

## DR. JONES SPEAKER AT FORMAL OPENING

The forty-fifth session of Meredith College was formally opened on Thursday evening, September 16. Dr. Brohdus E. Jones, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Raleigh, was the principal speaker.

The students of Meredith were formally welcomed by President Campbell, Mayor Graham H. Andrews, and Mr. W. H. Weatherspoon, president of the Board of Trustees. Rev. M. O. Sommers, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, read the Scripture lesson and prayed. Mrs. Dorothy Alden, violinist, played the Grand Adagio from "Raymonda," accompanied by Mr. Stuart Pratt at the piano.

Dr. Jones spoke on "The Development of Our Capacities." He stressed the fact that our inherited capacities should be increased by our own persistent efforts, with a divine aspiration, or goal, provided by Christ. The obstacles that may hinder us from achieving that goal, Dr. Jones said, are slothfulness, despondency (the opposite of courage), and fears. Christ is the means of overcoming these obstacles and developing ourselves to the highest capacities.

## I.R.C.'s Plan for Year

The first meeting of the I.R.C. was held Thursday evening, September 30, at 6:45, at which time Ruth Rautenstrauch introduced the series of programs for the year.

The I.R.C.'s have planned a group of programs this year which consist of studying international relations with a different part of the world at each meeting.

The officers for the year are: president, Grace Alexander; vice president, Lois Edinger; secretary, Janie Cash; librarian, Olene Sinclair; program chairman, Alexandria Kambis, and adviser, Mrs. Lillian P. Wallace.

Meetings will be held every second Thursday at 6:45 with discussions every fourth Thursday.

## Associations Hold Formal Reception

The annual formal reception, Saturday night, September 18, in the college parlors, was given by the Student Government Association, the Baptist Student Union, and the Athletic Association. In the receiving line were June Baker Rawlins, chief marshal; Gloria Anderson, S. G. president; President and Mrs. Carlyle Campbell; Charlotte Green, B.S.U. president; Dean and Mrs. Benson W. Davis; Genevieve Chiffelle, president (Continued on page three)

## New Additions to Meredith Faculty

Meredith obtained fourteen new faculty members this year, including a bursar and a nurse. Almost all of the departments are represented by these new members.

In the art department, Miss Mary Elizabeth Crenshaw is the new acting assistant professor of art. She has studied at Louisiana College, Columbia University Teachers College, and at the Art Institute of Chicago. Last year she taught at Florida State College for women.

Two new faculty members joined the biology department. Dr. John A. Yarborough, as a professor, had taught for eight years at Baylor University before joining the Meredith faculty. He received his Ph.D. at the University of Iowa. Mrs. Joe W. Clark is a new instructor, having been a graduate assistant at Baylor and Oklahoma universities.

The business department also boasts of two new teachers—Dr. Estelle Popham, an associate professor, who received her Ph.D. at New York University and taught last year at Bucknell University; and Miss Amanda Lee Thrasher, instructor, who taught at Mississippi Southern College.

Mrs. Le Roy Allen takes the place of Miss Mary Spruill in the English department. She is now completing her doctorate at Duke University and taught at North Carolina State College last year.

In the modern language department, we now have Miss Mary B. MacDonald who last year had the Roosevelt Fellowship to the University of Chile. She formerly taught at Macalester College.

Miss Marjorie Keiger, instructor in the music department, is a native of Winston-Salem, N. C., having studied at U.N.C. and Eastman's in Rochester, N. Y.

Two new faculty members come to the physical education department. Miss Doris Peterson is associate professor, having been at Texas State College for Women for the past five years. Miss Nell Forbes, assistant professor, received her B.S. degree at Woman's College of the University of North Carolina and has been at Berea College for the past year.

The physics department has been combined with the chemistry department. Dr. Mary Yarbrough is head and Miss Kramer will teach physics.

Miss Cleo Mitchell, assistant professor, comes to teach religion, having been student secretary for the Baptists at W.C.U.N.C.

Miss Marion Brockway is the new instructor of sociology and economics (Continued on page three)

# Today Is Decision Day and End of Week of Rushing By Astro and Phi Societies

## SOCIETY LEADERS



Carolyn Kenyon



Julia Margrette Bryan

## OFFICERS ELECTED

The following girls were nominated as new officers: president of the Astrotekton Society—Avis Branch and Peggy Brewer; treasurer of the Astrotekton Society—Janie Allen and Jean Chesson; and junior marshal of the Philaretian Society—Don Gilkerson and Evalyn Allen.

