

STUNT—Unbroken Tradition Since 1915

By SUZANNE LEATH

The first Stunt Night was sponsored by the Athletic Association on March 6, 1915, and Stunt has been an unbroken tradition ever since. That first Stunt Night was undoubtedly quite a spectacle. The freshmen presented a glee club with such items as tin cans and combs as accompaniment. The sophomores emphasized a backward theme by coming in backward and dressing backward. The juniors were legislators for man suffrage, and the seniors performed "The Lamentable Tragedy of Julius Caesar."

Fifteen Minutes Was Time Limit

Until 1923 only fifteen minutes were allotted to each class, and the stunts were merely clever skits and take-offs directed toward various faculty members and students. Sometimes a few song-and-dance numbers were included. For the first time a loving cup was presented to the winning class in 1922.

In the early part of the gay '20's, the sophomores repeatedly stole the freshman idea and incorporated it into their own Stunt. However, in 1925 the freshmen stole the show, for they prepared three different stunts and were ready to use any one of them which the sophomores had not used.

Palio Begins in 1935

In 1935, Palio, a celebration modeled on an Italian medieval festival, was inaugurated; and it was traditional until 1952 when it was discontinued. Palio was usually given in the afternoon with Stunt Night following in the evening. This day became an official Homecoming Day, and many alumnae returned for the festivities. For more than ten years there was step-singing in front of Johnson Hall between Palio and Stunt with each class presenting an original song in competition.

Stunt Called "Misnomer"

Through the years the stunts be-

came more elaborate, longer, and more unusual. After the 1936 Stunt Night, Johnnie Bing wrote in the *Technician* that the name "Stunt Night" was a misnomer, for "these weren't stunts, they were theatrical productions well out of the amateur class." He even placed them in a class with Broadway and Hollywood for "originality of theme, dialogue, stage settings, sound effects, and production."

Tonight Continues Tradition

Through its long and impressive history Stunt Night has continued to serve the purpose for which it was created: to encourage originality and to arouse class spirit. To unexperienced viewers of Meredith's Stunt Night, the four presentations are overwhelming productions, and tonight should prove no exception.

A major correction, please! We now have seven girls at Meredith pinned to Sig Eps. Dave Thomas pinned Mary Ruth Gordon just after the last TWIG went to press. Congratulations!

Student NEA Meets in Raleigh

The annual fall convention of the North Carolina Education Association was held in Raleigh November 14. Janis Megs, state president and a Meredith senior, presided.

After registration and entertainment provided by the Atlantic Christian College representatives, the first general session convened. The key address was given by Miss Lois Edinger, vice-president of the NCEA and television teacher, WUNC-TV.

The afternoon session featured an open forum, "Practical Advice to a Beginning Teacher." Participating in the forum were the following: Nile Hunt, co-ordinator of the National Defense Education Act for the state

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THE EYEBALL

By WHEDBEE

Some social science classes prove to be most enlightening when students are asked to apply the textbook logic to practical examples. In one discussion students were asked to list the many roles a Meredith student assumes within her culture. One girl suggested her role of student; another mentioned her role as daughter and Peggy Wilkins with a misty look volunteered the role of . . . "Mo—ther" . . .

In the same class one eager classmate was discussing her job during the summer. She remarked that she had worked with a group of older women and they all tried to mother her. The comment came from "le professeur," "Mother or smother you?"

Insight was gained into local propaganda when the teacher paraphrased the slogan "Our state's a wonderful place for industry — we have chumminess of workers, etc." or in other words, "unions aren't very strong here and we'll do our best to keep them out!"

You remember well old Themistocles who trapped the Persians in the narrow strait between Salamis and Attica. After a battle a vote was taken among the Greek captains to see who did the most to win the victory. Each captain strangely enough received one vote (his own) for first place but Themistocles was their unanimous choice for second place. (Caldwell's *The Ancient World*.)

Zoology:

"In Birmingham, the city zoo had to call off a celebration in honor of a long-awaited antelope when the animal arrived drawn, quartered, and packed in dry ice.

"In Louisville, in hot pursuit of a rampaging escaped bull, a police care radioed a terse description of

Silver Shield Is Service Organization, Originates '33-'35

By LOIS HAIGH

The purpose of the Silver Shield, Meredith College's honorary leadership society, is to foster a better spirit on the campus and to recognize outstanding girls who have made positive contributions to Meredith life.

Faculty, Society Chooses Members

Members are selected by the vote of the faculty and the society members on the basis of Christian character, constructive leadership, service to the school, and scholarship.

It is not difficult to choose girls on the basis of scholarship for hours and quality points are not relative. However, the other requirements are not so easily measured.

Ideals Are Intangible

Service is that action which results from one's giving himself to what he loves. We serve, not because it is expected of us, but because we must. Recognition is not what we seek in serving, for our reward is the fulfillment of the task. True service is not confined to one area of life, but must be realized in everything we do.

Leadership is also intangible, an ability which may be of several types. There is coercive leadership which is imposed from outside the group. There is leadership which is elected by the group, thereby making it more closely associated to them. However, what is meant by

the fugitive: "tan, with four legs." —(Time.)

Congratulations to newly appointed fire warden and "keep the home fires . . . etc."

(Ed. note: Keep the home fires OUT!)

constructive leadership is that which arises naturally from within the group and results in service.

Meredith College, as we know her, aspires to maintain in us the highest in Christian character. This is not a garb put on when we are aware that people who know us are watching. It is the summation of actions with which we ourselves must live.

Society Originated in 1933

The ideals of the Silver Shield originated with the members of the Class of 1933, but no definite organization was set up until the spring of 1935.

Seniors Tapped in Spring

Those seniors who are selected for membership are taken in at "tapping" services during Commencement (rising seniors) and during the spring (present seniors). In the fall two juniors are recognized as associate members of the Silver Shield.

Associates Tapped Tuesday

The tapping of associate members will be done next Tuesday morning, when the Silver Shield has charge of the chapel program.

At present the membership is composed of Mary Ann Brown, who is president; Betsy Moore, vice-president; Lois Haigh, secretary-treasurer; Suzanne Hunter, and Judy McLamb. The two faculty advisors for the Silver Shield are Dr. Norma Rose and Dr. Mary Yarbrough.

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