

Astros and Phis Seeking Victory On Decision Day

New Faculty and Staff Welcomed

Meredith opened the fall semester with ten new faculty members and seven new staff members.

Dr. William V. Badger, who has been professor of history of Winthrop, New Mexico Western, and Memphis State Teachers' College comes to us as head of the education department. A native of Parkersburg, West Virginia, he earned his B.S. and A.M. at George Peabody College for Teachers, did graduate work at Harvard and the University of Missouri, and received his Ph.D. from Florida State University.

Associate professor of health and physical education is Dr. Claire Weigt, from Flushing, N. C. The holder of degrees from Teachers' College, Columbia University, she has also studied with the dancers, Hannya Holm and Martha Graham. Dr. Weigt has taught at the University of Georgia, the University of Illinois, and Bard College.

Our new assistant professor of English, Miss Sally Willis Holland, received her A.B. from Westhampton, her A.M. from Columbia, and did graduate work at the University of North Carolina. She has previously taught at Coker College and Hood College.

Dr. Robert Howell, assistant professor of economics, taught at Okla-

homa A. & M. and North Carolina State before coming to Meredith. He received his B.F.A. from Oklahoma A. & M. and also his B.S. in Personnel and his M.S. in Economics. His Ph.D. is from the University of North Carolina. Dr. Howell has also worked as tax researcher for North Carolina.

Assistant professor of biology, Dr. Edward M. Lowry, received his A.B. from Ripon, did graduate work at the University of North Carolina and the University of Michigan, and completed work for his Ph.D. at the University of Missouri. Since 1947, he was fisheries biologist for the Missouri Conservation Commission.

Miss Jean Swanson, our new assistant professor of music from Los Angeles, has taught in high schools, colleges in Washington, and Mills College. She has also been organist at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Berkeley, California. Miss Swanson received her A.B. from Macalester College and her M.M. from Northwestern University, and has had two additional years of graduate study at the University of Southern California.

Acting assistant professor of sociology Dr. Luke M. Smith, received his A.B. from the University of California and his A.M. and Ph.D. from Harvard. Dr. Smith had a teaching fellowship at Harvard, was an instructor at the University, and was visiting assistant professor at Boston University, Sweet Briar, and Mary Washington.

Miss Lois Frazier, instructor and acting head of the business department, comes from Leaksville, N. C. She has taught at Brevard, Woman's College, and Flora Macdonald, and received her B.S. from Woman's College.

Miss Loyce White, our new art instructor, received her A.B. from Mary Washington, and her B.F.A. and M.F. from the Art Institute of Chicago. Miss White, who is from Norfolk, Virginia, taught in the city schools there before coming to Meredith.

Mrs. Robert Howell, part-time instructor in geography, received her B.S. in education and her M.S. in geography at Oklahoma A. & M. She has completed her course for the doctorate in geography at the University of N. C. Mrs. Howell has taught in high school, and at Oklahoma A. & M.

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Proudly displaying their mascots are the society presidents, Susie Rucker, with Billy Astro, and Ernestine Cottrell with Milton, Phi mascot.

CAMPUS WIDE ELECTION HELD

Elections were held on September 23 to replace officers not returning to Meredith this year. Anne Jane Barbrey was chosen Playhouse President and Margaret ("Mutt") Layne, Secretary of Student Government.

Anne Jane, a five foot tall history major, has worked with the Playhouse since her freshman year, mostly in publicity and ticket sales. Her junior year she served as secretary of the organization and displayed her talent for acting in the Play Production Class' "Two Slaterns and a King," in which she was the comical character, Slut. She has had a part in Stunt Night each year also.

"Mutt," a 5'2½" junior, has been a counselor, sophomore vice-president, and a Kappa Nu Sigma associate member. She has served on the *Oak Leaves* staff and won the Philaretian literary award her sophomore year.