As we go to press there is a tie between Avis Branch and Peggy Brewer. Janie Allen is treasurer of the Astros, and Don Gilkerson is Phi junior marshal.

## Orientation Program

The week of September 13-18 was devoted to the orientation of new students, under the direction of Betty Rose Prevatte, vice president of Student Government. Mrs. Lillian Parker Wallace was faculty chairman of orientation. Freshman counsellors and faculty advisers are: Isabelle Dillon, Miss Godwin; Sue McNeely, Miss Donley; Nancy Harris, Dr. Moore; Doris Hamrick, Dr. Latham; Becky Lassiter, Miss Cameron; Eleanor Loftin, Dr. Harris; Margery Pitman, Miss Burrus; Evelyn Ray, Dr. Mary Yarbrough; Hannah Savage, Dr. Price; Dorcas Stanley, Miss Kramer; Dorothy Turner, Miss Brewer; Eleanor Vereen, Miss Baily. Day student counsellors and faculty advisers are: Flora Ann Lee, Mrs. Egerton; Priscilla Nance, Dr. Winston. Transfer counsellors and faculty advisers are: Annie Catherine Barden, Miss Hanyen; Lois Edinger, Dr. Johnson; Mary Lou Nance, Miss Baise; Mary Elizabeth Wrenn, Miss Grimmer.

Dr. Alice Keith is faculty adviser to Betty Rose Prevatte.

New students were divided into groups for training in the use of the library, and in student government. Physical examinations in the college infirmary, psychological and English tests were scheduled during this week.

Entertainments provided for the new students during orientation week included an informal party in the Hut with representatives of campus organizations on Monday night, a Baptist Student Union party Tuesday night, organized sports under the direction of the Athletic Association Wednesday afternoon, an Athletic Association party Wednesday night, and a formal reception by the three major campus organizations Saturday night.

## Freshmen Heads

Last Saturday night the freshmen class selected Nancy Gates as their president for this year. Other candidates were Mary Martin and Jean Griffin. All the candidates for president were selected by the junior class. Mary Martin is vice president; Tessie Finch is secretary; and Jean Witherspoon is treasurer.

## 233 New Girls Here

Registration of special and part-time students along with that of resident and town students brings the enrollment this year close to the five hundred mark.

There are 233 new girls, of which forty-two are transfers. There are girls enrolled from the following colleges: Mars Hill, Louisburg, Fassifern, Gardner-Webb, St. Mary's, Wingate, Campbell, Coker, Pfeiffer, Radford State Teachers', Lees-McRae, Peace, Mary Washington, W.C.U.N.C., E.C.T.C., and Calvin.

Various states in the southeast and north are represented. There are also enrolled two students from South America.

## BOND DRIVE ANNOUNCED

Mrs. Vera Tart Marsh, chairman of the women's colleges for the Third War Loan, announces that the drive of the Meredith campus has been highly successful with Mrs. LeRoy Allen as faculty solicitor.

During the drive, Mrs. Marsh spoke to the students in assembly suggesting that they complete their war saving stamp books and cash them in as soon as possible. A great deal of interest and enthusiasm has already been manifested.

## College Orchestra Plans

The first meeting of the college orchestra was held Tuesday evening, September 28, at 7 o'clock. Anyone who can play an instrument and is interested may become a member of the orchestra. This year the orchestra will be composed of girls from St. Mary's, Peace, and Meredith.

## "Pause for Power" Observance Held

As a result of a discussion in the B.S.U. Fall Retreat, which was held September 10-12, the period, "Pause for Power," has come into being. It is held in the social room of first floor Faircloth every week day from 1:40 until 1:55 and on Saturday from 1:00 until 1:15. These times were decided upon with the hope that more students will be able to come for a moment of devotion and inspiration.

Soon now, there will be many changes in the social room. It is to be turned into a worship room after the fashion of a small chapel. New curtains, drapes, and chair covers will add much to the atmosphere of the room.

