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Seniors Will Graduate May 30

Initiates Honored By Alpha Psi Omega

On Thursday, May 5, in chapel, the Alpha Psi Omega, National Honorary Dramatics Fraternity, held its Spring Tapping Ceremony. The new initiates were Kathy Atkins, Sally Drake, Jeanne Grealish, Mary Kiser, Emily Newman, and Betty Jean Blackmon.

On Thursday night, May 12, at 8:30 in the Hut, Alpha Psi held its formal initiation. The initiates wore evening dresses, and the cast members, clothed in black robes of judgment, listened to the requirements, which were the memorization of lines and dramatic endeavors. After the initiates had fulfilled their requirements, they were presented with a rose and ribbons of their fraternity colors — amber and blue.

On Society Night, the Alpha Psi Award will be given jointly by the Alpha Psi and Playhouse to the best player of the year.

Plans Announced For Summer School

Summer school at Meredith will be held from June 6 through July 16 this year. Courses will be offered in the following subjects: art, biology, education, English, geography, government, history, mathematics, applied music, religion, sociology, and Spanish. However, the college does not guarantee to offer any course listed above for which there is not a minimum registration of six students.

Registration will begin in the college library at 2:00 p.m., Monday, June 6. During the six-week session, a student may earn a maximum of six semester hours of credit. Classes will meet from 7:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday, except July 4.

Senior Research Paper

June Vann, a senior sociology major from Washington, N. C., gave a presentation of her senior research paper Friday, May 13, at 7:00 p.m. in Faircloth Parlor. The public was invited to attend.

The paper was entitled "How People Heard About Two News Items: Churchill's Resignation, and the North Carolina Legislature's School Integration Resolution." In preparing the paper, June did field work of interviewing. She then compiled the data thus found, and from it drew certain conclusions. These conclusions were compared with studies made by other sociologists on the same topic.

Annual Awards to be Made Society Night

One of Meredith's most important occasions is Society Night, held every year at graduation time. This year it will be on Saturday, May 28, at 8 o'clock in Jones Auditorium and will have for its speaker Mrs. Bernice Kelly Harris, who is a 1913 graduate of Meredith. Mrs. Harris is a well known North Carolina novelist particularly known for her characterizations of eastern Carolinians.

The program begins with a processional of the members of the As-

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Class Day Exercises To Be Held May 28

On Saturday afternoon, May 28, at 4:30 p.m., the annual Class Day exercises will be held in the middle of the court. For the occasion, both the big sister and little sister classes of the present Senior Class will be on hand to participate in the festivities. At this time the sister classes honor one another with songs and gifts. Early Saturday morning the Sophomore Class will pick daisies for the daisy chain through which the seniors will pass. At present, the program has been tentatively set as follows: the processional of the sophomores, carrying the daisy chain on their shoulders and singing "Seniors, Dear Seniors"; the processional of the seniors through the daisy chain; welcome to all guests by Joyce Causey, president of the Senior Class; the seniors' song to their big sisters, the Class of '53; and their response; the presentation of the wishbones to the sophomores, a tradition of the odd class; the "Big Sister-Little Sister" song with the sophomores' response; presentation of the Last Will and Testament and the Class Prophecy; presentation of the gifts, the main one being the gift to the school; and recessional to Johnson Hall steps where the sophomores form the numerals of the graduating class. Following the program the seniors will elect their alumnae class officers.

School of Christian Studies Slated Here

(Reprint from *News and Observer*)

Complete program details for the third annual Meredith School of Christian Studies were announced recently by Dr. Ralph E. McLain, chairman of the school and head of the Department of Religion at Meredith College.

The school, which will be held on the Meredith campus June 13-17, will feature as daily lecturers a noted English theologian, a Baptist minister, and a professor of Union Theological Seminary in New York City.

Dr. John Seldon Whale, awarded degrees by both Oxford and Cambridge universities, was elected president of Cheshunt College, Cambridge, in 1933. He has lectured extensively in England and America, and is the author of numerous books.

Dr. Whale will deliver four lectures at the Meredith school on the general theme, "Ancient Problems in the Modern World."

The minister is Dr. Carlyle Marney, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Austin, Texas, and a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He spent three months in 1954 in preaching missions in Korea and Japan, and regularly appears on radio and television programs. His four lectures will follow the theme, "Structures of Prejudice."

Dr. James Muilenburg, Davenport Professor of Hebrew and the Cognate Languages, Union Theological Seminary, taught at Yale and Mt. Holyoke College before accepting his present post in 1945. In 1953-54 he was resident director of the American School of Oriental Research in Jerusalem. His theme will be, "The Prophet Jeremiah and His Times."

Rev. Sankey L. Blanton

Mrs. Bernice Kelly Harris

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Friday, May 27

8:00 P.M. — Annual Concert

Saturday, May 28

9:30 A.M. — Annual Meeting of Kappa Nu Sigma

10:30 A.M. — Meeting of Alumnae Association

FRANCES WALLACE RANKIN, A.B., *President*

Address: VIRGINIA HIGHFILL, A.B., Osaka, Japan

1:00 P.M. — Alumnae Luncheon

4:30 P.M. — Class Day Exercises

8:00 P.M. — Society Night

Address: BERNICE KELLY HARRIS, A.B., Seaboard, N. C.

