

Meredith Receives Federal Grant

Meredith Participates in Illinois Project



Jean Humphreys, Dr. Wallace, Dr. Yarborough, Becky Surles.

Soil Will Be Sent to Illinois Wesleyan

Meredith College has replied to a request from Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, Illinois. Illinois Wesleyan has asked that soil be sent from all the world's college sites to its campus. The soil will be used for the planting of an international fir tree. The planting of the international tree will repre-

sent the co-planting of all educational forces throughout the world. Meredith College, in its reply to the Illinois request, is sending soil from the grounds of the new science building, Hunter Hall. Thus Meredith will have a part in the Illinois Wesleyan symbol of international educational unity.

STUDENT MISSION CONFERENCE ANNOUNCED

Wake Forest — Meredith students who are interested in world missions have been invited to attend the second annual Student Missions Conference, scheduled for March 6-8, at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, will be the featured speaker for the conference. Other program personalities will be Dr. E. Luther Copeland, professor of missions at Southeastern Seminary and former missionary to Japan; Dr. L. O. Griffith, promotion chairman for the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention; and the Rev. Judson Lennon, missionary to Thailand.

The program will include inspirational messages, conferences with recently returned missionaries from various fields, panel discussions and special films.

Interested students from the Southeast may contact their college Baptist Student Union director or write to Maurice Briggs, general chairman for the 1959 Student Missions Conference at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.

PHI BETA KAPPA COLLECTS BOOKS

The Wake County chapter of Phi Beta Kappa is collecting books to be shipped to universities in the Far East. The chapter has asked that the Meredith College library, faculty, administration and student body donate books which are suitable for college use. Dr. Mary Yarborough, head of the Meredith College chemistry department, will be in charge of the drive on the Meredith

TWENTY SENIORS FINISH IN JANUARY

Twenty Meredith seniors finished their college course at the end of first semester. Those who completed work at mid-year are: Mary Dean Baucom from Oxford, Eunice Beal from Nashville, Bobbie Conley Carpenter from Nantahala, Elaine Burleson Clarke from Morganton, Carolyn Cooper from Bethel, Nancy Craig from Lincolnton, Marie Croom from Knightdale, Mary Lou Davis from Cheraw, South Carolina; Emily Dean from Wendell, Barbara Early from Avondale, Frances Fowler from Caroleen, Ethylene Hobbs from Raleigh, Jean Strole Holland from Chadbourn, Kay Johnson from Clinton, Jean Letellier from Marion, Peggy Daniel Looney from Spring Hope, Katherine Renfrew from Jacksonville, Mozell Wadsworth from Wake Forest, and Linda Smith Wall from Morganton.

The twenty seniors will return to the college graduation week-end, May 29 through June 1. At that time they will receive their diplomas with the other members of the class of 1959.

Dr. Robert Rupen Will Speak

Dr. Robert Rupen, professor of political science at the University of North Carolina, will speak to the combined Far Eastern history classes of State and Meredith at seven o'clock on Tuesday, February 24, in Joyner Auditorium. Dr. Rupen, who has recently returned from an extended trip to Mongolia and Siberia, will speak about the Russian regime in central Asia. Following Dr. Rupen's talk, there will be a period for the students to ask questions and meet Dr. Rupen.

The Meredith and State Far Eastern history classes are taught by Dr. Lillian Parker Wallace and Dr. Burton Beers respectively. Students who are not members of either class but who wish to attend the meeting may do so by applying to Dr. Wallace or Dr. Beers for an invitation.

BETTY LOU HOYLE IS NEW BSU PRESIDENT



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Betty Lou Hoyle of Henderson has been elected president of the Meredith College Baptist Student Union. Jean Strole Holland, elected to the office in the elections of last Spring, finished her course at mid-year.

Betty Lou, an elementary education major, is also president of

Meredith Holds Focus Week

Two Major Speakers

"Toward Christian Maturity" was the theme of the 1959 Religious Emphasis Week observed at Meredith February 9-13. Main speakers for the week were Rev. Thomas E. Pugh, pastor of the Williamsburg, Virginia, Baptist Church, and Dr. Vernon B. Richardson, pastor of the Union Baptist Church of Baltimore, Maryland. Rev. Pugh led the Morning Watch services and the Monday morning worship; Dr. Richardson led the Morning Worship for the rest of the week. The Meredith College Chorus, directed by Miss Beatrice Donley and accompanied by Margaret Hurst, furnished special music for these morning services.

