



Philaretian Society Emerges Victorious On Decision Day

Phis Outnumber the Astros 96 to 84; Activities Begin at Breakfast With Each Society's Songs and Yells; Astro Plane and Phi Truck Here; Installation, Initiation Held at Night

On Decision Day this year the Phi Society emerged victorious as a climax to two weeks of rushing by the societies. The Bears outnumbered the kids by twelve—the Astros getting 84 girls; the Phis 96.

At breakfast, September 28, the old Astros lined themselves at the west end of the dining hall to greet the new set of Astro "kids"; at the east end, the Phis greeted their cubs. Out in the court, Billy Astro watched the proceedings. The first to enter the hall were the Astros singing their society song. Then, the Phis followed, singing their song and also giving their yell.

After breakfast, each new girl was given little wooden planes at the dining hall doors. Also, the Phi truck was found, after breakfast in front of the Administration Building, and every one was invited to ride down to the gate and back.

This year the Philaretian Society led the procession into the chapel as they sang the Phi song. The singing was led by Jacqueline Prevost and accompanied by Esther Meigs. The members of the society marched in preceded by the society marshals and officers. The Phi mascot, Alice Cooper, little daughter of Dr. Harry Cooper, marched in carrying the teddy bear "Phi-do" with the officers.

The Astrotekton Society followed, their song being led by Mary Lib Foster and accompanied by Dot Pender.

The chapel exercises were presided over by Rachel Poe, president of the student body. At the close of the chapel service, the Astros rushed to the southeast corner of the auditorium and the Phis to the southwest corner. The new girls were asked to write their names and decision on a piece of paper to be given to the president of the chosen society at the door.

This year was the second year since 1932 that the Phi's won over the Astros.

Last year the Phi's won over the Astros by a difference of nine. The closest race of the last ten years came in 1932 when the Phis beat the Astros by one. That day marked the last victory of Phis until last year. In 1933, the Astros won by six, in 1934 by 15, and in 1935 by 19, and in 1938 by 49.

On the night of Decision Day Philaretian installation services were held in Phi Hall and Astro initiation was conducted in the tunnel under Stringfield Hall, directed by the sophomore Astros.

Phis Hold 1st Meeting

Program Features "An Autumn Adventure" by Loleta Kenan; Outline Plans

On Monday night, October 7, the Philaretian Literary Society held its regular meeting in the Phi hall at 6:45. Following the discussion of business, the program, which was a story entitled "An Autumn Adventure," was presented by Loleta Kenan.

In the story, a Meredith girl who is in the midst of plans for a bigger and better Philaretian Society meets, at a tea, the mother of one of her friends. As they talk, the 1940 Phi discovers that her new acquaintance is a Meredith alumna and a former Phi. There follows an exchange of ideas and suggestions for improvement as the two compare the Philaretian societies of today and yesterday. By this discussion, there is set forth this year's plans for the Phi's.

Notice!

There is to be a band organized for Stunt Day under the direction of Annie Laurie Overton. Everyone interested in taking part in the band, please report to Annie Laurie.

Course In Classics Open Via Radio

Three Prominent Men To Conduct Series of Discussions Titled "Invitation to Learning"

Approximately 110,000,000 Americans are eligible to take a new seminar course, given by three of the country's leading men of letters.

The course cuts through the customary divisions of college curricula to reach many important works of the world's literature.

The course, for which there is neither tuition fee nor entrance examination, is open to anyone having access to a radio. Mail reaching the Columbia Broadcasting System, which sponsors the course given by radio, indicates that it should prove particularly interesting to college students and professors.

Allen Tate, Princeton professor and former Rhodes scholar, whose poetry and biographical works have aided the current Southern literary renaissance, is one of the teachers of the course.

Another is Mark Van Doren, poet, critic, and editor of a number of anthologies.

The third member of the group is Huntington Cairns, Baltimore attorney and book-lover. Cairns, 36, is counsel to the Treasury Department, and book censor of the United States. As Treasury Counsel, he passes on the importation of books to which objections have been raised.

The teachers do not lecture. They sit around a table at CBS headquarters in New York, discussing, each Sunday afternoon at 4:30 p.m., EST, one of their books on their list of the world's greatest. The series begins on October 6, with Aristotle's "Politics." The sessions are similar to college seminars, except that listeners cannot ask their teachers questions.

