

STUDENTS PREPARE FOR CORN HUSKIN' BEE

Musical Notes

By PAT GREENE

On Monday evening, October 29, Claude Frank, pianist, will present a musical program which will mark the first in the Meredith series of required concerts. Mr. Frank, will be playing music of Bach, Beethoven, and Liszt, which should offer an evening of unusually fine entertainment.

Those of us who attended the first civic music concert were thrilled with Guimar Novaes, pianist, and are anxiously looking forward to that next concert! And for the benefit of the poor unfortunates who were swamped with work and tests last October 9, we send out an urgent plea to all you musically-minded teachers who read this column: please try not to assign tests for the day after a civic music concert! We students (especially music majors) do so like to attend these concerts — without the threat of a test hanging over our heads.

If you like and enjoy chamber music you should check the music building bulletin board for information concerning the chamber music series for this year.

We have a "celebrity" in our midst! The North Carolina Symphony Society has announced that Edwin Blanchard was the winner of the vocal auditions, and, as winner, he is afforded the opportunity of appearing with the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra during its spring tour of 1957. Mr. Blanchard, a baritone, studied with Arthur Knight this past summer at the Eastman School of Music.

The Student Guild of Organists here at Meredith has recently been organized, with Faye Wheeler, senior organ major, as president; Margaret Slate, secretary and treasurer; and Miriam Dempsey and Pat Greene as program chairmen. For those of you who are not too familiar with the Guild, it is, of course, made up of organ majors and students taking organ; and it meets every Tuesday afternoon in the small auditorium. (Perhaps you know it as the "organ class.")

Other music organizations which are busily engaged in electing officers and getting started again for the year are M.E.N.C., McDowell Music Club, and the honorary musical fraternity, Sigma Alpha Iota. The SAI's, incidentally, are planning big things for the year, so watch for announcements of SAI receptions, musicales, and the like.

The music students are really getting quite desperate for some satisfactory place from which to order music, so if any of you have — or see — an extra music store lying around anywhere, please call us or contact us at the music office. We could certainly use one! Seriously, though, not having a music store anymore is like . . . well, a "music major without a music store" is like a "man without a country" . . . oh, well! Anyway, it's pretty bad! But we won't complain, will we?

The life of a music major surely is a hard one! But oh, it is a happy one! I understand many of our musicians took time off from practicing to enjoy the merry-go-round music out at the State Fair last week. Besides all our music, we now own such things as teddy bears, folding chairs, and flashlights. And on this "happy note" I say 'bye until next edition.

College Place, Wash.—(I.P.)—Students at Walla Walla College may now devote the last seven days prior to final examination each quarter to review unhindered by assignments other than daily class work.

A new program is being introduced which will necessitate that students hand in all term papers and complete all back work and make-up quizzes one week before examinations start.



Corn Huskin' Bee Originated 11 Years Ago; Miss Doris Peterson Created Idea

Tonight in the midst of straw, corn shucks, pumpkins, fall leaves, and gay dress, we Meredith students will participate in one of the favorite Meredith traditions — the Corn Husking Bee. This festive occasion is an annual affair to which all Meredith students look forward with much excitement. Although it is already an established part of Meredith life, the Corn Husking Bee is not so old a tradition as is thought by many.

On October 26, 1945, the following headline and comment appeared in the TWIG: "ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION SCHEDULES ALL-STUDENT HUSKING BEE." "The Athletic Association has announced definite plans for the all-student Husking Bee party which is to be held on Tuesday, October 30, in honor of the new students." According to the rest of the article, the dining hall was decorated with traditional halloween decorations. The students came in pairs — one girl dressed as a "hillbilly" and the other half of the duet dressed as a country lass.

The party began in the dining hall and moved to the dining hall steps after supper, where square dancing was the main event. A series of contests followed — chicken calling, hog calling, corn shucking, sing-song and an individual contest with judging based on the originality of the costume of the couples. At this first Meredith Corn Husking Bee, the awards for the best class song were awarded on the basis of "pure corn and hillbilly-ishness." The party was closed with group singing and refreshments.

