

## New Students Make Their Decisions Tomorrow

### ENROLLMENT IS ALL-TIME HIGH

An all time high in the size of the Meredith student body was reached in the fall registration of 624 students.

Of this total 522 girls are living in the four college dormitories. The others are either married with homes of their own in Raleigh or are living with their families here.

The grand total includes 375 returning students; 36 transfer students from various schools including Mars Hill, Wake Forest, Peace, Gardner-Webb, and Campbell; 185 freshman students; and 28 special students.

Registration for freshmen was held on September 14. Upper classmen registered September 15, and classes began on September 16.

### Twenty New Staff Members Join Meredith

Meredith College opened its 1953-54 session with eleven new administrative staff members and seven new faculty members.

New members on the staff and their positions are: Miss Edith Zinn, assistant dean of students; Miss Mattie R. Greene, nurse; Miss Betty Sue Vance, nurse; Miss Mary Bland Josey, assistant in department of public relations; Miss Dru Morgan, manager of the supply store; Mrs. Elma Collins, assistant in the dining hall; Mrs. Lois Renfrow, secretary to the president; Mrs. Naomi Beamon, secretary to the dean; Mrs. Laurel Perry, bookkeeper; Mrs. Agnes Devinney, secretary to the business manager; Mrs. Martha George, (Continued on page four)



Pictured above are Astro president and mascot, Betty Lane and Billy; and Phi president and mascot, Lyn Belton and Milton. All are anxiously awaiting the arrival of new Astros and Phis.

### BARBARA JEAN DEANS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF FROSH CLASS; OTHER OFFICERS CHOSEN

Barbara Jean Deans was elected president of the Freshman Class in the class meeting on September 22. Other officers elected were Susan Walker, vice-president; Mary Edna Grimes, treasurer; Mary Helen Cooper, student government representative; and Nancy Young, secretary.

Barbara Jean, a home economics major, is from Wilson, N. C. Her high school interests included his-

tory, dramatics, and journalism. Among other offices held was editor of her high school paper, secretary of her class, president of Baptist Training Union and Sunday School class. The freshman presi-

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Barbara Jean Deans, newly elected president of Freshman Class.

### MEREDITH COLLEGE STABLES OPEN

The improved Meredith College Stables has opened its fall class session for college and town students.

The enrollment of college students for horseback classes had reached fifty-five when the last count was taken and registration was not complete at the time. Over one hundred town students ranging in age from seven or eight years old through sixteen or seventeen have registered for riding lessons.

A "Mothers" class is being held each Thursday morning at eleven o'clock for those mothers who get

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### BREAKFAST, SPECIAL CHAPEL PROGRAM MARK CLOSE OF SOCIETY RUSH WEEK

Tomorrow morning at the doors to the auditorium new students who have had so many decisions to make in the last few weeks will be faced with another important one—whether to become a Phi or an Astro.

During this week they have been feted, rushed, and treated like queens by the girls of the two societies who have been trying to win their hearts. For many of them it will be a difficult decision to make, because they have friends in both societies whom they would like to join.

The first event of exciting Decision Day, will be a sumptuous breakfast served family style in the dining hall. If by this time the new student knows which society she wants to join, she enters the dining room door which is decorated with

the colors of her society. As she enters, the old girls will be cheering her, and then later all the girls of each society will march in singing their society song.

This pattern will be repeated at chapel time, when the new girl makes her final choice. She can change her mind between breakfast and chapel, but here she loses that privilege. The old students again march in singing. Following the songs, short talks are given by Phi and Astro presidents. Then comes the most tense moment of the week. Which society has won? The marshalls of each society walk down the aisles with that important piece of paper. The presidents take it in the tense quietness, read it, and the final result is announced to the students; then shrieks and excitement on one side of the auditorium, disappointment and quiet on the other. But the members of the losing society swallow their disappointment and congratulate the winners.

Very soon after Decision Day comes the Phi installation service and the Astro initiation. And then the excitement of Rush Week Decision Day is over for another year.

### MEREDITH STUDENTS BECOME TEACHERS

Thirty-six Meredith girls began observing in Raleigh schools this week as a prelude to their student teaching.

Of this total seventeen are elementary teachers who will be teaching in Mrytle Underwood, Fred Olds, Sherwood Bates, Longview Gardens, and Boylan Heights schools.

Fourteen girls will be teaching high school subjects at Hugh Morson and Needham Broughton. The high school subjects which they will teach are math, English, history, business, and home economics.

The remaining five girls included in the total will be teaching music in the Cary High and Elementary Schools. Girls in music follow a slightly different program from that of other teachers. They teach two per week throughout both semesters while the other students teach five days per week for only one semester. The girls teaching music are Rose Rummage, Mary Eva Chalk, Jackie Ammons, Carolyn Hall, and Mary Jane Warrick.

Teaching first grade will be Ruth Dowell, and Ann Draughan. Rebecca McRackan, Patsy Bland, Mary Olive Spivey, Doris McMillan, and Mary Ann Chandler will teach second grade. Working with third graders will be Catherine McRackan, Lou Gardner, and Ann Lovell. (Continued on page three)

### L-I-S-T-E-N

We are all aware that there are many people in the world who are suffering because they have nothing to eat and because they have no homes. All of us have felt the desire to help them; but we have thought that what we could do would be too insignificant, and so we have done nothing.

During B.S.U. week at Ridgecrest last summer, the students were concerned with this problem of the suffering people in the world. Desirous of helping them to an extent greater than any one person or college could hope to help, they conceived of the LISTEN plan—a plan whereby North Carolina students would band together and give systematically to relieve suffering. They chose the name LISTEN because an acrostic based on those letters contained the purpose of the plan — **Love Impells Sacrifice Toward Every Need.**

The LISTEN program is directed at Christian growth for the giver.

May we all listen with our hearts to the needs of others.



The six girls shown above are the six seniors who were tapped into the Silver Shield Honorary Society during graduation last June. Seated from left to right are Doris Allen, Bonny Morgan and Ann Clark. Standing are Mary Ann Chandler, Lorette Oglesby and Patsy Bland.



The girls shown are the new members of Kappa Nu Sigma who were tapped last June. Kappa Nu Sigma is Meredith's honorary scholastic society. From left to right the girls are: Betty Hunter, Celia Wells, Melissa Matthews, Phyllis Trible, Betty Louise Smith, Nancy Brown and Ruth Barnes.