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REMITTANCE

... Presenting a pertinent campus controversy for the benefit of students, faculty, alumnae, trustees, and friends of our college...

Prerequisite Information: Page forty of the 1948 Student Handbook; "Students do not smoke while under the jurisdiction of the college." Students are under the jurisdiction of the college while in the city limits of Raleigh.

This college policy has persisted for the number of years that Meredith College has existed. Other policies and conduct governing rules have mutated with the years under Student Government guidance. Community living on our campus is enjoyable because of this.

Smoking, however, is one college policy that has in the past and does in the present provide active conflict. Daily the situation has grown more pertinent. Climaxing needless years of undercover, behind the scenes, frustrated smoking, has come our present endeavor.

On February ninth at ten o'clock in the evening, the Student Government required without notice the attendance of selected students, a group of some fifty, at a meeting presided over by the president. The students were selected through "accumulated suspensions." (This group was to no extent all-inclusive.) They were told that this was their official warning. No longer did Student Government members need to see a student smoking to prove that she smoked; no longer did the student receive the usual two warnings. After this meeting and warning, official action, constituting cradle roll or expulsion, was to be taken whenever a student was suspected of smoking, whenever smoke could be smelled on the person's clothing, in her hair.

The meeting did not end with these statements. The president opened the floor for student opinions and free discussion.

The manner of action seemed to the girls to be unprecedented. They could not see the relationship of the authority to the penalty. Realizing that the original ruling was not made by the government of the students, and realizing that it should have been, the group decided to take action. Mollie Fearing was appointed chairman of a committee to accumulate information on smoking that could be taken by the Student Government or by a student committee to higher authorities. A campus poll was decided upon.

Mollie Fearing, Mary Frances Keene, Becky Ballentine, Mary Beth Thomas, Mickie Bowen, and Nancy Creech composed the actual questions, which were answered by the student body through secret ballot. The exact returns of the poll are as follows:

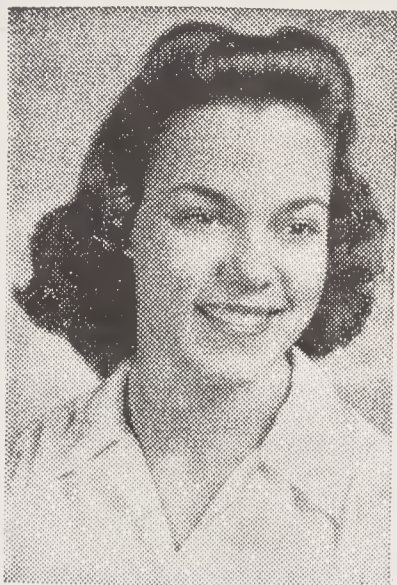
1) Do you disapprove of permitting smoking at Meredith College?
Yes 31% No 69%

2) Do you approve of allowing Meredith students to smoke in the dormitories?
Yes 64% No 36%

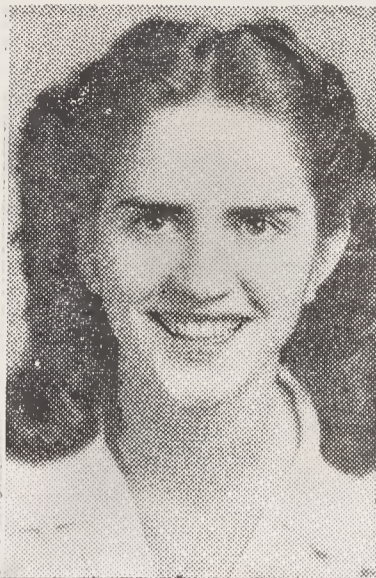
3) Do you approve of allowing Meredith students to smoke off the campus?
Yes 63% No 37%

4) Have you smoked one or more times while under the jurisdiction of Meredith College?
Yes 38% No 62%

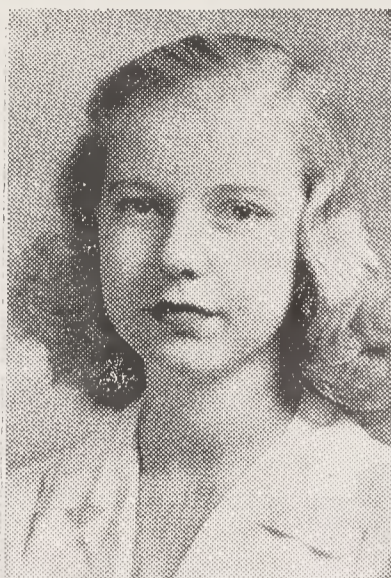
5) Do you smoke when not
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MARTY DAVIS
President of A.A.



