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Suspense Runs High On Eve Of Decision Day



Lois Harmon and Louvene Jordan, presidents of the Astro and Phi Societies take time out from the rush of Rush Week for a friendly chat. (Photo by Cooper.)

Ann Wallis Heads Orientation Week For New Students

Ann Wallis, student chairman of orientation activities, with her junior guides, freshman and transfer counsellors, and Student Government Council members assisted the forty-eighth freshman class in the history of Meredith to register in the Office of the Dean of Women, find rooms, buy room keys, unpack cars and trunks, and find designated places of meetings for the various groups. The first of the two hundred and fifty freshmen and transfers began arriving on the campus Sunday morning, September 14, and by Monday night all had registered.

The orientation program, of which Dr. Lillian Parker Wallace was faculty chairman, included two-hour tests in English and a foreign language, a three-hour achievement test, a physical examination for each student, and a period of library training. The new students also attended chapel each morning at 8:30 when announcements were made and the presidents of the major organizations were introduced to the group.

Members of the Student Government Council held handbook classes on Monday through Wednesday nights with follow-up classes on September 22 and 26. At the last meeting of the Student Government training classes the new girls were given examinations and were required to write from memory the words of the Alma Mater.

Ann Wallis, chief counsellor, and her group of freshman and transfer counsellors and their advisers honored the new girls on Monday evening with parties for each group and a party for all groups in Phi Hall.

The girls were entertained again on Wednesday with hall parties given by the hall proctors, and a party in the Hut was given for transfers by Catherine Campbell.

STUDENTS OBTAIN DEAN'S RECOGNITION

Mrs. Vera Tart Marsh, registrar, has released the Dean's List, which is effective for fall semester, 1947. Included in this list are names of all students taking twelve or more semester hours who have made a number of quality points equal to twice the number of semester hours taken plus three.

Frances Alexander, Lucille Ballentine, Jean Branch, Glendon Burchard, Edith Camp, Dorothy Clarke, Rosemary Dean, Joan Drake, Mollie Fearing, Louise Swicegood Fritts, Ellen Goldston, Imogene Grainger, Martha Hamrick, Doris Harris, Virginia Highfill, Emily Hine, Betsy Jean Holt, Esther Hooker, Mary Humphrey, Frances Jones, Mary Frances Keene.

Stella Lassiter, Dorothy Loftin, Marie Mason, Ruth Martin, Ruth Miller, Betsy Morgan, Doris Nichols, Madge Futch Norwood, Lily Oatfield, Peggy Parker, Ruth Penny, Kathleen Perry, Julia Powers, Mary Lee Rankin, Lucille Sawyer, Dorothy Singleton, Barbara Swanson, Frances Thompson, Roxanna Vallas, Jolene Weathers, Gayle Wells, Margaret Wilson, Geneva Witherspoon.

Little Theatre Announces Plays

Approximately one hundred Meredith students have purchased season tickets for the Raleigh Little Theatre productions. The first production of the season, "Dream Girl," by Ella Rice, will be given each night during the week of October 6-11.

The second production of the year will be "Years Ago," by Ruth Gordan. Other plays to be given throughout this season will probably include "The Glass Menagerie," by Tennessee Williams, "Harvey," by Mary Chase, "Life with Father," by Linsen Crouse, and "Taming of the Shrew," a Shakespeare play.

Thirteen Join Meredith Staff

This fall there are thirteen new members of the faculty and administrative staff. Miss Lillian Grant, from Spartanburg, S. C., has come to Meredith as Assistant Dean of Women. Miss Grant attended Winthrop College, where she received her A.B. degree, and at Columbia University she obtained an A.M. degree. She has taught English for the past three years in the Spartanburg City Schools and is an active leader in church and denominational work.

Mrs. Esther T. Covington, the mother of Carolyn Covington, a student at Meredith, is now Assistant House Director. For the past twelve years Mrs. Covington has done secretarial work in Rockingham and Chapel Hill.

As Assistant Nurse at Meredith, Miss Janet Teague of Shelby has come to Meredith. Miss Teague graduated in nursing from Shelby Hospital and did graduate work in Children's Hospital, Washington, D. C. For the past two years she has been a supervisor in Shelby Hospital.

Miss Virginia Davis, a graduate
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REGISTRAR RELEASES CLASSIFICATION FIGURES

With the completion of registration at Meredith on September 18, there were enrolled five hundred and fifty regular students and twenty-seven special students, making a grand total of five hundred and seventy-seven students. Of this number there are one hundred and twenty-four classified as seniors, one hundred and fifty-four juniors, seventy-two sophomores, and two hundred freshmen.

There are fifty students who transferred to Meredith from other schools. Of the total number of enrolled students, five hundred and seven are boarding students, and seventy are non-residents.