The course of discussions, titled "Invitation to Learning," touches varied subjects not ordinarily included in a single course. Ethics, autobiography, fiction, drama, criticism, science, and history are some of the topics which will be covered. Many of the classics to be discussed were written originally in Greek, Latin, French, Italian, and German, as well as English.

The broadcasts, in their final form, result from experimentation by Columbia to find the men best suited to form the panel of teachers. An experimental series of broadcasts was produced this summer, on which different men appeared, sometimes more than three on a broadcast.

The men finally chosen to appear on the series, which will continue through the end of March, seemed to Columbia's experts to complement each other's thinking to make the best discussions.

The experimental broadcasts also proved that the classics are interesting to a large section of the American public. Mail from people of all types indicated that America wants to learn and thinks it can learn best from the greatest books.

Mark Van Doren has written a guide for listeners which can be obtained by writing to the Columbia Broadcasting System in New York. It lists the works to be discussed.

Students Assemble for Legislature

Meredith Has Ten Delegates; M. Olive Is General Chairman; Governor Hoey Will Speak

For the fourth consecutive year, Meredith College is participating in the Student Legislative Assembly, which is to be held in the State Capitol, October 25-26.

Each college in the State is allowed ten delegates, who present two bills before both houses. Martha Olive, general chairman from Meredith, reports that adult education and malnutrition are the two bills which Meredith girls will bring up this year. Anyone who is interested is eligible to work on the framing of these bills; sixteen girls have shown definite interest. Those not taking an active part may be spectators at the assembly.

The legislature opens at 8:00 o'clock Friday afternoon, October 25. There is a banquet at Edenton Street Methodist Church at six Friday night. The Assembly is in session from 8 o'clock to 10:30 after the banquet, and reopens at 9:00 Saturday morning. Sometime during the morning Saturday there will be a radio broadcast from the floor.

Special speakers for the occasion will be Thad Eure, Governor-elect, J. M. Broughton, and Governor Clyde R. Hoey.

Trustee Dies At Age 81

Dr. Battle Makes Bequests to Meredith and Wake Forest Colleges in Will

On September 29, Dr. J. T. J. Battle, 81, died of angina pectoris. He was living in Greensboro at the time of his death. A native of Wake Forest, Dr. Battle, in former years, was a trustee of both Meredith and Wake Forest colleges. He has been associated with the Jefferson Standard Insurance Company since its beginning and medical director of the company since 1918.

Dr. Battle has bequeathed large sums to Meredith and Wake Forest. To Wake Forest he has left 500 shares of stock in the insurance company valued at \$17,000 and \$10,000 insurance to Meredith.

Miss English Tips Freshmen

Starting the freshmen off on the straight and narrow, Miss Ethel English, freshman advisor, gave the freshmen girls a few tips on how to live together and like it, Tuesday night, October 1, in the Astro Hall. She gave some good advice, gathered over a number of years, concerning the distribution of the girl's time.

Immediately following this meeting, the freshman counsellors met with their girls and distributed blanks on which to fill out study schedules. Questions raised by the girls so far this year were ironed out by the counsellors.

Mrs. Wallace Chosen For Senior Adviser

As the seniors will probably bombard their supervisor with many questions and problems, the class has chosen the willing and more than capable Mrs. Lillian Parker Wallace. Even though they have been here for four years, the seniors are far from knowing all there is to know about Meredith, and they are confronted with many new problems since they are to go out into the world—the first time for most of them—next year. Along with this, they have many needs to consider as a class. Mrs. Wallace has most kindly consented to help them with these, as well as with any individual problem. The girls are all very grateful to have her to help them this year.

STUNT DAY DIRECTORS



Bebe Dickenson (left), of Kinston, N. C., who will direct Alumnae Stunt Day activities, and Juanita Stainback, of Henderson, N. C., who will have charge of student activities.



Japanese Party Held for New Girls

Freshmen and Transfers Attend Little Theater Function; One-Act Farce Presented

Honoring the freshmen and transfer students the Little Theater entertained at a Japanese tea party in Astro Hall, Oct. 5. The guests were greeted at the door by members and pledges of the Little Theater and given yellow chrysanthemums for their hair. Mats, which bore the Japanese inscription "Little Theater," were used as seats.

A one-act farce, "The Dear Little Wife" was presented. Martha Olive played the part of "Sugihara San," who was faced with the problem of getting rid of her lover, "Takepuro," as played by Mary Gwin Oliver, when her husband, "Haqiyama," as played by Juanita Stainback, returned home.

