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IT'S SPRING?

## Trustees Announce Meredith To Become Co-ed

### Academic Changes Revealed Tonight

By LUCILLE BALL

According to a press release by the Board of Trustees, a radical change in the required curriculum at Meredith will be fully revealed at the seventh annual Folk Dance Concert to be held in the New Auditorium tomorrow night at 8 p.m.

The change, a step toward the advancing educational movement in the South, is to involve the omission of the entire mathematics department and the required sophomore English courses. In their place, courses which will be previewed by the folk dancers are to be required by all students graduating from Meredith after 1951.

The dance of the Swiss Mountaineers to be presented tomorrow night is designed to give students an idea of the class in mountain climbing to be taught during the summer session in western North Carolina by Dr. Ernest F. Canaday as a substitute for the present freshman mathematics course.

Other courses included in the new curriculum will be taught by Dr. John A. Yarbrough of the biology department and Dr. Louise Lanham of the English department. Dr. Yarbrough's course on the methods of training growing prairie grass will be introduced tomorrow night by the Cowboy Square Dance. The Oxford Minuet will preview Dr. Lanham's course on minuet etiquette.

These changes have been made in order to meet the requirements set by the Southern Association of Awkward Colleges (better known as the SAAC), and the new courses are designed to create a general cultural interest in a variety of subjects.

It has been announced that there will be a sale in Phi Hall of the 700 pieces of costume used in the concert after the performance tomorrow night. It is thought that students planning to take courses in connection with the folk dances will appreciate an opportunity to purchase the necessary clothing for their new studies.

### COLLEGE TO OPEN BIG SUMMER CAMP

By LOUELLA PARSONS

Have you been worried about a summer job? Or, more likely, how to make money without giving up any part of a lazy vacation? Well, rest easy, friends—your worries are over. The administration, as per usual, has had our problems in mind and has come up with the brilliant solution expected from such a distinguished group.

Beginning on June 1, a summer camp for all Meredith students will be opened; the camp, according to an announcement from its director, Dr. Preston, will be located approximately one block south of Pack Square in Asheville, in the heart of the beautiful mountains of Western North Carolina.

Every student of the college is invited to be a counselor at the camp, with a beginning salary of five hundred dollars for eight weeks. Appropriate raises will



Pictured above are some Meredith students in their customary school dress, dancing in glee at the news that Meredith is to become co-ed.

### Board of Trustees Still Considering Petition Offered By Worried Students

A petition by the entire student body to the Board of Trustees is now being considered by that body, which in an all-night session last night failed to reach a decision. The petition asked that adequate lighting facilities be placed on the porches between Johnson Hall and Faircloth and Vann, on either side; and also that the parking areas be adequately lighted at night.

That all the students recognized the great need for such lighting is shown by the unanimous signing of the paper; students felt that too many injurious accidents have occurred lately, such as stumbling over cars, benches, and even people on and near the porches. Spotlights were suggested as a remedy for this danger to life and limb.

It is hoped that the Board will finally come to see the need pointed out to them by this action, for many faculty members, including even the Dean of Women, have come to realize the dangers when shown to them by worried girls. Several of those girls have gone so far as to volunteer to take up a collection on their particular halls

to be given deserving ones, said the director, explaining that limited funds dictated the necessity of starting all on such a meagre salary.

Since there will be no regular campers, Meredith counselors in this camp will have ample time off for mountain climbing and visiting nearby camps. Only five weekends will be allowed, but planned recreation with neighboring boys' camps is being lined up by the director and his assistant, Miss Pratt.

Outdoor cooking will also be a feature of the Meredith summer camp.

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to pay for such lighting as is needed.

This helpful and concerned attitude will go far to influence the Board's decision; but unfortunately when several of the members themselves were invited to reconnoitre on any chosen Saturday night to see for themselves the difficulties involved in getting through the unlighted areas, the Board reported later that no danger was seen by them, and that at no time was any difficulty or obstruction met in the way. However, a further invitation has been extended by students who have insisted that the danger to their health was so great that any expense for this purpose is not too much.

