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Decision Day Climax To Annual 'Rushing' —Society Activities

Many Entertainments Fill Time For New Students; "Bon-Phi," Astro Picnic, Candle-Light Service, "Phi-Works," All Have Led Up to the Big Day, Called Decision Day; September 28 Closed Day.

On the evening of Monday, September sixteenth, at seven-thirty, the Philaretian Literary Society entertained the "new girls" of Meredith College at a bonfire in the grove of the college campus. The "bon-phi" as the Philaretians call it, is a traditional event, given each year at some time before Decision Day in honor of the newcomers to Meredith.

The freshmen and transfers assembled with the members of the society in the Phi hall shortly before seven-thirty. From there they went to the grove where the gleaming fire had been lit and was already blazing brightly.

When all were seated in a large circle around the fire, the program opened with a skit entitled "Remember Her Because." By introducing three Philaretians who are campus leaders to three of her new acquaintances, Misses Timmy T. Shy, Bella Bella, and Daffy Dill (Dorothy Maness, Ruth Montsinger, and Rachel Schulken), Professor Brilliant Lee Shine (Doris Jane Bordeaux) explained the reasons for remembering the names of those whom she presented.

Following these introductions, Nancy Bradsher and Rachel Lewis combined their talents in the telling of ghost stories, much to the dismay of those who sat in the shadows. The entertainment was brought to a close by the singing of the Philaretian song, led by Mary Lois Overby.

During the entire evening, salted peanuts were passed to all those present. At the close, further refreshments consisting of hot chocolate and marshmallows, were served.

Freshman and transfer students were entertained at the annual Astro picnic on September 19 at Allen's Pond. The invitation committee chairman, Lillie Burns, reports the presence of approximately two hundred and fifty persons, Astro's and prospective Astro's. The program committee, of which Sarah Justice, was chairman, planned that Ida Howell should tell the story of Cinderella as represented by new girl. Each other character had a like significance, the whole story portraying college life and Astro's influence and esteem. After the society celebrities were introduced to the new girls a picnic supper was served. The picnic ended with the singing of the Astro song and some Meredith songs—and, incidentally, the walk home.

On Friday night, September 27, at 9:00 o'clock, the Philaretian Literary Society entertained all new girls with fireworks in the court. After the colorful performance, the old Phi members, carrying sparklers, formed a line and sang their songs. During the proceedings the Phi emblem glowed from the balcony of Faircloth Hall.

Friday night, September 27, at 9:00 o'clock, the Philaretian Literary Society entertained all new girls with a candle-lighting service. The old Astro members, wearing white and carrying candles, met in the court at the fountain. After circling the fountain, they marched down to the dining room steps singing the Astro song. Then they formed the word Astro and sang the Astro call.

A wedding of interest to all Meredith College students was that of Miss Ima New Girl and Mr. Astrotekton, which took place Saturday evening, September 21st at eight o'clock in Astro Hall. The stage was decorated with pine boughs and lighted candelabra holding white candles against a background of palms. The piano was graced with a bowl of calla lilies.

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Many Changes In Faculty At Re-opening

Three Teachers Retired;
Three Others Not Back;
Three Return From Leave;
Six New Faculty Members;
New Dining Room Hostess

Meredith College opened its forty-second session September 12, under the direction of Dr. Carlyle Campbell and the faculty, which contains several new members. Some former Meredith professors who have been away on leave of absence have now returned to resume their work here at Meredith. Among these are Miss Alice Keith who was at Chapel Hill last year working on her doctor's degree. Mr. and Mrs. Alden are back after a year at Oberlin where Mr. Alden finished his study for his master's degree. Miss Elde also spent last year at Oberlin where she received her master's degree. Miss Yarborough is back again after completing her work at Duke for her doctor's degree.