The following year, 1946, a similar headline appeared in the TWIG: "ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION PROVIDES REVELRY IN CORN HUSKIN' BEE." The next year a third headline appeared about the Huskin' Bee, and the next year, another. Meredith College had started an event that was to be an annual event, anticipated with excitement not exceeded by those girls on October 26, 1945.

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to discuss the origin of our halloween party without giving credit to the originator of the "Bee." The woman who led the Athletic Association in introducing the Corn Husking Bee was Miss Doris Peterson, who at that time was head of the physical education department. It was her hope that the event might become an annual occasion on the Meredith College campus.

So, tonight, as we participate in all the activities connected with this event, let us remember and appreciate that first Corn Huskin' Bee that set the pattern for so many good times in years to come.

A. A. ROUNDUP

By MARY EDNA GRIMES

The A.A. has been concentrating all of its spare time to making preparations for this year's Corn Huskin' Bee, which with your support and participation, will be our best. So grab a broomstick and meet us for supper, Oct. 26th.

It's really encouraging to see that the bicycles are needing repairs — that means they are being used! Continue to save those Blue Horse and Write-Right paper wrappers for a new bike.

Probably the only smiling faces you saw while having your polio shots were those of board members who were helping the infirmity nurses — You see, they had already had theirs. We will see you for your last shot in May.

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Chicken and Hog Calling, Tall Tale Contests To Be Held Between Classes and Faculty

By JANE STEMBRIDGE

There are many happy things that I will remember about my days at Meredith College. Two, in particular, I am certain I shall never forget. The first is the sunset. When I came here my suitemates told me this: "That of all places we have been, nowhere was the sunset more splendid than right here — as it dipped behind Stringfield and was lost across the far meadow." 'Tis true! Secondly, as we walked across court one October morning, they pointed to the pair of large maples that stood there in front of the dining hall: "Watch those trees. See now their tops are already turning . . . in a few days they will be in a hundred colors and then . . . you'll know it's Corn Huskin' time!"

Have you watched those trees? I have because I was fortunate enough to be introduced to them just about a year ago this week. Aside from their singular beauty and special significance to me, they have become a symbol . . . a symbol of Meredith, of fun, of sisterhood, of crazy skits and laughter, of hog callin' and singing, of Corn Huskin' Bee!

Corn Huskin' can mean a lot of things — some of us thrive on the spirit of close competition, some can't wait to see the faculty "let their hair down," some love to get into the crazy goings-on and call the chickens, call the hogs, shuck the corn, spin the yarns, and do various "releasing" things. Whatever our particular interest, we all love it because it is the first real get-together of the WHOLE raft of us — a time of "unbuttoned ease" (Shakespeare) when this thing we call the "Meredith Family" has a reunion, as it were. I can't define that term "Meredith Family." I doubt if any senior can even. But we all feel it. You frosh and transfers do too — if you don't you WILL. I mean I am "gung ho" this shindig and I'm glad they asked me

to write it up. It's just great big fun!

The Athletic Association sponsors Corn Huskin' and Mary Edna Grimes, president, told me to see Betsy Wells for data. Now Betsy is chairman of the general steering committee and she was only too glad to tell me about plans and to give me a list of other committee chairmen who have been working hard to make Friday night a success: Dale Caspari is heading up the contests; Hilda Myers, decoration; Carolyn Roberts, hospitality; Barbara Browning, invitation; Mary Catherine Cole, photography; Peanut, publicity; Ann House, refreshment; Laurie Kee, sing-song. Dr. Claire Weigt, Miss Helena Williams, and the whole physical education department is behind it!

Now Corn Huskin' gets under way officially for resident students and guests at 6:15 Friday night in the dining hall. Then at 6:45 we gather in front of the steps there for big fun. This is important: Please dress up crazy cause there'll be a GRAND MARCH and prize for the most MOST! So slam those books and come on out there especially freshmen, sophomores, and seniors because the juniors are just liable to win (P-nut's gonna shuck corn and "Red" Murray's gonna sing!!)

P.S. Dr. Tilley can really tell a TALL TALE and can Dr. Campbell EVER call chickens!

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