Bonnie Bunn, Lizzie Biberstein, and Caroline Goodman fit caps and gowns and address invitations.

on the front campus. Graduation exercises will end with the singing of the college friendship song led by the now graduated seniors around the flower bed on the front campus.

### Societies Sponsor Seniors Take-Offs

After a day of slipping familiar clothes from the senior's closets and going through an extra practice of different accents and personalities, the annual program of imitating the seniors was given May 21 in the auditorium. The program was sponsored by the two societies and planned by Vivian Morrison and Helen Maness. The well-attended program was presented in four scenes—hall, library, dining hall, and also a student body meeting. Those taking part on the program were: Phyllis Barnette, a visiting FMC alumna; Hazel McLean, Mary McLean; Jean Quinn, Julia Naugle; Thelma Bender, Gladys McCain; Ann Jackson, Harriet McAuley; Cynthia West, Sallie Monroe; Katherine Smith, Dottie Morris; Betty Bridgers, Anne Medlin; Jean McRae, Shirley Kiger; Ruth Evelyn Topplag, Mary Ruth Matze.

Nancy Ritter, June Jarrett; Sara Christy, Alese Hudson; Sara Hatcher, Betty Jo Hatcher; Joanne Ross, Betsy Graham; Sarah Goodman, Caroline Goodman; Macel Cox, Gwen Fassel; Anne Turner, Pat Farmer; Doris Ghilchrist, Mildred Drum-beller; "Mac" Calhoun, Eva Gray Davis; Sara Wells, Bar-

ara Cockrell; Julia Gibbs, Pat Clark; Martha Carter, Katherine Carter; Peggy McPhail, Bonnie Bunn.

Jean Sessoms, Faye Buck, Peggy Graham, Mary Archie Brown; Mattie Ruth Godwin, Elizabeth Biberstein, Ann Hall, Hazel Bethea, Faye Graham, Mary Louise Nelson; Alese Harrison, Kitty Oliver; Sue Owens, Mickey Ozlin; Pat Smith, Pat Ritter; Lou Benton, Carolyn Robinson; Betty Ruth Jordan, Frances Shaw; Stella Hurst, Ann Stafford; Ruth Holder, Elmira Stanford

Lucy Richardson, Dee Stone Jean Flournoy, Evelyn Taylor; Gay Mothershed, Joyce Thigpen; Barbara Wingate, Shirley Thornton; Cloe Peters, Peggy Waldo; Carolyn Newcomer, Martha White; Margaret Cope, Anita Williamson; Beeky Williams, Emo Womeldorf; Lillian Lee, Edith Ann Byrd; Ella Mae West, Mary Jerger, and Shirley Evans, Ramona King.

### Coffee Honors Seniors

On Wednesday May 16 the seniors were guests at the regular Wednesday morning faculty coffee.

At this time the seniors mingled with the faculty and talked for about thirty minutes. The faculty members, Deans and members of the staff were present. This is an annual affair to honor the seniors and give them a chance to talk informally with the faculty. Coffee and cake was served very graciously by the hosts.

### Picnic Fever Invades F M C Campus

On Thursday May 17, 1956 the Home Economics Club went to the Barbecue Lodge in Fayetteville, N. C. for dinner.

They left between 4:30 and 5:00 p.m. and were served dinner at 5:30 p.m. After this they enjoyed a movie.

The Mathematical Honor Society held its picnic Thursday, May 17, 1956, at Lakewood. Supper was at 6:00 p.m. and included hamburgers with all the trimmings, drinks and ice cream.

There was also another picnic on Tuesday, May 22, 1956. The South Carolina Club served a hamburger supper out at the fireplace on the back campus.

### Exams Scheduled

### To Begin Next Week

Exam week is one of the most important events at Flossie Mac.

On reading day closed study will be observed by everyone from 9:00—12:00, 2:00—5:00, and 7:15—10:15. There is to be no dating or going to the movies. There will be unlimited lights throughout exams.

Call downs for violating these regulations will be given.

### Steppe Receives Traditional Painting

An artist, unknown to us, gave a painting to Helen Kirkpatrick in 1937. Every year since that time it has been handed down to a rising senior in the conservatory, who is felt to be most worthy of the honor.

The subject of the painting is a young man who seems to be in deep thought. It is difficult to determine his exact features due to the impressionistic style of painting. He has a prematurely gray streak over his forehead.

Each owner adds her own touch to the painting, signs her name and year of graduation on the back of the canvas, and then passes it on to the music student she considers outstanding.

Some of the past owners have been Frances Nassif, '50 Phyllis Dyer, '51, Elaine Pierce, '52, Nancy Hammond, '53, Nancy Gallop, '54, and Sarah Dudley, '55.

Sarah Dudley chose Julia Naugle, piano major, as the one most worthy of the picture. Julia has, after much thought, chosen Martha Steppe, Church Music Major, as the outstanding music student. Martha will carry out the tradition by keeping the painting in her room for the school year 1956-'57.

### Noise Denotes Going-Up Day

Going-up day was Thursday, May 24, 1956, at 1:45 p.m. Going up day is a time for everyone to make as much noise as they wish. They can yell, beat on pans, waste baskets, or anything that will make a loud noise. Going-up day is really a farewell for the seniors. Each class gathers around the rotunda and sings to the seniors and of course the seniors reply with a song. The seniors are in the dome, the juniors are at the fourth floor rotunda, the sophomores at third floor rotunda and the freshmen at second floor rotunda. As the seniors come down from the dome and pass the classes, the juniors move up to the dome as rising seniors, the sophomores move up to fourth floor men move up to third floor as rising sophomores. After the classes have moved up, the seniors go out front and sing the friendship song around the flower bed.

### FMC Student Awarded Danforth Scholarship

Each year college students from all over the United States put in their applications for the Danforth Scholarship. These students are selected from the college by the faculty. There is only one student from each school. The scholarships are awarded by the Danforth Foundation on the basis of the applicant's leadership and past activities.

For the past three years a Flora Macdonald girl has been awarded the Danforth Scholarship. In 1953 Sallie Ann Munroe received it; in 1954 Norma Pittard was awarded it, and last year Hazel McLean was the recipient of this award.

The girl receiving this award spends two weeks at a Leadership Training Conference for older girls at Camp Minawanka on Lake Michigan. The stress of this conference is on four-fold development — Religious, Mental, Physical and Social. There are programs presenting outstanding speakers. All expenses except transportation are paid by the Foundation.

This year Flora Macdonald will again be represented in this group of girls from all over the United States.

Our representative for this year is Vice-President of the W.F. Council, a member of the Choral Club, Classical Club, William Bartram Scientific Society and Associate Editor of the Skirl. She is on the Honor Roll, a Prayer Band Leader and was president of the freshman class.

To a very wonderful girl and a campus favorite we extend our congratulations to Jeanne Flournoy!