The petition sent in cited several accidents which had taken place in the "No Man's Land," as the area has become known, and the dents made in several cars by both persons and other vehicles were also listed in the request. Clearly this is a crying need for money to be spent in a worthy cause.

#### STOP! LOOK! LISTEN!

All of you have heard the music in the dining hall at evening meals by now, I'm sure, and join me in expressing our thanks to Mr. Martin and others who made it possible. But the best is yet to come: Miss Lou, with the approval of Miss Grant, has asked the paper to announce that every Saturday night we may push the tables back and enjoy the music with our dates! Fun? Of course! And another coke machine and candy bars with compliments of the Bee Hive will make every Saturday evening at Meredith a happy one. Dateless? Come anyway! Remember: food and fun free for everyone—beginning next Saturday night, right after supper. See you there!

### Band Leaders Are Signed To Appear

By CLARE BOOTH LUCE

"If I'd known you were coming I'd have baked a cake!" These were the excited, eager, and, needless to add, entirely original words of Dr. Julia Harris, head of the college equitation department, upon hearing the stupendous announcement we now reveal to you, the underprivileged.

What announcement? Just this—instead of the current series of music concerts scheduled for Meredith, a new and entirely different group will appear to delight our hearts and wear out our shoes. For, beginning with Vaughn Monroe next Saturday night in the gym (for this great occasion the balcony of the gym will also be opened—just climb the ladder gracefully) such leaders in the music world as Bob Crosby, Perry Como, T. Dorsey, and Margaret Whiting have been signed to appear.

Dr. Harris' ecstatic comment was caused by the thought of the appearance here of Perry Como, of whom she was heard by some of her closest friends to say that he surpasses the charms of even Hamlet, her old flame. Since this is the highest recommendation that singer has ever received in his career, Como's press agent has secured for Dr. Harris a scholarship to St. Mary's, thus fulfilling her greatest ambition.

Students will be required to attend these spring concerts, and no books will be allowed on the dance floor. Rooms will be carefully checked, and students found cowering under the beds or crouched on the top shelf of the closet will receive a week's campus, with library

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### MEN WILL APPEAR ON CAMPUS SOON

By ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

In a surprise move today, the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and the Southern Baptist Convention announced that Meredith College would become co-educational. This action was taken in order to provide educational facilities for the eastern section of North Carolina after Wake Forest is moved to Winston-Salem. The former site of Wake Forest is to be used for a new southeastern seminary.

North Carolina leaders greeted the news with enthusiasm. Dr. F. Orion Mixon, president of the State convention, said that he felt that the action would be approved by everyone—especially the girls at Meredith. President Carlyle Campbell of Meredith was not available for comment.

Several new dormitories for men are being planned to be located beyond the present baseball field. However, this location would necessitate moving the stables. Plans have also been made to enlarge the dining hall by the addition of a second floor which would be more informal, and consequently not subject to the same rules.

As soon as the news was released, Meredith students started petitions that the rules and regulations of Wake Forest replace the present ones. Of major importance is the prohibition of dancing with men on the campus—a rule which will probably be changed immediately because of pressure from the board of trustees. However, reliable sources say that the administrative officials of the college are against any changes including the rule regulating the wearing of hats and hose off campus. The fashion world is eagerly awaiting the outcome.

The move was made after much heated discussion. However, everyone agrees that the removal of the barrier of sex is a great forward step toward equal educational advantages.

### MATH TEACHER WINS EXCITING CONTEST

By "RED" BARBER

Faculty experts triumphed over student energy yesterday when an exciting contest, sponsored by the A.A. Bored to promote good health, was held. Open to both faculty and students, the rules of the race were as follows: "At the sound of the opening gun, contestant must walk and/or run to Allen's Pond and back, within the given time limit of fifteen minutes. No pushing."

The large number of contestants, who lined up at the starting line at the dirt road in back of the dining hall and displayed extraordinary talents in track, showed their good sportsmanship when they learned at the end of their heated race that Dr. Canaday had won, because of a convenient shortcut to the pond which he had surveyed by the use of logarithms. He received the prize, a subscription to *Field and Stream*.