Several members of the faculty who have been with us many years have retired. Miss Catherine Allen, former head of the Modern Language Department has retired and is now living in Raleigh. In her place is Miss Elizabeth Clark of Washington, N. C., who has come to Meredith from Chapel Hill where she has been for the past year, working on her doctorate. Miss Lena Barber, former head of the Biology Department has also retired, and in her place is Dr. George A. Christenberry of Greenville, S. C., who completed his study for his doctor's degree last spring at the University of North Carolina. Dr. I. M. Mercer has given up his work in the religion department also, and Dr. Norman Price from the Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville is now carrying on his duties. Miss Maude Clay Little, former head of the Sociology Department is now Mrs. C. W. Green, and is living in Richmond Hill, New York. Dr. Ellen Black Winston who has been living in Raleigh for several years now, is the new head of the department. Mr. Rembert Patrick, who was taking Miss Alice Keith's place last year, is now teaching at the University of Florida. Miss Catherine Moseley is now in the Interior Decoration Department at Taylor's department store in Raleigh, and Mrs. Alice Little McFadden of Raleigh is now taking up her work in the art department. Miss Helen Sharp's work as voice instructor, and director of the choir is being taken over this year by Mrs. Hazel Martin Lassiter. Miss Dorothy Phelps is taking Miss Elizabeth Lee's place as piano instructor. Miss Ruby Padgett is Meredith's new dining room hostess.

Dramatic Club Has Breakfast

On Sunday morning, September 22, at 7:30, the members and pledges of the Meredith Little Theater had a breakfast at the college chimney.

The breakfast consisted of "pig-in-blankets," doughnuts, coffee and milk.

Guests of honor present were Miss Frances Bailey and Miss Edna Frances Dawkins. Miss Rosanna Barnes, president of the Little Theater was in charge of the breakfast.

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College Marshal



BETTY FLEISCHMANN
Who is to be 1940-41 College Marshal.

1940 Seniors Fill New Jobs

Last Year's Graduates Are Placed in Schools; Several Doing Graduate Study

A great many interesting things have been happening to the Meredith's 1940 graduates since they left here last June. The final report on their activities is not yet complete, but it is now known that several are married, others have interesting jobs, and almost fifty of them have been placed as teachers. A list of the girls and their present locations follows:

Lottie Ruth Allen, teaching Dunn; Edith Ayscue, teaching Bunn; Anna Bostick, teaching Franklinville; Virginia Anne Craver, teaching, Faulkland; Lucy Mary East, teaching, Hillsboro; Louise Hamrick, teaching, Shelby; Morris Marley, teaching, Bladenboro; Sarah Olive, teaching Sanford; Annie Elizabeth Powell, teaching Bell, Chatham County; Dorothy Bell, teaching, Southwood, Kinston; Olive Bennett, teaching Knightdale; Janie Gilliland, teaching Wallace; Mary Virginia Glenn, teaching, Woodland; Frances Kidd, teaching, High Falls; Evelyn Lassiter, teaching, Orrum; Naomi Sommerville, teaching Roper; Verda Sommerville, teaching, Bethel Hill; Martha Stroup, teaching Weeksville; Mary Esther Williams, teaching, Bells, Chatham County; Frances James, teaching, Fines Creek; Nora Binder, teaching, Mountain Park; Carolyn Critcher, teaching Spruce Pine; Frieda Culberson, teaching, Louisville, Ky.; Sarah Falls, teaching, Woodland; Dorothy Green, at seminary in Louisville, Ky.; Olive Hamrick is studying for a B.M. at Meredith; Kathleen Jackson, teaching Winecroft School, Concord; Carolyn Andrews, newspaper work in Burlington; Nancy Brewer, Edgecombe, Rocky Mount; Cora Burns, graduate study at William and Mary in Richmond; Mary Elizabeth Ferguson.

A Day In the Life of a Freshman, Or a Stitch In Time Saves Nine

By MARTHA ANN ALLEN

Honestly, I haven't had time to get a deep breath since September 9. From the minute I stepped on the campus, I have had to rush, rush, rush. In fact, this is even being written in a hurry while I have time to think.