BARBARA SWANSON
President of S.G.



MARJORIE WILSON
President of B.S.U.

Students Sponsor Formal Dinners

Because in the past many of the students have felt that we at Meredith have not entertained enough, a plan has been devised whereby we may entertain our dates at semi-formal dinners. The plans at present, although they are subject to change, are to have three or possibly four special dinners in the dining hall each year to which girls in designated dormitories may carry dates. Two of the dinners will be semi-formal and the other one or two will be "dress-up" occasions.

The plans for the first dinner which is to be held Feb. 28 are under the direction of Dot Singleton. The first dinner will include the girls in Faircloth and their dates. If it is possible to seat any more, the girls in Jones will be able to invite dates. The next dinner which will probably be in March or April will include the remaining girls in Jones who wish to ask dates and the girls in Vann. The last dinner this year which will be in May will give the girls in Stringfield the opportunity to ask their dates. We hope the plan will be a success; it is up to each of us to make it one.

Folk Dance Club To Give Concert

On March 19 and 20 the Folk Dance Club will present its annual spring concert, under the direction of Miss Doris Peterson, and will include European and American folk dances. Members of the group are Lois Harmon, Harriet Neese, Sarah Fleming, Susan Fleming, Mary Lou Sawyer, Frances Land, Jacqueline Knott, Billie Hart, Mary Lou Dawkins, Dot Swaringen, Rita Britt, Harriet Ashcraft, Frances Ward, Becky Lynn, Lefty Pugh, Eloise Lancaster, Frances Smith, Jolene Weathers, Frankie Ward, Vickie Harrell, Sara Davis, Lib Weston, Jane Lewis, Judy Powers, Ann Boykin, Fran Thompson, Ruth Hall, Jeanne Dickens, Jeanne McLamb, Jerry Miller, Genie Jo White, Mary Beth Thomas, Betty Hefner, Margaret Hope Smith, Gennett Bramble, Betsy Ann Morgan, and Mary McCoy. More details will be announced at a later date.

Pianist Plays Concert Here

Alexander Brailowsky, genius of the piano, will appear in concert this coming Monday night, March 1, at 8:00 p.m. in Memorial Auditorium. This program is the fifth in a series of six concerts presented by the Civic Music Association.

Mr. Brailowsky, the greatest living exponent of Chopin, has played 15 times the entire cycle of Chopin's music, consisting of 172 pieces. His first performance of this cycle in New York was in 1938, since then he has presented it in 1943 and 1946. When he played the Chopin's cycle in Paris, he played on Chopin's own piano.

He has played on every continent and in almost every country and has played repeatedly with every major symphony orchestra in the United States. He has toured South America 10 times; on one of those tours, while in Buenos Aires, he played 17 recitals in eight weeks without repeating anything.

Brailowsky was born in Kiev,
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Plays To Be Given Tomorrow Night

Tomorrow night, Feb. 28, three one-act comedies will be presented in the college auditorium. The plays will be given by the Freshman Class, the Phi Literary Society, and the Astro Literary Society.

A comedy by Harriett Ford entitled *Are Men Superior?* Will be given by the Freshman Class. Marjorie Joyner, class president, and Beverly Batchelor will serve as directors. The cast will include Daphne Yelverton, Donna Walston, Mickey Bowen, Betsy Ausbon, Kathy Deane, Stella Matthews, Emma Lee Hough, and Martha Smith. Committee chairmen are properties, Sylvia Currin; scenery, Catherine Carpenter; staging, Shirley Bone; prompter, Lydia Davis; costumes, Betty Jane Hedgepeth; programs, Beth Boggs.

On the same night the Phi Society will present *The Dabblers*, a farce, by John Kirkpatrick. Louvene Jordan, assisted by Mr. Harry K. Dorsett, is directing the play, and Chris Bordeaux is stage manager. In the cast are Janet Roberts, Sally Lou Taylor, Frances Almond,
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TEAS, PARTY HONOR FOCUS WEEK TEAM

Teas were given on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday afternoons of Focus Week in the Blue Parlor for the team members on the Meredith campus. The teas were given on Monday and Thursdays for the students, faculty, and team members; the Tuesday afternoon tea was for the faculty and team members.

