



# Trustees, Alumnae, Students oppose Merger

Students, trustees, and Wake County alumnae of Meredith have come out as "strongly opposing" the proposed liquidation of Meredith College and the undertaking of the building of a large university on the Wake Forest campus.

The proposal to establish a university made up of Meredith and Wake Forest Colleges on the Wake Forest campus first was outlined in a recent issue of the *Biblical Recorder* by S. Wait Brewer, chairman of the executive committee of the Wake Forest Board of Trustees.

Subsequent issues of the *Biblical Recorder* have contained opposition to the proposal; for example, the article run as Meredith opposition to the proposed Meredith-Wake Forest Merger was first voiced on Monday, October 16, when the trustees of Meredith met and adopted an opposing resolution. The report stated that, "The Meredith College Board of Trustees, acting, we believe, in the interest of both the institutions immediately involved and in the cause of Christian education represented by them, wishes to record its unequivocal and emphatic opposition to the proposal."

Reasons given for the soundness of the Meredith position were: 1. The "irritation of needless competition" between the two schools was not created by Meredith but by Wake Forest itself when it opened its Junior and Senior classes to women students; 2. It would appear irrational to voluntarily sell an expensive plant admirably constructed for educational purposes and one free from debt in order to begin erection of a duplicate plant elsewhere; 3. The statement of savings to be gained by the uniting of the two schools would be purely arbitrary; 4. Meredith is fortunate in its

present location in Raleigh where there are numerous religious, social, and educational advantages; 5. Those pledging support to the Meredith Expansion Program have manifested a hearty endorsement of Meredith College where it is and as it is; 6. The Baptist State Convention itself at its last meeting favored Meredith as a four-year college for women and approved its campaign for funds for enlargement; 7. Meredith has pursued its primary objective of the giving of Christian education to women.

### Weatherspoon Speaks

W. H. Weatherspoon, president of the Meredith Board of Trustees, spoke to the students at the regular chapel program on Wednesday morning, October 18, on behalf of the Meredith position on the matter saying that, "Those responsible for the institution of Meredith would be deeply disappointed to see it sacrificed at the very peak of its success."

"Because of temporary setbacks at Wake Forest, the solution does not lie in the pushing of Meredith over the cliff," further stated Mr. Weatherspoon. "The Meredith expansion Program has sold Meredith anew to the people of North Carolina, and they will not stand for this proposal to move Meredith. We propose to show the convention that Meredith deserves to live on and to continue its success which is exemplified by this year's large enrollment."

### Alumnae Meeting

On the night before Mr. Weatherspoon spoke, the Wake County Chapter of the Meredith College Alumnae met in the "Hut" and went on record as being strenuously opposed to (Continued on page 6)

# Palio, Stunt Night, Annual Events Sponsored by Athletic Association Will Be Presented November 4



Horty Liles, president of the A.A., is seated on the front row and is chief head of the events. Also on the front row is Annalean McLamb, vice president of the Freshman Class. On the second row from left to right is Helen Wallis, president of the Sophomores; Jean Parker, vice president of the Sophomores; and Hazel Johnson, vice president of the Junior Class. Third row—Lib Dark, vice president of the Senior Class; Rachel Strole, president of the Seniors; and Marilyn Ferrell, president of the Juniors.

## Horty Liles Directs Festival; Presidents, Vice Presidents Lead Class Competition

Palio, followed by Stunt Night, will be presented by the student body of Meredith College in its traditional style on November 4 beginning with the Palio procession at 2 o'clock. This annual event is sponsored by the school's Athletic Association and this year Horty Liles, A. A. president, will direct Stunt Night events, and Palio will be under the supervision of Mary G. Turner, vice president of A. A.

The Palio procession will include horses, American flag bearers and guards, Palio banner, the marshal on horseback, the band, caricature heads, clowns, and wagons.

After the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner," each class presents an original clown stunt, which until this time has remained secret. After this each class marches up the drive and forms its numerals. The class with the highest percentage present will be rewarded by having reserved seats for the stunts.

The traditional bicycle and horse races will follow the class clown stunts and the Alumnae stunt, after which will be the original song contest. Awards are then presented to the various winners and Palio is brought to a close by the singing of the "Alma Mater."

The A. A. will honor its past presidents at a dinner and an after dinner coffee hour in the Blue Parlor.

### Stunt Night

The original class stunts will be presented at 8:00 in the college auditorium. The class presidents, Rachel Strole, Marilyn Ferrell, Helen Wallis, and Frances Thompson, are supervising the stunts.

Dr. Julia Harris, Miss Anna M. Baker, Miss Ellen Brewer, and Mr. John Rembert are members of the faculty committee for approving stunts. This year's judges are Carl Goerch, chief judge, Miss Leah Goodwin, Mrs. O. K. Joyner, Fred Fletcher, and Mrs. W. L. Wyatt.

The name of THE TWIG was changed in March of 1928 to *The Oak*, with the remark that the paper, which was the youngest of the three publications on the campus, had now grown up and was symbolic of future plans.