Evening Seminars

On Monday through Thursday evenings a series of seminars were held, with each of the speakers leading discussions on different aspects of Christian maturity: Dr. Richardson, "Maturity in Missionary Responsibility"; Rev. Pugh, "Maturity in Social Application"; Rev. Bill Smith, chaplain to Baptist students at Duke, "Maturity in College Life and Personal Ethics"; Rev. Warren Carr, from the Watts Street Baptist Church in Durham, "Maturity in Personal Life."

Evening Watch was held every evening on each hall. This discussion, led by a student, was scheduled to give an opportunity for the sharing of questions or insights which had been presented during the day.

Judy McLamb Chairman

Judy McLamb served as Religious Emphasis Week Chairman. Her committee heads were as follows: seminars, Helen White; entertainment, Betty Galloway; finance, Pat Wooten; program, Charlene Fox; books, Katherine Rice; personal conferences, Betsy Moore; schedule, Joy Goldsmith; worship, Sylvia Beaver; publicity, Ann Stallings; music, Barbara Armstrong.

Plans for Spring Elections Begin

The Meredith College nominating committee, composed of the major officers on campus, has begun work on the annual Spring elections. The committee held a preparation meeting on February 5. On February 24 a talk on citizenship will be given in chapel. At this time, straw ballots will be distributed, giving the entire student body an opportunity to nominate people for the major campus offices. Registration for voting will be held on February 25 and 26 in Johnson Hall. All students are urged to register as no one may vote who has not registered. People running on the first slate will be introduced in chapel on Thursday, March 5, and first slate elections will be on Friday, March 6. Members of the nominating committee should have their suggestions for people for offices turned in to Joyce Hargrove by Wednesday, February 25.

the Future Teachers of America. She has served on the executive council of the BSU and is a member of the Astrotekton literary society.

College Will Handle Funds

\$3,637.78 Available

Through a federal aid program, a total of \$3,637.78 is available this semester to assist promising students to continue their education. The National Student Loan Program is part of the National Defense Act of 1958. Six million dollars have been appropriated for this purpose. Under the program, North Carolina is allotted \$138,216, and of this allotment, Meredith receives \$3,274 to which the college must add one-ninth. The college is to act as liaison between the federal government and the students.

Special Provision for Those Who Teach

The program applies to needy students in any field, although it is stated: "Special consideration shall be given to students with superior academic background who express desire to teach in elementary or secondary schools and students whose academic background indicates a superior capacity or preparation in science, mathematics, engineering, or modern foreign language."

The loan is based upon need as well as upon satisfactory academic work. The interest on the loans is three per cent per year. Interest does not begin to accumulate until one year after the borrower ceases to be a full-time student. Also, one can use as long as ten years to repay the loan. The act further states: "The loan and interest thereon of any borrower who serves as full time teacher in a public elementary or secondary school shall be cancelled up to a maximum of fifty per cent of the amount of the loan and interest thereon which was unpaid on the first day of such service." In effect, this provision amounts to a scholarship of one-half of the total loan of a borrower who completes five years of the required service as a public school teacher.

Loans Available for Fourth Quarter Payments

Anyone interested in discussing the federal aid program with Mr. Belcher is urged to do so, especially in connection with fourth quarter payments. The amounts of the loans will depend upon individual need. Concerning next Fall, Mr. Belcher says that it is anticipated that the college will have a much larger sum to administer for the school year, 1959-1960. Students desiring to make application for next year should do so before the end of the present school year.

Student Body Votes For Rule Change

The Meredith student body in open student government meeting on Thursday, February 5, approved a change in the college rule concerning Meredith jurisdiction. Under the new rule, students are under college jurisdiction only so long as they are within a thirty-five mile radius of Raleigh. Previously, a student remained under college jurisdiction anywhere if she had not first gone home. The college, however, with the new rule in effect, reserves the right to reprimand a student for misconduct, wherever she may be.