Rosanna Barnes, president of the group, previewed the program of the Little Theater for the year and made explanation as to the membership point system. Other officers of the club are Rebecca Vaughan, vice-president; Mary Elizabeth Holloway, secretary; and Margaret Hine, treasurer.

Tea and wafers were served by Ida Howell, Mary Lib Foster, Helen Byrd, Doris Jane Bordeaux, Ruth Molsinger and Loleta Kenan. Helen Byrd was chairman of the refreshment committee.

More people are killed or injured on Saturday than on any other day of the week.

Agony 'En Masse'-The Order of Last Week's Photographing

By BETTY BROWN McMILLAN

There are different kinds of agony. The varieties may be divided into several classes such as dentist-chair agony, doctor's-office agony, examination agony, being-late-coming-in agony, being-hungry-or-sleepy agony, etc. One variety which far and above out-distances the others is the photographer's chair agony. That, to me, is the epitome of all things horrible. A little comfort can be found in the fact that through the years people have hated to be photographed. I adored the sequence in "Abe Lincoln in Illinois," in which "Honest Abe" showed an aversion to the photographer like unto mine own.

I'm particularly avid on this subject just now because of the harrowing experience we all went through last week. From the time the photographer moved his apparatus into the room across the hall, I became ill. Announcements were made in chapel and my illness mounted to a mental state subject to alarm. I began covering in my room—with my back to the door—for every time the door was opened I could look straight across into the thick of the fray.

I knew it had to come. It was one of life's inevitables. I realized that sooner or later I must meet the challenge of the photographer.

Seniors Are Teaching In Local Schools

Forty-eight Seniors Become School Marms in the Raleigh Schools for the Fall Semester

Forty-nine members of the Senior Class are teaching this semester at Hugh Morson, Needham Broughton, Fred Olds Grammar School, Hayes-Barton Grammar School, and at Lewis Grammar School.

At Hugh Morson High School Betty Brown MacMillan is teaching French; Marjorie Bullock is teaching science; Margaret Smith, Ida Howell, Jean Beddingfield, Huldah Hall, Ruby Mayton and Mary Louise Bird are teaching Home Economics; Emma Barker is teaching English.

Loleta Kenan and Rachel Poe are teaching English at Needham Broughton High School. Also teaching at Needham Broughton are Alice Falls, Home Economics; Mary Belle Bullock, Biology; Rebecca Vaughan, Mathematics; Josephine Douglas, Chemistry.

At Fred Olds Grammar School, Margaret Fowler, Yolanda Leonard, Mary Gwin Oliver, Annie Laurie Parker are teaching. Annie Laurie Overton and Esther Meigs are teaching public school music there.

Lila Ruth Sullivan and Betsy Shaw Pruette are teaching at Lewis Grammar School.

Also teaching this semester are Lucy Allen, Sadie Allen, Myrtle Edna Bailey, Betty Baldwin, Elizabeth Britt, Lucy Lee Butler, Louise Combs, Mary Elizabeth Foster, Agnes, Freeman, Frances Grayson.

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Annual Stunt Day Events Directed By J. Stainback, Oct. 19

Stunt Day Program

- 2:00—Palio; Horse races and bicycle races.
- 3:30—Alumnae Float.
- 4:00—Sports contests between students and alumnae.
- 5:00—Singing of Class songs.
- 8:00—Class stunts.

Civic Club Announces Five Concerts

Lily Pons, Jan Kiepura, Cleveland Orchestra, Artur Rubinstein and Ballet Russe Coming

The Raleigh Civic Music Association will present a series of five concerts during the winter season. These concerts will feature world-famous artists. The Civic Music Association is a non-profit organization. Last week was the annual membership drive. The annual membership dues are five dollars for adults, and two-fifty for students. A great number of Meredith students bought tickets for this series.

The association will present Lily Pons, brilliant coloratura soprano. Miss Pons is a French woman, and has won wide acclaim with both European and American audiences. She is now with the Metropolitan Opera Company in New York. This will be her first concert appearance in Raleigh.

Another in the series will be Jan Kiepura, star tenor of concert, opera, and films. Mr. Kiepura is described by the Detroit News as "the singiest man we have ever heard." Artur Rubinstein will be the next in the series. He is one of the world's foremost concert pianists. He is a master in expressing moods and giving to the piano a truly singing voice. The Cleveland Orchestra, conducted by Artur Rodzinski, will present a concert. This American Orchestra has been very enthusiastically received all over the country. The climax of the concert series is the return by popular request of the immensely popular Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo, which was a part of last year's concert series. The ballet has a cast of over a hundred dancers, and is featuring an entirely new program.