First, we poor little freshmen were crammed full of information in general about Meredith. Next we were tested on what we had picked up and how many lines of the Alma Mater we could absorb.

Oh yes, we had a date at the infirmary for a physical examination. I don't suppose it matters, but some of the freshmen were duly embarrassed at the apparent lack of modesty shown.

Puff, puff, puff, well, I finally made the library training course on time, which is a good record for a poor freshman who has to dash up to someone every time she passes a corner and ask the direction to the next turn.

What should happen next, but that I went to register without pay-

Meredith Has Formal Opening

Dr. Clyde A. Erwin Addresses Students; Dr. Campbell Presides; Ministers Presented

The forty-second formal opening of Meredith College was held on September 12 in the college auditorium. President Carlyle Campbell introduced the speaker of the evening, Dr. Clyde A. Erwin, State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Dr. Erwin talked of the war situation in other parts of the world and warned young America against the imminent danger from those subversive influences which try to break down our democracy under the cover of free speech. He begged students to steer clear of useless abstractions in their courses and derive applications from them instead. He named history, foreign languages, and English as courses suited to practical applications. In concluding Dr. Erwin emphasized spiritual values in our studies. By a full understanding of these, he believed that "we can preserve our country as the stronghold of democracy when the war is over."

Miss Dorothy Phelps, new piano instructor at Meredith, played "Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring," by Bach-Hess, and "Prelude in E minor," by Mendelssohn. She also accompanied Miss Katherine Elde in a violoncello solo, "Grave," by Sammartini. Mrs. Hazel Martin Lassiter, new voice instructor, sang a contralto solo, "The Lord's Prayer" and her accompanist was Miss Aileen McMillan. Dr. Harry Cooper was at the organ for the formal procession of the Senior Class, wearing caps and gowns for the first time. The class of '41 was led by its president, Sarah Hayworth of Asheboro, and is the second largest in Meredith's history. Dr. Cooper also accompanied the hymns sung. After the processional Dr. F. C. Feezor led in prayer.

President Campbell welcomed the students and presented to them their board of trustees. This board is composed of R. N. Simms, Dr. J. Rufus Hunter, Dr. Z. M. Caviness, Leroy Martin, Dr. F. C. Feezor, W. H. Weatherspoon, Mrs. J. S. Farmer, and Mrs. J. W. Bunn.

The Reverend Newton J. Robinson, president of the Raleigh Ministerial Union, brought greetings from the Raleigh churches and conducted the devotional. He introduced to the students pastors from the various city churches.

The program was brought to a conclusion by the singing of the Meredith Alma Mater by the entire student body. Reverend Newton J. Robinson pronounced the benediction.

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Freshmen and Transfers Are Entertained

Formal Reception Given by College; A. A. Board Holds Party; Juniors Give "Big Sister" Party in Grove, and Coffee For Transfers

Complimentary to the freshmen and other new students of Meredith College was the formal reception given Saturday evening, September 14. The Baptist Student Union, Student Government, and Athletic Association worked together in order to make this entertainment possible.

The color scheme, maroon and white, was carried out in the rose and blue parlors and the hostess parlor where tall floor baskets were filled with lovely zinnias. Miss Betty Fleischmann of Greenville, presented the guests to the receiving line which formed in the hostess parlor.

Miss Rachel Poe of Oxford, president of the student body, headed the line, which was composed of President Carlyle Campbell and Mrs. Campbell, Dean J. G. Boomhour, Miss Anna Mae Baker, Dean of Women, and Miss Ethel English, Freshman Advisor; Miss Sadie Allen of Cherryville, president of the Baptist Student Union; Miss Mildred Kichline, religious secretary; Miss Juanita Stainback of Henderson, president of the Athletic Association, and Mrs. J. L. Etchells, faculty advisor for the athletic board.

Guests were invited into the Rose Parlor for refreshments by Miss Helen Byrd of Bunnlevel, vice-president of the student body and chairman of the freshmen orientation program.

