

Numerous Changes Made In the Department of Music

First Formal Dinner Held Friday Evening

Meredith students and faculty members enjoyed the first formal dinner of this year on Friday evening, September 27. Everyone who attended the banquet last spring knew just what to expect, and were delighted on learning that they would have the opportunity of going on another Friday night.

The Phi and Astro Society marshals greeted the guests at the door and aided them in finding places at the tables, on which Miss Welch had arranged vases of bright flowers. The many colors of the girls' evening dresses lent to the dining hall a gay, festive appearance, to which the mood of everyone seemed to respond.

During the dinner a number of guests, to whom special mention was due, were called upon to rise, and responded to the recognition. As everyone joined in the singing of some of our college songs, "Meredith" and "You're the Queen of Our Hearts, Alma Mater," we were somehow conscious of an unusual feeling of warmth and loyalty toward Meredith and toward each other, which was one of the finest and pleasantest features of the evening.

The dinner was terminated by the singing of our Alma Mater, after an evening so successful that we are looking forward with much enthusiasm to other such banquets which it may be our good fortune to attend in the course of the year.

Many Improvements On Meredith Avenue

No more bumps—no more dust! The new avenue has done away with both of these detractions, and now we have one big stretch of wide, smooth road. The building of it was one of the biggest undertakings Meredith has ever experienced, but it was well worth the trouble and expense, for it makes our campus one of the prettiest in the State, and with improvements still going on we can soon call it *the* prettiest. The new entrance wall at the highway is especially beautiful and is built from the very finest rock available. It adds so much to the dignity and appearance of our school. Looking from the entrance up the avenue the Administration Building can be seen standing imposingly at the end. The view is not obstructed by parked cars as in former days, for adequate parking space has been provided on both sides of the avenue in front of Dormitories A and C. Directly in front of the Administration Building is a large grass plot sixty feet long, forming a center for the drive which circles it. This avoids the confusion of cars turning around. It is all lovely enough now, but it is going to be still more beautiful when trees and shrubs are planted along the sides. With such vast improvements we should be very proud of our school and we should each give our best to make it the best.

We hate to see college men going around without hats, yet we'd rather see them going without hats than wearing the sort of hats they would wear if they did wear hats.

Additions to the Music Faculty Indicative of Progress in the Department

Everyone on the campus has noticed quite a few improvements in the Music Department this year. The new director, Mr. Battin, formerly an organist in Philadelphia, has introduced several changes and set about making the department one that Meredith can well be proud of.

A great deal of work has been done to improve the equipment of the department. All the pianos have been revarnished and worked over, so that now most of them are in good condition. A great deal of work is being done on the organ, and when it is completed the organ can be used again in chapel and for recitals. Some of the practice-rooms and studios have been changed and made more comfortable.

Several additions have been made to the faculty in the department. Miss Rowland is a new voice teacher. Mr. Potter and Mrs. Peyton Brown, supervisors of public school music in the Raleigh city schools, are to teach some courses in the public school music department, and recently the board of trustees voted the addition of a cello teacher, Miss Pike. This will be the first time cello has been taught at Meredith. In fact, there are few schools the size of Meredith in the South that offer instruction in cello, and Meredith should feel fortunate in being able to secure Miss Pike. Having a cellist on the faculty will make it possible to have string ensembles and will add variety to musical programs. Miss Pike, in addition to her work as cello teacher, will teach some classes in the public school music department.

The Glee Club this year is under the direction of Miss Parsons. There are to be some additions to the club, and Miss Parsons plans to make it better than ever.

All the students are looking forward to the Sunday afternoon recitals that are to be given this year. Mr. Battin is planning to arrange a recital every Sunday afternoon in the auditorium. There will be organ, piano, voice, and violin numbers given by members of the faculty. The programs will be broadcast over Station WPTF in Raleigh. No admission will be charged, and everyone, including students and the general public, is invited. These recitals will give the students a chance to hear more good music, and will furnish a splendid way of making Sunday afternoon enjoyable.