ASTROTEKTON AND PHILARETIA LITERARY SOCIETIES COMPETE IN ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

ASTROS GIVE PICNIC AND WEDDING

Since the opening date of school, the freshmen and transfer students have been subjected to all the vigorous attentions of rushing that President Lois Harmon and her herd of Astros have been physically and financially able to pay.

Activities started out with the annual Astro Picnic which was held September 27. Because of bad weather conditions, the picnic was held in Astro Hall rather than at the traditional site of Allen's Pond. Committee chairmen Gayle Wells and Shirley Powell were responsible for the delicious food and hilarious entertainment.

On September 27, at 8:00 p.m., Miss Ima Newgirl was married to Mr. Astrotekton in a beautiful, impressive ceremony. Jean Dickens and Joe Norwood took the parts of the bride and groom. Other Astros and their dates formed the wedding party.

Rush Week began officially on September 29 with the Astros in charge of rushing on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday. On Sunday morning the new arrivals at Meredith found white carnation corsages outside their room doors. On Tuesday, attractive Billy Astro pins were distributed. The sight of Marty Davis and Peggy Patrick going around the campus dressed as goats on that day will not soon be forgotten. On Thursday night, each new student received a glass of lemonade. Each girl's name was painted in yellow letters on the glass.

Of course, there was the ever-present yell of "Be an Astro!" as every old member donned a yellow sweater and a smile and privately campaigned in that good, old Astro glow.

MAJOR ORGANIZATIONS ENTERTAIN COLLEGE

The officers of the major campus organizations entertained at a formal reception in the Blue Parlor on the evening of September 20, in the receiving line to greet and welcome students, faculty, and guests of the College were Mary Dell Fales, College Marshall, Frances Thompson, President of Student Government, Dr. and Mrs. Carlyle Campbell, Dean and Mrs. C. W. Burts, Miss Anna May Baker, Louvene Jordan, Lois Harmon, Gloria Meyer, Miss Billie Ruth Currin, Miss Doris Peterson, Harriet Neese, Doris Harris, Dr. Lillian Wallace, and Miss Lillian Grant.

Serving as hostesses for the reception were Mary Virginia Warren, Edith Stephenson, Shirley Parker, Marjorie Wilson, Katherine Wyatt, Meredith Liles, Barbara Swanson, Mary Frances Carpenter, Katherine Campbell, and Marty Davis.

Committee chairman for arrangement were Gayle Wells, Sunshine Bellamy, Betsy Ann Morgan, Naomi Pugh, and Frances Leigh Meadows.

Monogrammed cakes, lime ice, ginger ale, and assorted nuts were served.

PHI STAGE FASHION SHOW AND BONFIRE

On Friday night, September 26, the Phi bonfire was held at the hut, to which the freshmen were invited by telegrams. The girls were met in front of the Hut, where they formed a chain winding to the bonfire while they sang, "There's a Long, Long Trail A-winding." Around the fire they found a band of gypsies who entertained them with fortune telling, dances, and gypsy music. After refreshments of apple cider, popcorn, and doughnuts, the evening's entertainment was brought to a close as group singing beckoned the wanderers to their individual dormitories.

On Saturday night, September 27, "Radio Station PHI" gave a "broacast" called "Women in the News." This broadcast featured models from the Sophomore, Junior, and Senior classes. The Phi sponsor and mascot also served as models. The styles set forth were those for night-wear, classroom, sportswear, dress, and evening.

Rush Week actually began for the Phi on Monday morning, September 29, as they started their early morning serenade with their "Halo Shampoo Song" or "Wake Up, All New Students, Wake Up!" Monday night the new students were presented with Phido ink blotters and candy kisses, explaining "Phido says, 'we'll be all blotted out if you don't come our way!'" and "Kisses are fun, but so is being a Phi!" The Wednesday Phi Day ended with gifts of bubble gum attached to Phido's paw. Throughout the week were heard the melodies of the Philaretian song and many of their pep songs.

Meredith Begins Forty-ninth Session

In the traditional manner Meredith College formally opened its forty-ninth session, Thursday, September 18 at 8:00 p.m. in the College Auditorium. The program was begun by the processional by the Senior Class. Rev. Newton J. Robison, pastor of Hillyer Memorial Christian Church read the scripture lesson and led in prayer. Special music was provided by David L. Wilmot, new member of the music faculty, and Mrs. Wilmot. The address was delivered by Professor James T. Cleland of the faculty of Duke University Divinity School. After the address, Mr. Robison pronounced the benediction.

BOWEN IS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF VANN

Mary Bowen has been unanimously elected by the student body to serve as acting president of Vann Dormitory. Mary, a junior, is from Henderson. She replaces Pat Lancaster, who did not return to Meredith this fall.