

Annual Christmas Banquet Precedes Holiday Recess

On December 16, eve of the Christmas recess, the annual Christmas banquet for students and faculty will be held in the college dining hall at 6:00 p.m. As always, this will be a delightful and festive occasion, complete with candlelight, soft strains of "White Christmas," and the inevitable turkey with all the trimmings. This, formal event is

sponsored jointly by the Student Government Association, the Athletic Association, and the Baptist Student Union.

On the following day the holiday vacation begins at the end of each student's regularly scheduled classes.

Classes will be resumed on Monday, January 2, 1956.

Faculty Members Attend Meetings

Dr. Quentin McAllister attended the meeting of foreign language departments of Baptist Colleges, which was held at Mars Hill College, November 18 and 19. On Friday evening, he gave an address on the development of teaching methods in the past hundred years. This subject was chosen to parallel the centennial celebration being held at Mars Hill College.

Dr. McAllister also attended the twenty-fifth annual meeting of the South Atlantic Modern Language Association which was held at Daytona Beach, Florida, November 24-26. This association, of which he has been secretary-treasurer for five years, covers eight south-Atlantic states and has a membership of 1200.

Dr. and Mrs. McAllister went to Florida several days prior to the opening of the convention, for Dr. McAllister, in addition to being secretary and treasurer of the convention, was in charge of all arrangements for this meeting, which 400 teachers of English and foreign languages attended. During the meeting, Dr. McAllister also gave various reports.

The convention was distinguished by the presence of visitors among whom was M. Pierre Donzelot, Director General of the French Ministry of Education, who is on leave as director of cultural activities of the French Embassy. Dr. and Mrs. McAllister were in the receiving line at the reception given in M. Donzelot's honor.

While in Florida, Dr. McAllister was interviewed by press on the subject of "The Kind of Education Best Suited to Bring Success to Prospective Employees in Business and Industry."

Also, he participated in a panel discussion which was broadcasted over W D O R, Daytona Beach radio station. The topic of this panel was "Practical Aspects of Foreign Language Studies." Other members participating in addition to Dr. McAllister were Dr. Ludd Spivey, president of Florida Southern College; Beaumont Wicks, head of romance languages at the University of Alabama; Peter Nyles, director secretary of the convention bureau; and Dr. Cathryn Parh of Florida Southern College.

Dr. McAllister's report on the convention will be published in the January issue of *South Atlantic Bulletin* and in the April issue of *PMLA*.

Dr. Lemmon, Dr. Keith, and Dr. Wallace, members of the Meredith history department, attended the dinner meeting of the North Carolina Historical Society, held at Duke University on November 4. The main topic of the evening program was the appreciation of the life of (Continued on page five)

Chorus Gives Concert Sunday



Pictured is the Meredith College Chorus with Miss Beatrice Donley, Director.

The Meredith College Chorus, under the direction of Miss Beatrice Donley and accompanied by Nancy Perkins, will present its traditional Christmas concert on Sunday, December 11, at 4 p.m. in Jones Auditorium.

The program will consist of three groups, the first including "The Angels and the Shepherds" by Zoltan Kodaly, with words by Elizabeth Lockwood (an obligato for the number being sung by members of the Triple Trio); "How Far Is It to Bethlehem?" by Richard Donovan, with words by Frances Chesterton; "Tyrle, Tyrle, Tyrle, Tyrle" by Healy Willa; "The Lambs to the Lamb" by Paul Creston, words by Diana Nicholson Kemp; and "Gloria in Excelsis" by Katherine Davis, the words being a paraphrase from Luke 2:14.

The second group consists of the traditional "Twelve Days of Christmas" by W. A. Goldsworthy. The twelve soloists for this number include Kay Elizabeth Johnson, Janet Fulcher, Nancy Reece, Jo Jernigan, Emily Dean, Joyce Skillman, Pat Bowen, Kitty Holt, Mary Jo Pinner, Clara Hudson, Alice Cooper, and Margaret Sharpe.

The main feature of the program is the Benjamin Britten "Ceremony of Carols" to be sung in Old English. This is the first repeat performance of the full work. It was last done complete in 1951 although in 1953 the choruses from the work were done. Emily Kellam is to be the guest harpist with this number. Soloists will be Marilyn Green, Margaret Layne, Peggy Holland, and Jeanne Grealish. Marjorie Thore and Kay McCosley will sing the duet.