Second-Mile S. S. Class Gives Delightful Tea

One of the most delightful social events of the season was the tea on Thursday night, given by the Second-Mile Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church. The social room on the first floor of B dormitory was beautifully decorated with lovely fall cut flowers, and the dimly lighted room formed a fitting background for the two tea tables, which were decorated in green and white, the colors adopted by the class.

Delicious tea, cakes, mints, and nuts were served to about fifty guests who called during the evening.

Freshman President Elected Friday Night

According to the regular custom, the Junior Class elected a temporary president for the Freshman Class, Friday, September 27th. The nomination committee was composed of Sarah Briggs, Kathleen Durham, Anne Simms, Kitty Makepeace, Nell Baker, and Elizabeth Ascyne. The candidate reported by the committee was elected unanimously by the juniors, and a special meeting of the two classes was called at 10 o'clock to announce the election. When the freshmen learned that their initial president was to be Martha Annis Abernethy (better known as "Pat"), the applause which followed showed their hearty approval and willingness to support their leader. The meeting was then adjourned to the court, where the "odd" classes cheered for Abernethy and for "Old Spirit."

Many Improvements In Club Dining Hall

Some of the most noticeable and most pleasing improvements made at Meredith during the summer vacation were in the dining-hall of the Meredith Club. The hall presents a very tasteful appearance, with all its new furnishings and decorations. Green is the predominant color. Dainty green curtains have been placed at the windows and darker green draperies have been hung over the doors leading to the hall. At the side of each of the two parts of the dining-room have been placed attractive shelves, upon which artistic vases and other ornaments are arranged. Small green bud vases on the tables further emphasize the color scheme. The kitchen, too, has shared in the improvements, a fact which is attested to by the shining new oilcloth covering the table.

The whole club is more homelike than ever, and the girls wholly appreciate the splendid improvements.

Informal Reception By S. G. and B. S. U.

Among the various entertainments given especially for the new girls at Meredith was the informal reception given by the Student Government and Baptist Student Union Saturday night a week ago at 8 o'clock in the Phi and Astro halls. The rooms were lighted by Japanese lanterns and were very pretty in their soft glow.

Elizabeth Deans introduced the guests to the receiving line, which was composed of Margaret Craig, Eleta Black, Irene Thomas, Annie Simms, Vida Miller, Marguerite Mason, Alice Freeman Jones, Sarah Briggs, and Julia Grimes, officers of the Student Government and B.S.U.

An enjoyable musical program was rendered by Erin Bloodworth, violinist, and Glennie Paul, pianist. Fortune telling afforded amusement to the guests in the Astro hall.

After the musical program, an attractive one-act play, "Peter Pan," took place in the Phi hall. The cast included Anne Simms as Peter Pan; Evelyn McCall as Wendy; Roberta Royster and Mary Louise Huffman as brothers of Wendy.

Near the close of the evening refreshments, consisting of ice cream and nuts, were served by Tillie Perry, Margaret Peacock, Della Roberson, Blanche Obenshain, and Dorothy Taylor.

Series of Lively Parties For Meredith Freshmen

Different Classes Entertain in Honor of Meredith First- Year Students

The freshmen have been the "main thing" for the last two weeks, for they have been the object of all the entertainments. All three classes entertained for them during the first week.

Freshman-Junior Party

The big sister class of the freshmen entertained at a party on Tuesday, the 10th of September, in the Phi hall. It was an "Odd Party," and all the girls came dressed in keeping with the occasion. In a "get-acquainted" game all the new girls were introduced. A very attractive stunt—"Dr. Fix 'Um Quick"—was staged by some of the juniors, in which Kathleen Durham and Evelyn McCall featured.

In a grand parade the oddest costume worn by a freshman was chosen. For refreshments popsicles were served. The juniors sang several songs to the freshmen, including the traditional "These Bones Gonna Rise Again." The freshmen responded with cheers and songs, and the girls filed out in a snake dance. To the tune of "Good-night, Freshmen," the party ended.

