

Wilkins and Cochran Are Campus Favorites

By PEGGY LEONARD

A bermuda clad religion professor, Mr. Bernard H. Cochran, and an English major, Peggy Wilkins, disguised as an Indian, reigned as Duke and Duchess over Meredith's annual Play Day, April 19, 1961. The Indian's blanket was shared to give the royalty relief from the cool spring weather which prevailed on this day.

The honor of being Duke was a way of welcoming a newcomer to the Meredith faculty. This is Mr. Cochran's first year at Meredith and his first year of teaching. He was graduated from Stetson University and Southeastern Seminary at Wake Forest. He has completed the residence requirement for his doctorate at Duke and hopes to complete all requirements in May when he will give his oral dissertation.

While still a student, Mr. Cochran served in the capacity of student pastor at Congress Heights Baptist Church in Washington, D. C. and at Raleigh Road Chapel in Henderson, N. C.

Our Duke of 1961 gives golf and tennis as his hobbies. He enjoys bridge but questions his own skill. On Play Day he accepted challenges in tennis and ping-pong and played soft ball in the Faculty-Student Soft ball game. Mr. Cochran says he enjoys sports in general, "exclusive of swimming in the fountain."

His first year in teaching Mr. Cochran terms as quite interesting, especially at a girls' school. He claims he has learned far more than his students. He ranks Meredith as the best college for women supported by the Baptists.

Mr. Cochran is married and the father of one son, John Gregory,



Peggy Wilkins and Mr. Cochran are crowned 1961 Duchess and Duke of Play Day.

who will be a year old May 11.

Peggy "Wilkie" Wilkins is known throughout the campus for participation in numerous school activities. She has served on the Student Government Council and the Athletic Association Board. Aside from these important positions "Wilkie" is frequently in various skits and programs such as Stunt. Despite her extra-curricular life, Peggy made Dean's List last semester.

This versatile Junior is an ardent tennis fan. She is in the process of

expanding her abilities and interests. This year she has taken voice lessons and has made attempts at drawing. Peggy has ambitions for graduate work after graduation from Meredith.

As a summer adventure "Wilkie" has a job as a waitress at Tahoe Tavern at Lake Tahoe, California.

The full and varied lives of our Duke and Duchess have contributed much to the Meredith spirit. Long live Duke Cochran and Duchess "Wilkie"!

ANNUAL HORSESHOW SCHEDULED IN PLANS FOR MAY DAY PROGRAM

Mrs. Mary Edwards, riding instructor, has recently announced final plans for the coming horse show. As one of the activities of Hospitality Week End, the show will begin at 1:00 p.m. and will include five classes for beginning, intermediate, and advanced riders. All will be amateur performers from Meredith College.

Mrs. Ruth Bason, riding instructor in Raleigh and director of the Pony Club, will serve as judge. Assistant judge will be Miss Anne McEachern, who has won equitation classes throughout the state for the

past seven years.

Participating in the event will be Ann Barnhardt, Mary Brooks Bell, Betsy Benthall, Teresa Covington, Brenda Davis, Nancy Evans, Betsy Forbes, Brenda Gann, Freda Hartness, Susan Hawkins, Elizabeth Haywood, Winkie Hewitt, Jerry Lou Holbert, Mary Beth Hughes, Mary Israel, Mary Krause, Chris Kress, Pat Lay, Betsy Rose Long, Linda Monsees, Martha McLester, Peggy Payne, Kitty Pruitt, Anne Shadoin, Chris Stallings, Judy Summerlin, Elaine Underwood, Francine Wilkerson, and Peggy Wilkins.

FOUR STUDENTS ATTEND TENNIS MATCH AT UNC

Meredith tennis aces attended the annual Tennis Sports Day at Chapel Hill Saturday, April 29, at 10:00 a.m. Other schools represented at this event included Appalachian, Carolina, Duke, East Carolina, Wilson, and Woman's College.

The Meredith representatives were Marcia Davis and Jenny Lind Roy in singles competition and Delores Atkins and Mary Anne Johnson in doubles. Mrs. Jay Massey, Meredith tennis instructor, sponsored the group.