## Parties, Pageants, and Favors Given New Girls

Today is the culmination of the rushing activities of Meredith's two societies, Astrotekton and Philaretian. Each freshman will enter through one of the society doorways in chapel this morning and thus declare her allegiance to one society for her college career. Tonight will mark the rough initiation of the Astrotekton neophytes by Mary Jo Clayton and the sophomore members and then the formal reception of welcome. The new Phis will be formally installed by their officials and will be honored by a reception afterwards also.

The process has been carried on from the first day of freshman orientation when respective society members wore their tags declaring "Astrotekton" and "Need some help? Call on a Phi." The rushing, however, was especially intensive during the past two weeks.

Monday, September 20, the Phis, in their traditional manner, held their bonfire. Julia Margrette Bryan, president, and Richie Harris, vice president, were in charge of the hobo gathering. Russian tea and cookies were served.

The annual Astro picnic took place Thursday, September 23, at Allen's Pond. This event was planned by Carolyn Kenyon, Astro vice president; and she was assisted by Margaret Jordan, Annie Catherine Barden, Caroline Jones, and Elizabeth Shelton. The menu consisted of hamburgers, potato salad, slaw, soft drinks, and popsicles.

Last Saturday evening the Phi pageant and Astro wedding were staged. They were followed by a formal joint reception of both societies. Participants in the pageant were Julia Margrette Bryan, Richie Harris, Betty Rose Prevatte, Mildred Thornton, Jane Watkins, and Mary Elizabeth Wrenn.

The annual wedding of Ima New-girl to Mr. Astrotekton was directed by Sue McNeely. The bride was Gloria Anderson, and her maid of honor was Peggy Brewer. Bridesmaids were Hortense Liles, Laura Ellen McDaniel, and Helen Crain. Susan Crump was ring bearer while Jean Allen Brooks was flower girl. Carolyn Kenyon and Virginia Maynard portrayed the mothers. Dr. Yarbrough, the new biology professor, officiated. Groom and groomsmen were Army Air Corps cadets from State College.

The annual Phi style show was Monday night. Mary Jo Hughes was in charge. Following it the joint Astro-Phi candlelight service was held.

During the last week the societies alternated days and presented little gifts. The Phis gave corsages to boarding students Sunday and defense stamps to town students. They gave shoe strings and powder puffs on other days. The Astros gave doughnuts, nabs, and glasses.

## Miss Barber

Miss Lena A. Barber, professor of biology at Meredith from 1922 to 1940, died at her home on Clark Avenue, Monday, September 27. Miss Barber was born in Adrian, Mich., and graduated from Adrian College and the University of Michigan.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon, September 30, with the Rev. Lee C. Sheppard officiating. Pallbearers were Mr. O. G. Mumford, Mr. S. G. Riley, Dr. E. F. Canady, Dr. L. E. M. Freeman, Mr. B. Y. Tyner, and Mr. Miles I. Hart.

## YELLOW OR LAVENDER?

Astro or Phi? That is probably the most frequently asked question on the campus today. And today is the Day that this question will be finally answered by all the new students at Meredith. They have had all the thrills of rush week, from corsages to picnics, from fashion show to wedding. Today they decide. In high excitement they don yellow or lavender sweaters to proclaim their choice. Today they are cheered on their way into the dining hall and into chapel as they have never been cheered before. Whichever way they decide, they are proud of their decision and they firmly resolve to make their society the best.

But decision day is not over at eleven o'clock when they have signed those little slips of paper, and proudly pin on the emblem of their society. The whole day has an air of excitement, colored yellow and lavender and white. Those are the colors you

see on Meredith students, even downtown. The Astros find yellow and white tissue paper, or cut-outs of Billy Astro to stick on their doors; and they feed Billy their history notes. The Phis carry around teddy bears, and collect lavender streamers. And then tonight there is the spooky hilarity of the Astro initiation, and the solemn ceremonies of installation.

But—Astros and Phis, new and old—don't forget your society after the excitement of this week is over, after that inspired and solemn feeling of devotion to Mother Astro and Mother Phi has cooled. Support your society all through the year. Go to all the meetings, and take part in the programs that are planned for you. Talk about your society, especially to the girls who are coming next year. Remember, as long as you are a Meredith girl, you are an Astro, or you are a Phi.