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SOCIETIES BEGIN ANNUAL RUSH TODAY

L. Y. Ballentine, Mrs. Allen Named Heads of Expansion Program

Recently an announcement of the leaders for the Meredith College expansion program named the Honorable L. Y. Ballentine, North Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture, as chairman of the program. A Meredith graduate, Mrs. J. Leroy Allen ('22) of Raleigh has accepted the vice-chairmanship.

New Buildings Planned

Mr. Robert G. Deyton, vice-president and director of public relations for the college, will work with the chairmen toward fulfillment of the expansion plans, which include a new library, gymnasium, infirmary, student activities building, outdoor theatre, and a dormitory. These additions are designed to improve Meredith's services and to provide for a larger student body. The Baptist State Convention

recently recommended that Meredith increase its student body to approximately 1,000 students. In addition to the proposed buildings the program includes plans for an increased endowment for the college.

The campaign drive was launched in thirty piedmont counties; and during the past several weeks drives for funds have been begun in several other areas of North Carolina. Eventually the program will extend throughout the state. A goal of \$5,600,000 has been set for the entire drive, due to be completed in six or seven years. Since the college can request money from the convention only for operating expenses, the expansion program must be financed solely from donations to the campaign.

HONORARIES TAP NEW MEMBERS

Silver Shield

Betsy Moore, Suzanne Hunter and Lois Haigh were "tapped" into membership in the Silver Shield at the Society Night program. Betsy, a history major from Roanoke Rapids, is president of the senior class. She is a member of the leadership council, the social standards committee, and the Student League of Women Voters. Suzanne has served as first vice-president of Faircloth, secretary-treasurer of I.R.C., secretary of the Philaretian Society, and a freshman counselor.

Suzanne, a history major from Salisbury, is vice-president of the Student Government Association. She is a member of the English club and of the dance club. Suzanne has been third vice-president of Faircloth, secretary of the Student League of Women Voters, secretary of the nominating committee, and president of the sophomore class.

Lois is a religion major from Raleigh. She is president of Kappa Nu Sigma, a transfer counselor, and associate editor of THE TWIG. Lois is a student assistant in the religion office and a member of the mathematics and religion clubs. She has served as treasurer of the Student Government Association, a freshman counselor, an election judge, and sergeant-at-arms of the Astrotekton Society.

Two associate members, Mary

Ann Brown and Judy McLamb, were recognized into full membership.

Kappa Nu Sigma

Four seniors — Rachel Watkins, Barbara Smith, Patricia Harris, Joy Goldsmith — were recognized Society Night as new members of Kappa Nu Sigma on the basis of their scholastic records. Rachel, a day student from Raleigh, is a business major. She is a member of the business club.

Barbara Smith, an organ major from Charlotte, has been the president of Sigma Alpha Iota for two years. She has been secretary of the German club, secretary of the chorus, and vice-president of YWA. Barbara is also a member of the ensemble.

Patricia Harris, a mathematics major from Fayetteville, is vice-president of the mathematics club. She has served as treasurer of that club and of Sigma Pi Alpha.

Joy Goldsmith is a religion major from High Point. She is president of the mathematics club, a member of the BSU executive council, the religion club, and the staff of THE TWIG. Joy has been secretary of the mathematics club.

Two associate members, Mary Ann Brown and Lois Haigh, were recognized into full membership at this time.

Summer Improvements Noted On Campus

During the summer several changes took place on the Meredith campus in connection with the general expansion and improvement program.

The new science building—named Hunter Hall in honor of the late Dr. J. Rufus Hunter who, with his wife, left a considerable sum of money to be used for such a building—was opened for classes. It will be formally dedicated later in the semester.

The home management house, given to Meredith by Mr. Talcott W. Brewer of Raleigh, has been under construction since late spring and is scheduled to be completed by November 15.

The riding ring, previously in the space now occupied by the Hunter Hall parking area, was moved. A permanent ring is planned, but for the present riding classes are using a temporary ring near the stables.

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Miss Lillie Grandy Bequeaths Scholarships

During the summer Dr. Carlyle Campbell announced that Meredith College had received a check for \$52,580 from the estate of the late Miss Lillie Grandy of Elizabeth City. According to an executrix of the estate additional funds will later be received by the college for the scholarships granted in Miss Grandy's will.

Before her death Miss Grandy also gave Meredith several pieces of Early American furniture, now being used in the alumnae house. Other pieces from her collection are left to the college in her will, which has not at this time been completely settled.

Miss Grandy Frequent Visitor

Miss Grandy, a graduate of Hollins College, received her masters degree from Cornell University. Later she was a member of the

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Society presidents Helen Booe and Willie Dee McKeel take time out in the midst of rush planning to pose with their mascots Billy Astro and Milton.

DECISION DAY TO BE THURSDAY

Excitement is rising as the two campus societies make enthusiastic preparations for the most rushed week of the college year — Rush Week. Philaretian president, Willie Dee McKeel, and Helen Booe, Astrotekton president, are busily completing arrangements for the functions to be sponsored separately and jointly by the two societies.