In the singles elimination tournament each school was represented in each of two brackets; one girl drawing for the upper bracket and one for the lower bracket.

The championship matches con-

Sport Opportunities

By JUDY GRAYSON

The Athletic Association is sponsoring a tennis tournament featuring double and single matches. The dates for the tournament are May 9-20.

Spring has come and the sunbathers and swimmers will be happy to know that the pool will open May 15. Life guards, who are required to have their Senior Life Saving, are needed. If anyone is interested in life guarding, sign up on the bulletin board in Johnson Hall.

Individual sports sheets will be taken up in chapel in the near future. A maximum of 200 points for individual sports toward the 1,000 points necessary for entrance into the club may be used.

isted of the best two out of three sets for singles and doubles.

This should stimulate more people to enter tennis competition here on our campus.

FROM PLAY DAY ACTIVITIES

Vann and Stringfield Jubilant Over Their Play Day Victories

By JEAN HEGE

Although it was a bleak, chilly spring day on April 19, 1961, when the dinner bell rang at 2:00 p.m., girls poured out of all four dorms and the day students' lounge, and faculty members came from their busy offices filled with work to participate in Meredith's annual Faculty - Student Play Day festivities. The group having been welcomed by Dr. Campbell, Betty Gray, chairman of Play Day, announced the 1961 Duke and Duchess chosen by the student body. The Duke, Mr. Cochran of the religion department, and the Duchess, Peggy Wilkins, were received on the dining hall steps and crowned by Nickey Childrey and Nancy Evans, crown bearers.

With the Duke and Duchess on their throne, the competition really began. The day students led a guided tour into the days of chivalry and the knights of the Roundtable, while Stringfield dorm dug deeper into the past by representing Romans in their song and cheer. "Let's go to the Alamo," was the password for the girls of Faircloth dorm who were led by Sam Houston and Davy Crockett, better known as Mary Peterson and Julia Horton. From the sandy beaches of Fort Lauderdale with the Brewer girls, to the mountain ski trails with the Vann Vikings and their Olympic champions, Play Day songs and cheers took Meredith students and faculty on a whirlwind trip.

The next events scheduled were races which included the suitcase, three-legged, egg-spoon, sack relay, and wheelbarrow. Faircloth took first place in four contests, while Stringfield and the Day students won the remaining two races.

The faculty-student volley ball game proved to be very successful for the students, who won two out of three games. However, the stu-

dent softball team was not so jubilant when the faculty won 17-4. Mr. Dorsett, Dr. Canady, Dr. Crook, Mr. Eads, Mr. Cochran, Miss Leake, and Mrs. Allen were knocking home runs right and left in order to finish the game thirteen points in the lead.

Of course, throughout the afternoon one goal remained—the winning of Play Day. Challenges ranked highest among "point-getters," and bridge seemed to be the most popular challenge game. However, all around the campus, one could observe students challenging faculty members and other students to badminton, croquet, tennis, ping pong, checkers, scrabble, canasta, horseshoes, and chess. When all the challenges, ballgames, races, and any Play Day extras had been completed, the entire student body and faculty headed for the dining hall and a picnic supper of fried chicken with all the trimmings.

When the winners were finally announced, Vann dormitory came out on top with a total of 110 points, 96 of which were challenges; Stringfield placed second with

102 points. Vann won first place in the song competition and Faircloth, second; first place in the cheering contest was claimed Stringfield, while Brewer captured the second place. To end the annual Faculty-Student Play Day, the students highlighted all events by throwing our Duke and Duchess with pompous ceremony into the freshly filled fountain.

Faculty - Student Play Day is sponsored each spring by the Athletic Association. On the day set aside students are dismissed from classes at 1:00 p.m., and the entire afternoon is devoted to fun and frolic for both faculty and students.

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open to any ideas from the student body, plans to study carefully this problem.

Perhaps through this article Meredith students may become better acquainted with the activities of Student Government. The Council wants ours to be a government which is concerned with and has

the participation of all the Meredith students.

MERE DITHER

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with frills and streamers. Chairs fill the court with straight formal rows that excite the anticipating mind, and the platform stands awaiting lovely girls in lovely dresses wearing lovely smiles for a lovely day. And now I know that it is May!



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