9:30 P.M. — Annual Meeting of Silver Shield

Sunday, May 29

11:00 A.M. — Baccalaureate Sermon

THE REVEREND SANKEY L. BLANTON, Th.M., D.D.

President, Crozer Theological Seminary

4:30 P.M. — Organ Recital

HARRY E. COOPER, Mus.D., F.A.G.O.

Meredith College

8:00 P.M. — Senior Vespers

8:45 P.M. — Reception for Parents

Monday, May 30

10:30 A.M. — Baccalaureate Address

HENRY STEELE COMMAGER, Ph.D.

Department of History, Columbia University

Conferring of Degrees

Full Schedule Seen For Alumnae Day

This year, Saturday, May 28, will be Alumnae Day. The program will begin at 10:30 Saturday morning as the alumnae register in the lobby of Jones Auditorium. Frances Wallace Rankin, '46, of Raleigh, president of the Alumnae Association, will preside over the activities of the day.

The highlight of the morning's program will be an address by Virginia Highfill of Winston-Salem and Japan. Miss Highfill is now on her first furlough from her work as a missionary to Japan. Before her graduation from Meredith in 1947, she was president of the Baptist Student Union, a member of the Silver Shield, and an English major. In 1949, she graduated from the Carver School of Missions and Social Work in Louisville, Kentucky, with the degree of Master of Religious Education. Miss Highfill served as educational director at Baptist churches in Mooresville and Durham before being appointed by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in 1950 as a missionary to Japan. During her year's furlough Miss Highfill has spoken in churches and in mission and training schools, explaining the mission work being done in Japan. Her headquarters for the year have been in Winston-Salem with her mother and father, although she is spending ten weeks this spring studying at Union Seminary in Richmond. Miss Highfill spent two years in Japan working in a Baptist church in Tokyo. The last two years she has worked in

Miss Virginia Highfill, Alumnae Day Speaker

Osaka in a Baptist church which has 140 members and a Japanese pastor. In July of this year Miss Highfill will return to Japan to spend six years before returning to America for another year at home.

The Alumnae Luncheon is planned for 1:00 p.m. in the college dining hall. Open house will be held in the Alumnae House between luncheon and Class Day exercises which begin at 4:30 p.m. All Class Day Dolls from 1902 through 1954 will be displayed in the rotunda during commencement week end. The Class of 1955 will present their doll at the Alumnae Luncheon.

The speakers for the commencement exercises held May 29-30 will be the Rev. Sankey L. Blanton of Crozer Theological Seminary and Dr. Henry Steele Commager of Columbia University.

The Rev. Sankey L. Blanton bringing the Baccalaureate Sermon on Sunday morning, May 29, is a native of Ellenboro, N. C. He holds the A.B. degree from Wake Forest College and the Th.M. degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky.

During the First World War he served as an enlisted man in the 30th Infantry Division in France. At the conclusion of the war he remained for a year in France and Germany as a member of the army of occupation.

Dr. Blanton is a graduate of Andover Newton Theological School, from which he received the degree of Master of Sacred Theology. From 1931-36 he served as pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church in New Haven, Conn. From New Haven he went to Wilmington, N. C., where he was pastor of the First Baptist Church for ten years. In 1945 Wake Forest conferred upon him the D.D. degree. He has been active in a number of educational and religious institutions, has served on the General Boards of both the North Carolina and the Connecticut Baptist Conventions, and as a trustee of both Wake Forest College and Meredith College.

Before becoming the fifth president of Crozer Theological Seminary in Chester, Pa., he was Dean of the School of Religion of Wake Forest College from 1946-50.

Delivering the Baccalaureate Address Monday, May 30, will be Henry Steele Commager. Educated at the University of Chicago and the University of Copenhagen, Dr. Commager received his A.B. at the University of Chicago in 1923, his M.A. degree in 1924, and his Ph.D. in 1928. While active in various phases of war life, Dr. Commager was a member of the U. S. Army War History Committee, and consultant U. S. Army attached to S.H.A.E.F. in 1945. Although Dr. Commager leads a busy life, he has written a number of books such as *Theodore Parker,* 1936; *Growth of the American Republic,* 1930; *Majority Rule and Minority Rights,* 1944; *Story of the Second World War,* 1945; *The Blue and the Gray,* 2 vols. 1950; *Living Ideas in America,* 1951; and *Robert E. Lee,* 1951. At the present Dr. Commager is the Professor of History at Columbia University.

GLIMPSES OF FALL

CALENDAR

September 8-13—Orientation Program

September 12 — Registration of transfers and freshmen

September 13 — Registration for upperclassmen

September 14—Classes begin

The members of these organizations are expected to return to school on September 6:

Student Government Council

Freshman and Transfer Counselors

B.S.U. Council

A.A. Board

Three Class Presidents

Society Presidents

TWIG Editor

Acorn Editor

Oak Leaves Editor

Playhouse President

Meredith College Library