Rush activities will begin today, October 2, with the Astro picnic, complete with entertainment and group singing. Following the picnic, the Phis will entertain with a carnival in society hall. Besides the usual attractions of a carnival, fraternity boys will be guest entertainers.

Astros Rush Monday

Monday, October 5, will be official Astro Day. The day will begin with morning serenades to prospective new member. Monday afternoon the Astros will be hostesses at a coke party for the day students and transfers. In the dining hall on Monday evening, the Astros will entertain the entire student body at a "Supper Club." Later in the evening, a pep rally will be held in the gymnasium. As guests at the pep rally, the Astros have invited fraternity boys and cheerleaders from Carolina. Following hall serenades to all new students and the issuing of special invitations to become an Astro, the society will end its day of rushing by burning Astro stars in the court.

Serenade Begins Phi Day

On Tuesday, the Phis will begin their rush with early serenades in the court. An ice cream party for the day students is scheduled in the hut for Tuesday afternoon. At 6:00 that evening, the Phis continue their activities with a program of entertainment in the dining hall. Later Tuesday night, the Phi will sponsor another event — a bonfire at the hut. Phi rushing will close with a candle serenade in the court and later in the dormitory halls.

"Co-op Day" Added to Rush Schedule

Wednesday, October 7, has been named "Co-op Day" by the two societies. On this day, there will be no rushing by either society. However, on Wednesday evening there will be a new rush activity in the form of a joint function given by the Phi and Astros. By this function the two societies are showing the new students that while each society has its own ideals, there is co-operation between them.

Next is Decision Day. Having witnessed with excitement the festivities of rush, and having been introduced to such important figures as Milton, the Phi bear, and Billy Astro, the new students must now decide — Astro or Phi for me? The new students make public their decision by dressing in the chosen society's colors and walking to breakfast through either the Astro or the Phi line. Girls in yellow will be welcomed by the Astros, while the Phis welcome the girls in purple.

At chapel time, in front of the auditorium, the two societies once again form their two lines. An official count will then reveal the winner of Decision Day.

TRUSTEES MEET

The annual fall meeting of the Meredith College Board of Trustees was held at the college on Tuesday, September 29.

'A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM' WILL BE STAGED BY PLAYHOUSE

"All the world's a stage" again as the Meredith players present their fall production, Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, on Friday and Saturday nights, November 6 and 7, at 8:00 p.m. in Jones Auditorium. Miss Peg Gorsage, director, has announced the following cast:

Quince, Ann Peters; Snug, Bettie Page Herbert; Bottom, Lillian Brandon; Flute, Anne Arnold; Snout, Martha Biles; Starveling, Zelma Greene; Hippolyta, Suzanne Hunter; Hermia, Jean Ratchford; Helena, Sarah Helms; Titania, Faye Corbett; Puck, Mary Carol War-

wick; First Fairy, Susan Sanderlin; Peaseblossom, Betty Lou Kennedy; Cobweb, Betty Jean Edwards; Moth, June Leonard; Mustardseed, Kathryn Rowland; Fairies and Elves, Edna Faye Faircloth, Barbara Lynne Stewart, Betty Lou Taylor, Jane Wagoner; Court Attendants, Lelia Davenport, Emily Dunn, Cauline Howell, Pauline Howell, Mary Jo McDonald, Ann Rackley, Jo Robinson.

Production committees have not yet been appointed; and all students interested in taking part are urged to sign a sheet which will be posted on the post office bulletin board.

Record Enrollment Reported By Registrar

A record enrollment of 706 students has been announced by Mrs. Vera Tart Marsh, college registrar. The total of regular students includes 94 non-resident students, with 569 girls living on campus.

428 Returning Students
43 Transfer Students
192 Freshmen Students

663 Total Regular Students
43 Special Students

706 Grand Total

WOODROW WILSON FELLOWSHIPS ANNOUNCED

The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation announces its 1959-1960 program of 1,000 fellowships in the humanities, and in the social and natural sciences, to encourage undergraduates now in their senior year to undertake graduate work in order to enter the college teaching profession.

Tuition, Allowances Given

Students who receive a Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship will be paid \$1,500 plus tuition and dependency allowances for a year of graduate study at a university of their choice in the United States or Canada. Students being detached from the armed forces before September 1960 are also eligible. Fellowships will be held over for those

who must perform military duty before entering graduate school.

Faculty Nomination Necessary

Candidates may not file applications directly, but will be sent application forms after personal nomination by a member of the faculty. Any student expecting to graduate in the spring of 1960 may learn more of the details of this fellowship by consulting the departmental chairman in his major field, or the local representative of the foundation, Dean Peacock.

A student may request any member of the faculty to nominate him; or else a member of the faculty who is familiar with the student's work and interest in college teaching may write a recommendation on his own initiative directly to the regional chairman, Professor Richard Bardolph, Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, Box 5095, Greensboro, North Carolina.

October Deadline Set

The deadline for receiving nominations for the 1960 fellowships is October 31, 1959. Application blanks will be mailed directly to the student on receipt of a faculty nomination. Only students who have a sincere interest in entering college teaching, whose records are superior, and who will do graduate work in the humanities or the social or natural sciences, should request nomination. The program does not award fellowships for graduate work in law, medicine, education, business administration, or engineering.