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Builds Beneath the  
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## Decision Day Ends Phi and Astro Rush Week

### COLLEGE ADDS NEW MEMBERS TO STAFF

Many new faces are evident around Meredith this fall—faces other than the usual freshmen and transfers.

Probably most important to the most people is the new dean of students, Miss Louise E. Fleming. It is actually a homecoming for Miss Fleming, who is a graduate of Meredith. She comes back to us from Greenville and New York City. She holds an M.A. degree from the Columbia School of Psychology, Union Theological Seminary, University of Washington. She has been executive director of the Y. W. C. A. at Winthrop College, University of Washington, and Northwestern University. Most recently she has been adviser and headquarters staff member of the college and university division of the National Board of the Y. W. C. A.

#### New Assistant Dean

Our assistant dean of students is Miss Margaret J. Schwartz of Tonawanda, N. Y. She is a graduate of Hiram College and holds an M.A. degree in education from Syracuse University. A member of the National Association of Deans of Women, she has taught high school social studies, and has been camp and program director at several Y. W. C. A. and summer camps.

We have two new members of the department of sociology. Head of the department is Dr. Elizabeth Head Vaughan from Athens, Ga. She has been professor of sociology at Winthrop College since 1947, and holds the Fulbright Grant for sociological study in India following this year. Dr. Vaughan is a graduate of the University of Georgia, holds a Ph.D. degree from the University of North Carolina, and has taught at Georgia University and the University of the Philippines.

The other new member of this department is Miss Doris West as instructor in sociology and economics. She is a graduate of Earlham College and Ohio State University, has held graduate assistantships at Ohio State, Duke, and the Bureau of Applied Social Research of Columbia University, and has taught at Bowling Green State University.

#### Dramatics Instructor

There is one new face in the English department. She is Miss Judith Mayes, instructor in speech and drama and adviser to the student Little Theatre. She has attended Central College of Fayette, Mo.; Northwestern University; the Fanny Bradshaw Studio of the Theatre in New York; and Columbia University. She has taught in private schools in Carruthville, Mo.; and on the faculties of Central College, Blackstone College, and Cumberland University.

Miss Forristine Whitaker of Hilton Village, Va., will head the department of public school music. She holds a B.S. degree from Farmville State Teachers College, and an M.A. from Teachers College of Syracuse University.

Other additions to the staff are Josephine Snow of Raleigh, who graduated from Meredith.



"Choose our color to wear tomorrow," are the words that each of these Phis and Astros are urging to bewildered freshman Cherrie Beddingfield, of Clayton. Holding the Phido and purple sweater at left are Phis Betty Jo Welch, Washington, D. C., and Dot Brown, Winston-Salem. Offering the yellow sweater for the Astros, on the right, are Peggy Poole, also of Clayton; and Sue Bunn, from Emporia, Virginia.

### FRESHMEN ELECT CLASS PRESIDENT FROM FOUR STUDENTS NOMINATED

Alstine Salter was elected president of the Freshman Class at a special meeting on Monday, after two weeks of considering the four candidates nominated by the Junior Class.

A junior committee, headed by class president Barbara Bone, checked high school records and picked out four members of their "Little Sister" class who they thought were capable of leading the freshmen.

The four nominees were Betty Edwards of Savannah, Ga.; Barbara Austin of Winston-Salem; Pat Tucker of Florence, S. C.; and Alstine Salter of Bass River, Mass.

#### Rating Brought "Salty"

Alstine, who is nicknamed "Salty," picked Meredith because, in her own words, "It's a Baptist girls' college of good Christian character with a good rating." She learned about the school from her aunt, who attended here for a year.

"Salty" held offices in her high school such as class treasurer for four years, a National Honor Society member for two years, editor of her school paper, secretary of the yearbook staff, a delegate to Girls' State, and a member of the softball and hockey teams. At Meredith sports and science especially appeal to her.

