

**FRESHMAN ORIENTATION**

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An orientation program should do three things: first, it should acquaint freshmen with each other, with upper classmen, and with campus leaders; second, it should familiarize newcomers with the physical layout of the campus; and third, it should instill in these people a respect for the institution, its traditions, social life, and extra-curricular activities.

Each college has its own plan—some are very extensive and others merely have one big social affair. Any plan that is suggested may be changed to suit the needs of your own campus. After reading over the following material perhaps you will want to know more in detail what would constitute an actual program, day by day, and hour by hour. We will be only too glad to furnish this information on any particular plan or any combination of plans which you feel would be suitable on your campus.

One of the first steps in any orientation program is the selection of faculty advisers for the incoming group. In most schools this is strictly an administrative process. If such a group does not exist on your campus every effort should be made to secure one for these advisers can answer many questions that are beyond the knowledge or judgment of undergraduates. Naturally, the smaller the number of freshmen each faculty member has to advise—the more personal he can make his job. It is also true that a few wisely selected advisers who are particularly interested in the work can handle much larger groups and yet do it very effectively.

The most common of all freshman orientation programs is the Big Brother and Sister type. Here, an upperclassman is selected to act as a Big Brother or Sister to from one to six freshmen. The task of this person is to see that the three points in the first paragraph are accomplished. The groups in charge of selecting these Big Brothers and Sisters vary on different campuses. On some it is done by the fraternities, on others by the "Y" units, and in some places by the Student Unions. Several colleges have these people selected before summer recess, and give them the names of the freshmen with whom they will work. During the summer these upper classmen write to their "little brothers" or "little sisters," make arrangements for meeting them upon arrival at school and in general create a feeling of long-time friendship.

Another plan used for the selection of Big Brothers and Sisters is to have some social affair almost immediately after arrival at school. After this affair the freshmen hand in the names of the upperclassmen with whom they would like to work, and the upperclassmen do the same with regard to the freshmen. The lists are compared and the working lists drawn up. This type of selection has been found to work most favorably in women's schools, and especially with women who are not pledged to a sorority.

One school has "attitude classes" once a week for freshmen and transfer students. At these meetings campus leaders, and faculty members speak upon such subjects as the financial side of college, campus organizations, social life, the honor system, and extra-curricular activities. This type of "class" has been found to be very successful and seems to carry with it the amount of dignity that is required to stimulate the proper "spirit."

Another, and rather unique plan was the holding of a camp for one week prior to the official opening of school. Attendance by freshmen was optional. It was held at a lake only a few miles distant from the campus. The counsellors were the campus leaders, including such people as editors of col-

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**RALEIGH MUSIC CLUB SPONSORS MARK HOFFMAN IN RECITAL**

Mark Hoffman, pianist and director of music at Greensboro College, Greensboro, was presented in a piano recital February 1 in the Meredith College auditorium. The recital was given under the auspices of the Raleigh Music Club. Mr. Hoffman studied several years in Berlin with Rudolf Reuter. The program was as follows:

1. Toccata and Fugue in D Minor—Bach-Tausig.
2. Pastorale E Cappricio—Scarlatti-Tausig.
3. Variations on a Theme of Paganini (Books One and Two)—Brahms.
4. Barcarolle—Laidoff.
5. Quejas, O La Maja Y El Ruisenor (Sighs, or The Maiden and the Nightingale)—Granados.
6. The Fountain of the Aqua Paola—Griffes.
7. Scherzo—Griffes.
8. Waldesrauschen—Liszt.
9. Etude in F Minor—Liszt.

lege publications, officers of student government, campus organization leaders, heads of fraternities, and prominent athletes. During the week's period the men were addressed by these student leaders on their respective organizations and activities, and by outstanding faculty members. The major part of the time was spent in regular camp activities with freshmen and upper classmen becoming exceptionally well acquainted. The cost for the week was \$7.50 per person, and the school reports that 200 freshmen attended the first year.

In planning any orientation program such details should be watched and seriously considered: the meeting of incoming trains; having student guides on the campus willing and ready to give directions to dormitories and various buildings; the maintenance of an information booth, centrally located, and manned by campus leaders; and balancing the program, whatever type it may be so that it includes both the social and intellectual side of college life.

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Miss Ragna Otterson and Professor Leslie P. Spelman of the Music Department of Meredith are planning to attend the Southern Conference for Music Education which is to be held in Columbia, South Carolina, from March 3 to 6. During the conference, Mr. Spelman will preside at the college session. On Friday, March 5, at noon, a luncheon will be given honoring the Meredith alumnae who are attending the conference.

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**NEW BOOKS DONATED TO IRC BY CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT**

The International Relations Club has received its spring installment of books from the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. These books have been placed in the I. R. C. alcove in the college library. These six books cover many of the vexing problems facing the world today. Can we be neutral? What is happening in Spain? What is the conflict between Fascism and Socialism? Is the Orient awakening to take its place in world affairs?

The titles of the books and their authors are as follows: *The Spanish Tragedy*, by E. Allison Piers; *Fascism and National Socialism*, by Michael L. Florinsky; *Can We Be Neutral*, by Allen W. Dulles and Hamilton Fish Armstrong; *World Trade and Its Future*, by Sir Arthur Salter; *What the I. L. O. Means to America*, by Spencer Miller; and *A History of the Far East in Modern Times*, by Harold M. Vinache.

**NELSON EDDY TO APPEAR IN CONCERT IN THE MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM**

On Thursday evening, April 8 at 8:30 p.m., Nelson Eddy, the American baritone of concert, opera, radio, and screen, will be presented in his first local concert at the Memorial Auditorium under the auspices of Marvin McDonald.

Mr. Eddy, known as the "American Ambassador at large," is a star of four careers.

He first achieved popularity in the field of the opera, concert and radio, and now is a star of the cinema as well.

**MEREDITH GIRLS LIEUTENANTS OF LOCAL GIRL SCOUT TROOP**

Fanny Darby and Evelyn Williams have been acting as lieutenants for a troop of Girl Scouts at Pullen Memorial Church for some time. Every Tuesday afternoon they meet with them and instruct them in various scout tests and aid them in working toward merit badges.

Fanny has been instrumental in having some of their activities transferred to the Meredith Campus, where there is better equipment. On Saturday mornings they come out to Meredith for instruction and practice in horse back riding, hockey, basketball, and other activities. Fanny has secured the cooperation of the Athletic Association Board, who help her in working with the Scouts.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Maddry (Mable Claire Hoggard) announce the birth of a son, Charles Hoggard, on January 6, 1937. The baby weighed seven pounds, nine ounces at birth.

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