Freshman-Sophomore Party

The sophomore party for the freshmen was an evening spent at the "Collegiate Night Club." The Phi hall, on Wednesday night, was arranged as a night club, with tables in a big circle and green and white streamers draped from the center ceiling to each table. Games, including Rook, Old Maid, Dominoes, Authors, and Parchesi, were enjoyed.

Between games four cabaret numbers were given. They were as follows: Wandering Minstrels, by Gazelle Hinton, Christine Johnson, and Ruby Johnson; four impromptu numbers by freshmen; melodramatic Spanish farce by sophomores, and a soprano solo by Madame Kinkowsky (Margaret Peacock).

After the games had been laid aside, a fashion parade was put on, and the freshman wearing the most exquisite gown was chosen. Later the sophomores served Eskimo pies, cakes, and peanuts.

Freshman-Senior Party

On Saturday night, September 14, the seniors entertained the freshmen and new girls in the Astro hall with a "Kid Party." The girls, dressed in bright gingham, played "kid" games and were given big red suckers.

In the program there were four attractive features. Mabel Bagby represented "Sallie, the Country Gal," seeing her first movie. Al Jolson, even to the mammy part, was portrayed by Pauline Kitchin, with Margaret Craig acting as "Sonny Boy." Euzelia Smart preached a sermon on "Old Mother Hubbard" which was thoroughly practical to the listeners. After a violin solo by Erin Bloodworth, the cutest couple were chosen in a grand march. Music was furnished during the evening by Virginia Ransom. "Dixie cups" were served. After several yells were given, the girls started their way homeward.

New Teachers Added To Meredith Faculty

Miss Lattie Rhodes is back with us, after having spent last winter at Judson College in Alabama. The whole college missed her exceedingly, and it seems good to have her back again.

Miss Louise Porter has resumed her work in the French Department, after a year's leave of absence. She has just completed a fifteen months study at Cornell, during which she completed work for her Ph.D. degree.

Miss Margaret Forgens has returned to hold her former position as librarian. She has been at her home for the past two years, following the death of her father.

Eva Woodall, who graduated in last year's class, is serving as assistant librarian.

Our new play-life director is Miss Richie Anderson. She graduated last year from Winthrop College.

In the Music Department we have three new professors. Mr. Battin, the new director, comes from Philadelphia, where he was a church organist and a private teacher. Miss Ethel Rowland is a new teacher in the Voice Department, and Miss Barbara Pike is to teach the cello.

Miss Mabel W. Barkley and Miss Harriet Boyd are teaching in the Science Department, and Miss Madeline Brown is teaching in the English Department.

Mr. F. B. Hamrick is our new bur-sar. For several years he has been treasurer of the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage.

Mr. M. A. Huggins is the new head of the Education Department. Last year he received his M.A. degree from the University of North Carolina.

Dr. I. M. Mercer is now teaching in the Department of Religion. He has been a beloved Baptist minister for many years.

Miss Lois Pearman, who last year completed work for her M.A. degree at Columbia University, is teaching in the Home Economics Department.

Miss Mary Yarbrough is teaching in the Chemistry Department.

Wingate Club Meets To Choose Officers

The Wingate girls met for an hour together Sunday night, September 22, for the purpose of organizing the Wingate Club.

The following officers were elected: President—Lucile Ward. Vice-President—Nezzie Moore. Secretary-Treasurer—Margaret Dodd.

The girls decided to meet once every month, with a different girl as hostess each time. Old Wingate days and happenings were brought to life again.

The following girls are members: Zulu Cobb, Edna Earl Beddingfield, Pauline Bowers, Ruth Preslar, Velma Preslar, Nezzie Moore, Luciele Ward, Kathleen Helms, Ruth Hough, Sarah Rushing, Arle Miller, Alma Hocutt, and Margaret Dodd.

The only time we're glad to see a person down and out is when they've just come from the Infirmary.

From a history paper: "About this time Columbus was cursing around the West Indies."