Reception Given For New Students

Freshmen and transfer students were entertained at a formal reception climaxing orientation week September 18 at 8:00 p.m. Phoebe Barnhardt introduced the guests to a receiving line made up of Dr. and Mrs. Campbell, members of the faculty, and campus leaders. After being greeted by the members of the receiving line the guests were served refreshments.

SEARCH FOR TRUTH, SAYS DR. REEVES

By ANNE TUNSTALL

Dr. Marjorie Reeves, guest and speaker on our campus last week, is just the person to explode the aged stereotype of the history professor with the drawn, anxious expression and prim mannerisms. Even a very brief and surface acquaintance with this remarkable woman would make one conscious of her warmth and vitality, her sincerity and perception.

During her stay on our campus Dr. Reeves spoke to a group of fifty students on Wednesday night, the entire student body and faculty on Friday morning, and to a group of interested faculty members and students from Meredith and surrounding colleges on Friday night.

The meaning of the vocation of a Christian student was one of the primary notes of concern that kept reappearing in the lectures and conversations of Dr. Reeves. In response to the question, "What is the vocation of a Christian student?" Dr. Reeves stated that it is obedi-

ence to a call to think freely and fearlessly, to be willing to risk one's security in search for truth. When asked to compare the vitality of the English student's faith with that of the American student's, she said that while Christianity was now obvious among the students of America, few are required to examine and analyze their beliefs. In sharp contrast to this situation is the now demanding one in which the British Christian student, a member of a minority group, finds himself. He is challenged to examine the roots of his faith, to ask "Why am I a Christian?" and he is required to "justify his right to be intellectually respectable."

From her statement that "the most exciting part of my job is to lead students to the frontier of knowledge," it is evident that Miss Reeves has a deep reverence for truth. In speaking to students she urged that each person seek a relationship between his faith and his intellectual quest which would not

MR. MARTIN DIES

Both Meredith students and faculty were recently saddened by the death of Mr. Martin, our night watchman. He has been an integral part of the Meredith scene for many years. Mr. Martin had a special interest in Meredith girls and was always concerned about their welfare. He liked and enjoyed his work and did much more than was required of him. We will miss his familiar figure on our campus.

ENROLLMENT

The total enrollment at Meredith to date is 618 students, including 51 transfers, 190 freshmen, and 350 returning students, and 27 are special students. Dormitory students number 516 and non-resident students, 75.

These figures were released by Mrs. Vera T. Marsh, registrar.

Dean's Father Dies

The Rev. Joseph Leishman Peacock, D.D., father of Dean L. A. Peacock, died Friday morning, September 24. A native of Scotland, Dr. Peacock studied at Worcester Academy, Brown University, and Harvard University in this country, after which he served as a Baptist minister in New Hampshire and Rhode Island. He was also active in the religious and educational life of North Carolina, serving as president of Shaw University.

Decision day looms as rush week comes to an end. What will the outcome be? The Astros and the Phis have planned such good times the freshmen feel they can never decide between the two societies. The fun started Friday night with the Astro picnic at Allen's Pond followed by the Phi Square Dance in the court. Saturday brought the Phi Fashion Show and the Astro Party in Society Hall. The dorm students had time to catch their breath before Tuesday, but the Day Students were given a luncheon on Monday by both Societies.

Tuesday morning the freshmen were awakened by the singing of the Phis, and — wonder of wonders — some of the girls came to make up their beds! The Phi juice stand really kept busy giving Phi juice to thirsty freshmen returning from classes. Tuesday night the Phi bonfire was held at the chimney.

The sun shone on the Astro singers beneath freshmen windows on Wednesday morning. Favors were given out, and a rousing Astro pep rally was held on the library steps that night.

The last two days have been highlighted by the Phi supper club on Thursday night, and by the Astro masquerade ball on Friday night. There was also the visitation and the serenading of both Societies.

Shall I wear yellow or purple? This question faces freshmen and transfers tomorrow on Decision Day. No matter what color they choose, they can't go wrong.