In front of the maroon-draped windows was the refreshment table which was covered with an Italian cut-work cloth. The red and white zinnias in the center of the table were made even more attractive by a large oval reflector around which were placed sprays of fern.

Misses Carolyn Duke of Henderson, and Sarah Hayworth of Asheboro, Sophomore and Senior Class presidents, presided at the table, serving red ice from the punch bowls at either end of the table. The four house presidents, Misses Anne Taylor of Dunn, Alice Falls of Shelby, Mary Elizabeth Foster of Elkin, and Annie Laurie Overton of Sanford, assisted by their assistant officers and other leaders of the hostess organizations, served white and maroon cakes, mints, and white-coated nuts.

The reception was given between the hours of eight and ten and around 400 guests called during the evening. Miss Dot Pender of Tarboro, offered numerous piano selections in the Blue Parlor throughout the evening.

On Tuesday night, September 10, at 8:45 o'clock, members of the A. A. Board were hostesses at a party for all the new girls on the campus. Juanita Stainback, president of the Board, welcomed the girls as they entered the Astro Hall. She introduced the entire A. A. Board members to the new girls. Music was offered by Betty Fleischmann, Rachel Poe, and Mary Ann Canady. Later in the program the whole group joined in the singing. Several reels of movies taken

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Seniors Lead In Check-ups

Reports on Dental, Eye, Vaccination For Summer Infirmary Examinations

Following the recent physical examinations that are given annually by the college doctor, Dr. Bessie E. Lane, and the nurses, Miss Myrtle J. Barnett and Miss Nora Kelly, a report was made on the dental, eye, and vaccination check-ups of the students during the summer. It was found that 80 per cent of the seniors had been checked on these three items, 71 per cent of the juniors had been checked, and 78 per cent of the sophomores had been checked.

Charlotte Green To Serve As President Of Freshman Class

Freshman President



CHARLOTTE GREEN
Who has been chosen to lead the class of 1944.

B. Fleischmann And Ada Wall Get Major Jobs

Vice Pres. Faircloth Hall, Asst. Bus. Mgr. of Twig, and Phi Marshal Chosen

On Friday morning, September 20, a student election was held to elect girls to fill offices that were vacant because of officers failing to return to Meredith this year.

Betty Fleischmann of Greenville, N. C., was elected college marshal for the present term. During her college career she has held a number of offices. At the end of her freshman year, Betty became a member of the Little Theater, and was elected secretary of the Little Theater her sophomore year. At the beginning of her junior year, Betty became a member of the Alpha Psi. During her sophomore year she was a May Day attendant for her class. This is also the beginning of Betty's second year serving as a freshman counselor.

Ada Wall of Shelby, N. C., was elected president of the Astrotekton Literary Society. Ada entered Meredith her junior year, being a transfer from Mars Hill where she had served there as a society president, also. During Ada's first year at Meredith she was business manager of THE Twig.

Other elections were: Rachel Lewis of Middlesex, vice president of Faircloth Hall; Marietta McLean of Greensboro, assistant business manager of THE Twig; and Sarah Mull of Shelby, N. C., sophomore marshal for the Philatian Literary Society.

Tentative to September 23, 1940, the official enrollment from the office of the registrar read four hundred ninety-two students for Meredith College. However, there will be many changes before the final statement is issued.

The Senior Class for this year numbers 111. This is the second largest Senior Class in the history of Meredith. The largest was in 1938 with a total enrollment of 113. This year's class shows an increase of twenty-one over last year's senior class.

This year the president of the Athletic Association, Juanita Stainback of Henderson, North Carolina, will direct the events of this outstanding day which occurs in the fall of every school year.

The vice presidents of the classes will lead in the events of the afternoon which will be the paloo, the horse race, the singing of an original song by each class, the alumnac stunts, and contests in different sports.

The climax of the day will take place Stunt Night when original skits will be presented by each class. The winners of the various afternoon activities will be announced and the cup will be awarded to the class giving the best stunt.

WELCOME,
NEW GIRLS!