#### S. C. Freshman

Pat Tucker, who learned about Meredith from two seniors, Helen Brunson and Sandra Moore, and who found out all about the college life at Hospitality Week-end last year, believes "one has a better chance for advancement in a denominational school." The South Carolina freshman was activities editor of her yearbook, a member of the chorus and glee club, a school marshal, library assistant, president of her homeroom, and an honor graduate.

Religion and English are her prospective majors so far, but at present she is interested in get-

ting to know more people, she says.

#### "Twin-City" Nominee

"Everyday that I'm here, I like Meredith better" is the opinion of Barbara Austin. The Winston-Salemite picked Meredith through the influence of Madeline Clinard, a recent graduate of the Angel Farm, and from the description of college life given her family by Dr. Preston, public relations director. After studying the standards and ideals of the college, Barbara decided Meredith was "it."

A member of the National Honor Society, Quill and Scroll, and Masque and Gavel in high school, Barbara also served on the Student Board for four years. She has been a cheerleader and a debater, among many other activities.

Barbara thinks now that she will major in religion. English and history are her other special likes. Reading is her favorite.

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### "Student Government Is An Opportunity For Citizenship," Affirms New Dean of Students

#### By PAT SMATHERS

There is a misconception, popular in collegiate circles, that a dean of students is a creature second only to Grendel's mother, who relentlessly locks each cell in the dormitory at five each afternoon and lets the inmates out again in the morning at seven. This idea will be speedily brushed from the minds of new students and State College men when they meet Miss Louise Fleming, new dean of students at Meredith. Her charm and delightfully informal manner are a far cry from the conception generally held.

Miss Fleming comes to Meredith from the National Board of the Y. W. C. A., where she worked with college students in

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### Societies Rush New Students

#### Success of Four Days' Work Will Be Judged Tomorrow

Rush Week of every year is always full of fun and breathless freshmen. Rush Week is one of the biggest events of the year at Meredith—and certainly one to be looked forward to with great anticipation.

Both Astros and Phis have worked zealously, and it has seemed sometimes that their work of trying to get the largest number of recruits for their particular society is endless. Tomorrow will tell the tale!

The calendar of events, an item most necessary to such an event as Rush Week, couldn't be left out in a freshman's introduction to college life. However, such a calendar could not possibly take in every occasion.

#### Phi Day

Tuesday, October 5, belonged to the Phis. While getting up that morning, the girls were given baskets of flowers followed by the traditional bed-making. The day students were remembered and entertained at luncheon. Dinner that evening was not as usual, but glamorized with the name of the Philaretian Supper Club. An entertaining program was put on, and stuffed bears were given out as souvenirs. The day ended with a candlelight chorus in the court and music on "Our Best To You."

Bright and early on Wednesday morning Astros claimed the day by chanting wake-up songs to the freshmen. Favors while rising and a candied breakfast really surprised them! Yellow plastic glasses with initials containing Astro juice were distributed to each new student. At noon a very colorful program was presented with several girls representing Senator Astro. The most exciting event carried out in the Astro part of rush week was the pep rally that night held in front of Johnson Hall. Cheerleaders from Carolina, State, Duke, and Wake Forest were present to give some yells for the society.

On Thursday, Phi day rolled around again. This time telegram greetings were sent to the respective doors. In the afternoon new students were refreshed with Phi juice served by Purple Locks and the Three Bears. At 10 p.m. a bonfire was given in the grove with the vagabond as a theme. The party was completed with the entertainment and socializing of boys from State College. Just before bedtime, hot-dogs and drinks were served in each room.

#### Astro Day

Friday found the Astros again giving out morning favors, this time in the shape of yellow earrings made of shells. The day students were entertained by a luncheon in the hut and the traditional picnic at Allen's Pond closed the day—well, that is, almost closed it. Time will tell what the night will bring.

So ends a colorful rush week of the Phis and Astros.



MISS LOUISE FLEMING