Dr. Whitaker Assumes Duties

At the opening B. S. U. chapel period of the year, Shirley McLean, B. S. U. president, presented Dr. Bruce Whitaker, state B. S. U. director, to the Meredith community. Dr. Whitaker, a native of Shelby, is a graduate of Wake Forest College and of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He has been associated with Belmont College in Tennessee and Shorter College in Georgia and comes to North Carolina from the Druid Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga., where he was associate pastor. Mrs. Whitaker also has had considerable experience in student work. Miss Miriam Hollis continues as associate state director in the Hargett Street office, and Mrs. Eileen Hough is office secretary.

FRESHMEN ELECT CLASS OFFICERS

The freshmen held elections recently for their class officers. Margaret Creech was selected for president; Betty Kellum, vice-president; Anne Howard, secretary; Louise Moore, treasurer; and Martha Bramlett, student government representative.

Margaret expects to major in primary education. The girls she lives with say she enjoys talking and laughing, and she herself admits a liking for basketball, State College, and picnics. In high school, she was secretary of the Student Government and received many awards, among them, the "best all round" superlative of the senior class.

A cheerleader, class officer, and president of her high school Tri-Hi-Y, Betty plans to be a business major. Among her favorites are steak and french fries, football games, and Carolina.

Anne, who was voted the friendliest in her high school class, says she likes Meredith girls and the surrounding "male colleges." Vol-

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Registrar Releases Spring Dean's List

The dean's list, released by Mrs. Vera Tart Marsh, Registrar of the College, on June 9, 1954, includes the names of all students registered for at least twelve hours, who completed and passed all courses with a number of quality points equal to twice the number of semester hours taken plus three. The following girls met these requirements last semester: Julia Abernethy, Joan Allen, Doris Allen, Ruth Jeanne Allen, Betty Ball, Nellie Ruth Barnes, Phoebe Barnhardt, Patricia Bland, Kathryn Bright, Nancy Brown, Margaret Brunson, Patricia Byrd, Vivian Byrd, Mary Lois Cadle, Nancy Carpenter, Joyce Causey, Mary Ann Chandler, Jane Collins, Mary Frances Colston, Jane Condre, Carol Cooke, Ernestine Cottrell, Sarah Jeanette Crawford, Eliza Culberson, Peggy Jo Dalrymple, Bettie Jean Davis, Janice Anne Dawkins, Barbara Jean Deans, Barbara Jean Dickens, Patricia Dowell, Margaret Anne English, Alyce Epley, Kitty Flowers, Jean Forbes, Lou Ellen Gardner, Mary Jon Gerald, Jean Grealish, Mary Jocile Griffin, Nancy Carolynne Harsell, Rebecca Haynes, Mildred Holland, Patricia House, Elizabeth Hunter, Ann Ippock, Mary Frances Kerley, Millicent Kimbrell, Virginia Kime, Dorothy Kinkead, Dorothy Knott, Sara Langdon, Margaret Layne, Annette Lee, Helene Lee, Patricia Loftin, Marilyn McArthur, Louise McCall.

Shirley McLean, Catherine McRackan, Rebecca McRackan, Edna Gwendolyn Maddrey, Cynthia Mahler, Sarah Mangum, Mary Gordon Maxwell, Annie Lee Maye, Daphne Mayton, Patty Melvin, Rebekah Miles, Joyce Ann Mitchiner, Anne Carol Moore, Mary Dare Moore, Dorothy Taylor Morgan, Elizabeth Morgan, Delores Diane Morris, Sarah Outlaw, Wilma Grace Owens, Jean Pace, Anne Parr, Dorothy Paschal, Bess Peeler, Sandra Peterson, Mary Jo Pinner, Dorothy Lucille Prickett, Barbara Jones Redden, Marlene Reep, Sarah Elizabeth Robertson, Martha Ann

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