The program will be concluded with the traditional "Stille Nacht" by Frank Gruber.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
December 9	Chambers Music
December 10	Astro Page Society Hall
December 11	Chorus Christmas Program
December 14, 8:00 p.m.	Grass Roots Opera—Auditorium
December 16	Christmas Dinner
December 17, 12:30 p.m.—January 2, 8:30 a.m.	Christmas Holidays

MEREDITH POEM IN PUBLICATION

A poem, *In Memoriam*, by Margaret Layne has been accepted for publication in the Annual Anthology of College Poetry. The Anthology is a compilation of the finest poetry written by the college men and women of America, representing every section of the country. Selections were made from thousands of poems submitted. We heartily congratulate "Mutt" on this honor.

Juniors Again Win Stunt!

The annual excitement accompanying Meredith's stunt night built up to a high pitch this year with each class working intensely to gain the prized cup.

The seniors opened with "She-Man-cipation;" the juniors followed with "Colorama;" the sophomores presented "A Fish Tale," and the freshmen ended the competition with "The Three Cornered Tale."

The judges, Miss Lila Bell, Miss B. J. Yeager, Mr. Charles Turn, Dr. Broadus E. Jones, and Dr. John Yarborough brought in the decision, with seniors winning second place and juniors taking first. This is the first time in several years that a class has kept the cup.

The triple trio made the night complete by entertaining the audience with several numbers.

A. A. CHRISTMAS LIST

For your convenience the A.A. Board each year compiles an alphabetical list of the names of resident and day students, faculty and administration, with the home address of each. These lists will be sold on each hall by A.A. members for twenty-five cents each. It's a necessity for sending those Christmas cards or notes during the holidays and a very good thing to take with you when you are traveling and would like to call or drop in on some of your friends.

ANOTHER BOY!

On November 17, 1955, a seven pound five ounce baby boy was born to Dr. and Mrs. Roger Crook at Rex Hospital in Raleigh. They have named their son William Bryan—William for his grandfather on his father's side, and Bryan for his great-grandfather on his mother's side—and will call him Bryan.

Dr. and Mrs. Crook have four other sons: David, who is the eldest and in the first grade, Joseph, John, and James. Dr. Crook is a member of our Meredith faculty and teaches in the religion department.

YEAGER AND WILLIAMS PLAN TRIP TO NEW YORK

Misses Betty Jean Yeager and Helena Williams are planning the annual trip to New York City during spring vacation this year—March 28-April 3rd. The approximate price of \$140 includes train fare, hotel, food, plays, sightseeing, etc. They usually see several television and radio shows. Last year, some of the group saw the Dodgers and the Yankees play an exhibition baseball game. Besides the three plays the girls saw last year, they went to the United Nations Bldg., Rockefeller Center, Riverside Drive Church, Staten Island, and had time for some shopping.

This trip to New York would be a wonderful graduation gift for you seniors and an enjoyable belated Christmas gift. If you are interested in going, or in knowing more about the trip, see Misses Yeager or Williams. They want to know an approximate number after Christmas so they can make tentative hotel reservations.

Katherine Bacon Heard in Concert Here

On December 6 at 8 p.m., Katherine Bacon, noted English pianist, appeared in the Meredith College Auditorium.

A natural musician and born interpreter, Katherine Bacon is considered one of the foremost pianists of today. Whether as soloist with orchestra or in recitals throughout the country, her reputation of sensitivity and charm in her fluent and lyrical interpretations prevails.

Nancy Young Elected Chairman Religious Emphasis Week



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Nancy Young, a junior religion major from Henderson, has been chosen chairman of Religious Emphasis Week to be held February 13-17. Nancy is social vice-president of the B.S.U., a member of Freeman Religion Club and of Y.W.A. She is an associate member of Silver Shield.

Chairmen of the committees have been appointed. They are Jo Ellen Williams, Gwen Maddrey, Lois Dobson, Betsy Greene, Jean Grealish, Inez Kendrick, Gail Fullbright, Joy Curtiss, Betty Frances Smith, Nancy Drake, Jo Ann Selley, Pat Greene, Delores Blanton, and Nancy Bunting.

ANNUAL CAROLING TRIP PLANNED BY A.A. BOARD



Gail Fulbright, Sylvia Schanck, Jocelyn Nelms, and Mary Virginia Newsom get set to go caroling.

"Hark the Meredith Angels Sing" . . . and oh how they will sing on the night before Christmas holidays! The students will board chartered buses and journey through the city caroling to members of the faculty, administration and staff. A spirit of joy and good cheer accompanies the warmly-clad girls on their traditional round of caroling from eleven to one o'clock.

As in previous years, the event is

being sponsored by the Athletic Association with members of the Athletic Association Board acting as guides for each of the buses.

Chorus members have been selected to direct the singing on the buses and for the community. The caroling is the climax of our "Meredith Christmas" celebration as every student shares together the fun and excitement of our annual Christmas caroling!