

**He Builds Too Low
Who
Builds Beneath the
Stars**

WHICH WAY???

**Plain
Living,
High
Thinking.**

COLLEGE MARKS FIFTIETH YEAR

Two well-known speakers highlighted Meredith's recent celebration of the college's Fiftieth Anniversary which included the dedication of the new auditorium and observance of Founder's Day. Senator Frank Graham and Editor Ralph McGill of the *Atlanta Constitution* spoke on the morning and evening of September 27.

History Given

On the program with Senator Graham on the morning of Founder's Day were Dr. Mary Lynch Johnson, who briefly reviewed Meredith's past history in her address, "The Spirit and Purpose of the Founders," and Lt. Gov. Pat Taylor, who led in the dedication of the new auditorium.

Also recognized on the morning program was Dr. J. Y. Joyner, trustee of Meredith for 54 years—from 1894, five years before the college opening in 1899, to 1948.

Senator Speaks

After paying tribute to the founders and past history of Meredith, Senator Graham told his audience that "America and the other democracies must take the initiative for the stronger organization of peace, even at the risk of war. A drift into war is immoral in the atomic age."

Reception Held

The Founder's Day reception was held in the college parlors in the afternoon, with both the two visiting speakers and new members of the college faculty included in the receiving line. The huge birthday cake lighted at that time had 50 candles to mark the anniversary of the college; about 600 guests called during the afternoon.

Editor Lectures

Lecturing in the evening was Editor Ralph McGill of the *Atlanta Constitution*, who reviewed and commented on the South's past and future political and economic trends, with emphasis on the changing agricultural status of the Deep South.

After comparing North Carolina with Georgia, the editor (Continued on page four)

62 Students Make Recent Dean's List

The names of Meredith students on the Dean's List, effective during the fall semester of 1949-1950, have been released by Mrs. Vera Tart Marsh, college Registrar.

All students whose names are on the Dean's List are granted optional class attendance, except at the last session before or the first session after a holiday.

Students making the Dean's List, effective this semester, include Ella Rose Adams, Dorothy Allen, Joyce Bailey, Beth Boggs, Shirley Bone, Mickey Bowen, Jennett Bramble, Betty Brooks, Anne Brown, Melba Byrd, Pat Caddell, Virginia Campbell, Irene Covington, Mag Creech, and Lucy Currin.

Also Sara Davis, Rosemary Dean, Marie Edwards, Hazel Ellington, Patsy Emory, Ellen Goldston, Susan Graham, Esther Green, Ruth Hannon, Evelyn Hodges, Mary Humphrey, Louise Hunt, Betsy Jordan, Sally Massey, Mary Bland Josey, Dot Mil- (Continued on page five)



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BONFIRE, PICNIC, FASHION SHOW, PARTY GIVEN FOR NEW STUDENTS BY SOCIETIES

As a continuation of the program of "orienting" the freshmen to Meredith, the two societies entertained the new students at their annual celebrations during the weekend preceding Rush Week. These events enabled the new students to learn the officers and members of the societies before Rush Week and also to know each other.

Phi Bonfire

The sounds of song and laughter coming from the Hut on Thursday night, September 29, indicated the scene of the Phi Hillbilly Bonfire, held in honor of the freshmen and transfer students.

As the group settled themselves around the fire, four men (imported from Carolina for the occasion) dressed as hillbillies clambered through the windows of the Hut, causing, quite naturally, a commotion. After entertaining the girls with their antics, the boys led the group in singing "Daisy" and "Down by the Old Mill Stream."

While the guests munched their potato chips and hotdogs fixed with all the trimmings, they were further entertained by Emily Pool and her talking violin. Addie Elliott sang "Because" and "I Love You Truly" and Nancy Hall, last year's president, sang "Through the Years."

The contest for original costumes ended with the prizes going to two freshmen, Betty Ann Highsmith and Pat Smathers, who were dressed in sheets to signify that they were "Ghost Riders." The newcomers were serenaded good-night by the old Phis.

Astro Picnic

The annual Astro picnic honoring the new students was given Friday night, September 30 at 5:30 p.m. The old Astros and new girls hiked out to Allen's Pond where the picnic was laid.

