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Increased Enrollment Requires More Space

The total enrollment this year, 381 students, is thirty-nine more than last year's enrollment. Boarding student enrollment has increased from last year's 252 to 276 this year. Of the 276, thirty-three are transfers and eighty are freshmen. The 113 new boarding students are newcomers whom we heartily welcome in the dormitory life of the college.

The additional boarding students have necessitated providing space for new dormitory rooms. One

innovation has been the remodeling of the Vardell House, home of the late President Emeritus just off campus. One side of the house is being used as a dormitory, with a house mother, Mrs. Janet Decker, in residence. The large hall and other rooms are offices for the use of professors and college personnel.

On campus, the "Sewing Room", which was on Page Hall, the Student Store and Miss Cherry's

room, which were located on Fleming Hall, have all been converted into dormitory rooms.

Four students began the year rooming at the Home Management House, but these, as well as those staying in Vardell House, will be moving over to the Building as soon as arrangements can be made.

(Editor's note: We note as this goes to press that the Sewing Room is again the Sewing Room.)

Welcome To New Faculty

The Skirl would like to take this opportunity to welcome five new faculty members to the Flora Macdonald College Campus. The Skirl has talked with them and found them very pleasant, interesting and willing to help.

Mrs. Carroll Spivey, originally from Pennsylvania, is really no newcomer to Flora Macdonald. After graduation from the College Conservatory of Music of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio, she taught in the conservatory two years ago. Formerly Miss Ann Delaney, she is now the wife of Mr. Carroll Spivey and the mother of an eight months old son, Carroll Delaney Spivey. The Spiveys, who live in Scottish Heights, are an industrious family. Mr. Spivey teaches seventh grade in Parkton. Mrs. Spivey is a homemaker with an active son to care for. Besides being at home, she teaches piano and piano pedagogy at FMC. (In case you're wondering, that's teaching others how to teach piano!) The summer for the Spiveys was pleasant, including a trip to Pennsylvania, to show off Carroll DeLaney to his grandparents. Mrs. Spivey is fond of teaching as evidenced by her return to FMC. The Skirl welcomes Mrs. Spivey back and hopes the year will be a prosperous one.

Have you been to the Guidance

Center this fall and seen a new face? The name which accompanies the face is Mr. Harold Stephenson, the new Assistant Director of the Presbyterian Guidance Center. Mr. Stephenson, originally from Indiana, acquired his BA degree from Evansville College, Evansville, Indiana, and his MA degree in Terra Haute, Indiana, from Indiana State Teachers College. Although born in Indiana, Mr. Stephenson now claims Auburndale, Florida, as his home. Having taught school and worked in the guidance field, he prefers guidance counseling.

Mr. Stephenson, with his apartment mate, Mr. Pearce, lives on South Main Street. His hobby is reading, but he is also fond of being in that Florida sunshine. In his short stay here in Red Springs, Mr. Stephenson has been impressed with the great friendliness and helpfulness of the people. On the subject of the Flora Macdonald girls, he stated that they are "attractive, full of southern charm, and eager to get a good education." Young and nice looking, Mr. Stephenson has twice been mistaken for a student. He stated, jokingly, that he has thought of placing a sign around his neck with the words written on it: "I am a faculty member."

Mr. Stephenson brought out the

fact that the guidance center is here to help students. He wants to urge all students to have no hesitancy about coming over and talking about any problems — studies, vocational, or personal. The guidance center is here for you, and you are urged to take advantage of it.

The English department of FMC has been enriched with the addition of Dr. W. W. Powell. Dr. Powell, residing at present in Scottish Heights, is originally from Statesboro in southeast Georgia. He did his undergraduate work in his hometown at Georgia Teachers College. After having taught high school for a few years, he received his MA degree during summer work at Duke. A PHD degree seemed the next step, so he received a teaching fellowship to the University of North Carolina, where he taught freshmen English for one year. This was interrupted by World War II, during which Dr. Powell served three years in the south Pacific. After the war, he returned to Duke for two years of parttime teaching. Dr. Powell has held teaching positions at Salem, where he was active head of the English department; at Clemson, at Furman, and at Appalachian. Also this past summer he taught both terms of summer school at Appa-

Consolidated College

Question: Do you still plan to open in September 1960?

Answer: The board of Trustees has told us emphatically that some buildings will be ready in the fall of 1960. They are hoping that the academic building, the student union (dining room) and four dormitories will be ready. What type of operation will be conducted in the fall of 1960 waits to be seen.

Question: What is the expected enrollment at opening?

Answer: The enrollment at the beginning shall be 600 boarding students and 200 day students. The plans are to move rapidly toward a boarding enrollment of 1,000, with an ultimate enrollment of 2,000.

Question: What progress has been made in actual construction of buildings?

Answer: Plans call for letting the contract for the building of roads the laying of utilities, and the erection of a central heating plant this fall. The Building Committee and the Board have approved of the exterior sketches of the academic building and its interior arrangement. This was done early this month. The architect says it will take him until the end of the year to complete all of the minute drawings and to draft the specifications. This means the contract will be let around January 1.

It should be understood that the building of a college like this is different from the building of a factory, a warehouse, or even a public school building. We are building not for twenty-five years but for a thousand years, and that means we must check and double-check every detail. The campus sketch has been revised fourteen times with fourteen different drawings. The interior arrangements of some of the buildings have been revised seven or eight times.

Every time there has been a revision, definite improvements have been made which have justified the delays.

Question: Are all the classrooms to be in a one-story building?

Answer: All classrooms will be in a one-story building, but this is to be a very large building — larger than the size of a football field. It will contain many unique features adapted to our farsighted curriculum. The building will be well-arranged and its exterior will be beautiful.

Question: Will there be a carry-over of Flora Macdonald traditions at the new college?

Answer: Every attempt will be made to carry over the Flora Macdonald traditions into the Consolidated College. Traditions,

after all, are not a matter of buildings or of grounds but of people, and therefore the responsibility of carrying the traditions into the Consolidated College will be the responsibility of the faculty, staff and students who take part in the transition.

Question: Does the college have a name at present? If not, who will choose it and when?

Answer: The college does not at the present time have any other name beyond Consolidated Presbyterian College. It is our prayer and hope to find some individual or family who will give a name to the college and, in giving the name, will contribute a large sum of money. We are working on that matter and have been for some time.

Question: Will the move be made at one time or gradually?

Answer: As far as whether the move will be at one time or gradual, I am sure that in the case of Flora Macdonald College it will be made at one time.

Question: Will there be a Home Economics Department?

Answer: We will have a Home Economics Department. Adequate provisions have been made for home economics laboratories in the commodious and handsome academic building.

Question: What is the estimated tuition?

Answer: The estimated fees will be more than we are charging at Flora Macdonald College at the present time, but I do not believe that the fees will be any more than they would have been at Flora Macdonald College a year hence. The cost of everything, including education, is rising with the inflation curve. There is no way to keep the expenses down, although we shall strive to operate a college as economically as possible. The board has gone on record as committing itself to provide scholarship assistance.

Question: Do you think the curriculum will appeal more to boys or to girls?

Answer: I believe the curriculum will appeal just as much to girls as it will to boys. There is no college in America which has a curriculum like it. The curriculum represents one of the most creative forward steps taken in curriculum planning in the history of higher education. It will provide an exciting experience for men and women.

(Editor's Note: This space will be reserved each month for questions and answers concerning the Consolidated College. Place your questions in designated box on second floor and Dr. Woodson or Dr. Gwynn will answer them if possible.)

achian. In June of 1958 he received his PHD degree at Duke University.

Sixteenth and seventeenth century drama is his field of special-
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