Doris Concha, who served on the entertainment committee for Focus Week, was in charge of the tea given on Monday afternoon. Marty Davis and Marjorie Wilson poured tea, and Bunny Harris, Bertha Wilson, and Winnie Fitzgerald served. Also, Betty Moore assisted at the tea.

Pouring tea at the faculty tea for the team members on Tuesday were Mrs. Carlyle Campbell and Mrs. Ralph McLain. Serving were Miss Ruth Woodman, Miss Helen Ashley, Miss Leslie Syron, Miss Helen Parker, Miss Cynthia Wells, and Miss Lucille Higgs.

Dr. Ralph McLain headed the faculty committee for the week, and Miss Grant, Miss Brewer, Mrs. Egerton, and Miss Price served on his committee.

On Thursday afternoon Betty Jo Pitman was in charge of arrangements for the tea. Pouring

tea were Mary Frances Carpenter and Grace Brown. Those serving included Mary Lou Dawkins, Marjorie Wall, Barbara Francis, Magdaline Clinard, Ann Stowe, and Peggy Mitchell.

Also, honoring the team members of Religious Focus Week, the Meredith College student body, under the leadership of Marty Davis, staged a cowboy party Wednesday night. Working with Marty on the entertainment were Barbara Swanson, mistress of ceremonies, Lois Harmon, Margie Williams, Elsie Corbett, Shirley Powell, Jane Middleton, and Barbara Johnson.

Group singing was led by Nancy Hall after which a humorous skit on typical western "ladies" was presented. Down from the hills came the voices of the Freshman Gold Dust Quartet who sang "Clementine" and "Down in the Valley."

A contest to discover the most typical cowboy was won by Peggy Patrick. One of the most hilarious features of the evening was the trying on of feminine hats by the team members, as well as Dr. Campbell, Mr. Tyner, and Dean Burts.

Mrs. Avery Lee, disguised as
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STUDENTS ELECT MAJOR OFFICERS

Swanson, Wilson, Davis
Head S.G., B.S.U., A.A.

Election time has come again to the Meredith campus with the presidents of the major organizations having been elected on February 13. Friday 13 was not an unlucky day for newly elected presidents Barbara Swanson of the Student Government Council, Marjorie Wilson of the Baptist Student Union, and Marty Davis of the Athletic Association.

Barbara Swanson has been a member of the hockey team and was captain of her hockey team her sophomore year. She has been treasurer of the Astro Society, sophomore representative to the S. G., and secretary of the S. G. She is also a Little Theater pledge, associate member of the Silver Shield, and a member of the Sociology and International Relations Clubs.

Marjorie Wilson is an Astro and a religion major. She has been treasurer of the Freeman Religion Club, secretary and devotional vice president of the B. S. U. She is an associate member of the Silver Shield.

Marty Davis was a winner of the freshman hockey stick, captain of the hockey team, and freshman representative to the A. A. board. Her sophomore year she was secretary of the A. A. and is now vice president. Marty is an Astro and a psychology and education major.

Elections were omitted last week because of Religious Focus week but have been resumed this week. Ann Wallis is chairman of the nominating committee.

Newman Appears In Piano Concert

William S. Newman, assistant Professor of Music at the University of North Carolina, appeared in a piano recital in the College Auditorium, Wednesday evening at eight o'clock, February twenty-fifth. Mr. Newman's program consisted partially of some of the lesser known sonatas, among which were Sonata in E minor by Johann Joachim Agrell, Grande Sonate Brillante in E-flat major by Johann Carl Loewe, and Sonata per pianoforte by Ernest Bloch. Other numbers were an original composition—Chromatic Passacaglia, Nocturne in A-flat major by Gabriel Faure, and Malaga, tenth scene from Iberia, by Isaac Albeniz.

Mr. Newman has been soloist with the Cleveland, N.B.C., and other Symphony orchestras. He has given concerts and lecture recitals in many educational institutions, including Western Reserve, Harvard, Columbia, Ohio State, Illinois and North Carolina universities. As a musicologist he is author of a forthcoming book *History of the Sonata Idea* and editor of a critical edition of *Twelve Keyboard Sonatas of the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries*. Mr. Newman is collector of one of the world's most comprehensive sonata libraries.