Concert dates as tentatively announced are November 12, December 13, February 7, March 27, and some time in April, date to be announced.

New Members Added To Twig

Martha Ann Allen, Avis Branch, and Doris Jean Leary to Work on Paper

It is the custom of THE TWIG, at the beginning of every year, to choose at least three freshmen, who are interested in journalism, to become members of the staff. This year Martha Ann Allen of Garner, Avis Branch of Greenville have been added as reporters and Doris Jean Leary of Edenton as typist.

All three of these girls, having had previous experience in the journalistic field, are well prepared for this work. Martha Ann Allen was associate editor and advertising manager of her high school paper. She also carried on the first journalistic project for Four-H Clubs in North Carolina.

Avis Branch was for two years associate editor of her high school paper and also editor for two years. Doris Jean Leary was for one year reporter of her high school paper, society editor for one year, associate editor and business manager for one year each.

Class Competition for Coveted Silver Loving Cup Keen; Song Contest, Palio, Bicycle Relay, Alumnae-Student Games, Are Afternoon Highlights; Individual Contestants Chosen

The Meredith annual stunt day will be held this year on October 19. The activities will be under the direction of Juanita Stainback of Henderson, N. C., who is president of the Athletic Association.

The Palio is scheduled to begin at 2:00 in the afternoon. The chairman of this event is Mrs. Lillian Parker Wallace; the music committee chairman is Dr. Harry E. Cooper. The vice president of each class will be in charge of the class activities for the afternoon. Ruth Greene is vice president of the senior class; Anne Huffman is chairman of the music committee. The junior class Palio committee is comprised of Elizabeth Tucker, chairman; Gretchen Johnson, Josie Lassiter, Doris Jane Bordeaux, Mary Helen Gatlin and Rachel Fulton. Mary Elizabeth Coleman is vice president of the class. The music committee is made up of Marie Chessom, chairman; Helen Crutchfield, words; Joyce Dawson, Frieda Siler and Ethel Brown. The vice president of the sophomore class is Bobbie Greene; the members of the class Palio committee are Lillie Weeks Burns, Nan Davis, Mary Agnes Bryant, Mary Frances Kerr and Evelyn Dillon. Virginia Varnell is chairman of the music committee; other members of this committee are Helen Best, Clarice Burns, Betsy Savage, Mary Agnes Bryant and Adelaide Bunker. The Palio committee for the freshman class is headed by Page Rankin, vice president of the class; other members are Virginia Maynard, Margaret Greene, Frances Moore and Audrey Finney. The music committee is composed of Doris Jean Leary, chairman; Betty Rose Prevatte, Celia Crawley, Gloria Anderson, Suzanne Carroll and Rosalind Sanelia.

Following the Palio the horse races and bicycle races will be held. Loleta Kenan will ride Queenie, the senior horse. The bicycle riders will be Jean Beddingfield, Betsy Shaw Pruette, Ada Wall and Margaret Bunn. The senior class clown will be Agnes Graham. The junior class horse, Fortitude, will be ridden by Catherine Chiffelle. Carolyn Redick, Virginia Greene, Margaret K. Bunn and Eleanor Gibbs will be the bicycle riders. The clowns will be Harriet Salley and Bertha Marie Harrell. Lillie Weeks Burns will ride Boneyarts for the sophomores. Nan Davis, Evelyn Dillon, Willie Barger and Geraldine Couch will ride in the bicycle race. Flo Hewitt will be the sophomore clown. The freshman horse, The Flying Jenny, will be ridden by Genevieve Chiffelle. The bicycle riders will be Dorothy Turner, Etta Taylor, Ida Belle Leason and Beverly Anne Money. Madalene Grandy will be the freshman clown. The alumnae activities will be under the direction of Miss Bebe Dickenson of Kinston, N. C. The class cheerleaders are Hazel Johnson, senior; Doris Jane Bordeaux, Junior; Vivian Tulbert, sophomore, and Doris Jean Leary, freshman.

The class which has the largest percentage of girls present for the —Continued on page 4.

New Gym Suits

This year a change has been made in the freshman gymnasium suits. They are pench-colored two-piece outfits, with shorts and little dresses. These dresses have Peter Pan collars, butterfly sleeves, and bolts that tie in the back. White sweaters with the letter "M" and white tennis shoes and anklets complete the new suits.