### PALIO PRACTICE

- Monday, October 30, 8:00 a.m.—Freshman practice.
- Tuesday, October 31, 8:00 a.m.—Sophomore practice.
- Wednesday, November 1, 8:00 a.m.—Junior practice.
- Thursday, November 2, 8:00 a.m.—Senior practice.
- Thursday, November 2—Chapel period—All classes.
- Friday, November 3, 6:45 p.m.—All classes and the Palio procession.

## ORCHESTRA ORGANIZED

Members of the Meredith College orchestra are:

Evelyn Kocher, violin; Janet Rosser, violin; Lucille Sawyer, violin; Mary Roland, violin; Mary Lee Parker, violin; Elizabeth Davis, violin; Stennette Graham, violin; Ruth Vande Kieft, clarinet.

Margaret Westmorland, clarinet; Doris Carroll, flute; Mary McCoy, clarinet; Rachel Strole, saxophone; Betty Linney, trumpet; Sallie Bowers, horn; Betsy Jean Holt, piano; Mrs. Robert Brand, violin; Annie Belle McCoy, flute.

### CALENDAR

- October 27
  - Classical Club, 6:45
  - West Raleigh Presbyterian Party, 6:30
  - Day Student Party, 7:00
  - State BSU Convention, Charlotte, 27-29
- October 28
  - Tabernacle Baptist Party
  - First Baptist Party, 7:30
- October 29
  - Pullen Baptist Party, 9:00
- October 31
  - Education Club, 6:45
- November 3
  - Granddaughter's Club, 5:00
- November 4
  - Palio, 2:00
  - Stunt, 8:00
- November 10
  - Student League of Women Voters, 5:00
  - Classical Club, 7:00

## GIRLS ATTEND CONVENTION

North Carolina Baptist students, including approximately 40 from Meredith, are finding new ideas and new ideals at the B. S. U. Convention, now in session in Charlotte. Meredith's representatives should feel quite at home since many of the speakers and leaders at the convention were on Meredith's 1944 Focus Week team. Dr. George Heaton, Dr. Claude U. Broach, Dr. Kelley Barnett, Dr. C. C. Warren, Rev. J. Winston Pearce, Dick Howerston, and M. A. Huggins, some of (Continued on page five)

## FIFTEEN SENIORS PRACTICE TEACHING

High school student teachers from Meredith are teaching at the following schools:

Needham Broughton—Hazel Grady, English; Margaret Long, general mathematics; Lois Edinger, history; Lurlyne Woodard, home economics; Mary Kathryn Montieith, English; Mary Bryant, social science; Lois Howell, home economics; and Carolyn Bass, social science.

Hugh Morson—Hilda Wilson, English; Mildred Thornton, sociology; Christine Webb, trigonometry; Nelda Ferguson, social science; Edna Lou Lamb, English; Margaret Jordan, home economics; and Cornelia Mims, home economics.

Margaret Hines, whose name was omitted from the list of

## Expansion Totals Show Goal Now Half Reached

Expansion Program totals presented at a recent meeting of the Meredith Board of Trustees come to approximately \$285,500. This includes cash and pledge totals. During the morning of the special meeting, \$15,000 in cash and pledges came in; after the meeting adjourned, another \$500 U. S. Government coupon bond was given, completing the above-given total.

Not until two hundred years after the founding of Harvard in 1636 was a college started distinctly for women.

primary education student teachers given in the last issue, is teaching the first grade at Wiley School.

## STUNT AND PALIO HISTORIES TRACED

For years, Stunt and Palio have been Meredith's most exciting feature. Stunt night, first held in 1915 at the suggestion of Bertie Brown, class of 1916, consisted of humorous skits. Beginning in 1916, the skits or stunts were required to be original and interest was developed by keen competition and the attempt for each class to keep its ideas secret. By the fall of 1923, rivalry had become so great that a class would steal the stunt of another. The Sophomores, especially, tried to steal the Freshman stunt, and it was the greatest triumph for them to be able to give an exact dupli-

cate of it. As stunts were presented in order from the Senior class down, the poor Freshmen were at a loss if the Sophomores did steal and reproduce their stunt.

For a long time, class stunts followed set ideas, except Seniors and Juniors followed any pattern. The Sophomore stunt was loud and rowdy and the Freshmen gave high school types, but each year has brought changes in ideas until stunt is now elaborate and highly original. Class rivalry and loyalty are the most intense—regardless of the extent of trying, one can't get a word out of a member of

another class about its stunt.

According to old records, the tradition for a long time was for Seniors to win stunt, and they or the Juniors have won the silver loving cup, first given for the best stunt in 1923, with two exceptions when the Sophomores won. So great was the excitement of the Sophomores when they won in 1939, the first time in ten years, that they put out an extra, a one page issue of THE TWIG. When the Juniors won in 1932, they came to Sunday morning breakfast with bands on their heads to keep them from swelling.

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