A supper of "hot dogs," potato salad, tomatoes and lettuce, doughnuts, and grape juice was served. While the girls ate, a skit entitled "First Day in the Life of a Freshman" was presented. Diane Newton played the freshman and Emma Lee Hough represented her country roommate. Miss Barnette was played by Gazelle Moore, while Micky Bowen took the part of the "ever-helping" Big Sister, and Mary Bland Josey posed as the Astro.

The evening closed with the singing of the Astro song, and the girls hiked back to Meredith. That is, all the girls who were not one of the sixty in the food truck hiked back.

Fashion Show

The Phi Society demonstrated what a "bewitching hour in fashions" should be on the evening of October 1 for the benefit of all the new students as well as many old ones. Preceding the performance, Maggie Leatherman, Phi president, extended greetings and presented the society sponsor, Miss Lucy Ann Neblett, and the mascot, Carol Peacock.

The door to the college girl's ideal wardrobe was opened and the following models stepped forth: Jennett Bramble, Carolyn Crook, Sylvia Currin, Addie Elliott, Dot Haight, Martha Holland, Lib Jones, Jean Joyner, (Continued on page six)

Counsellors, Advisers Help New Students

One of the busiest groups on the campus during Orientation Week was that composed of the counsellors and the faculty advisers for each counsel group. During that first week the counsellors ran from room to room getting new girls settled in their surroundings and attempting to make all the new students feel "at home."

As a part of the counsellors' effort on behalf of their new friends, all transfers and freshmen were entertained at a "Big Wheel Party" on Thursday of Orientation Week, following the matriculation of all new students. The purpose of the "Big Wheel Party" was to enable the freshmen and transfers to know all of the leaders of the main organizations on campus.

Now that Orientation Week is over, the counsellors are making plans for their programs for each of their meetings during the year. Once a month the individual counsel groups will meet and the counsellors will then at- (Continued on page four)

CLASSIFICATION	
FALL SEMESTER 1949-50	
Seniors	64
Juniors	156
Sophomores	112
Freshmen	181
Part-time and Specials	21
Grand Total	534
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Phis, Astros Have Effective Rush Week

Rush Week officially began last Sunday morning, October 2, when the Astros waked the new students with their serenade. As is the custom with the society which has the first Rush Day, the Astros gave out corsages. This year the flower was a yellow chrysanthemum tied with yellow ribbon.

On Sunday afternoon the official kickoff of the Phi-Astro Rush game was held in the court. The Astros closed the day with a candlelight service.

Monday morning at 7:00 the Phis began their first day with song. The Phis presented "The Phi Hillbilly Hit Parade" in the dining hall. New girls were then bid goodnight with pop-sicles, Phi cookies, and a serenade by Jimmy Capps over "Our Best to You."

The early morning serenading continued throughout the week; on Tuesday afternoon the Astros presented their "Astro Carnival" in the court. The day closed with a pep rally on the Johnson Hall steps featuring cheerleaders from State, Duke, Carolina, and Wake Forest.

Rush Week activities continued on Wednesday. The height of the Phi program was reached with the dining hall program at night which featured a quartet from Wake Forest and a candlelight service in the court later.

The Astro entertainment on Thursday took the form of a skit in the spirit of Greek mythology in connection with the society's name, Astrotekton. The old and new girls alike were lulled to sleep by a serenade by a State College fraternity.

The Phis will close the week on Friday with special features at breakfast and lunch today and the "Phi Supper Club" at dinner tonight. The rush part of the week will come to a close with Phi songs over "Our Best to You" tonight.

13 Faculty, Staff Members Are Added

Thirteen new members have been added to the Meredith faculty and staff for the fall semester.

In the business department both instructors are new this year; Miss Martha Hill, of Bedford, Kentucky, is assistant professor in the department, and Miss Margaret Gregory, of Jane Lew, West Virginia, is an instructor.

Dr. Delphine Murphy, of Denver, Colorado, is the new speech and English teacher in the English department, succeeding Miss Hilderman. Dr. Murphy will also sponsor the Meredith Little Theatre.

Two changes have been made in the physical education department; Mrs. Miriam Todd Hitt, of Orlando, Florida, is now director of equitation, and Miss Margaret Carey, of Keene, New Hampshire is teaching physical education.

Miss Fannie Memory Farmer of Raleigh is acting instructor in the history department this (Continued on page six)