

## PHIS ARE WINNERS IN SOCIETY COMPETITION

### Astros, Phis Welcome New Sisters On Decision Day

Decision Day, climaxing a hectic rush week, began with a noisy yet happy scene in the court early this morning with new students announcing their choice of society by walking through the Astro or Phi lines to breakfast.

In the Phi line girls in purple attire and in the Astro line girls in yellow welcomed each new student as she appeared wearing some colorful evidence of the choice she had made. Cheers and society songs resounded through the court until time for breakfast when each new student sat with the society of her choice. At the head table sat officers and sponsors of both societies. They include: Astro president, Sandi Stanley; vice-president, Vickie Glenn; secretary, Sandra Butler; treasurer, Mary Lou Davis; sergeant-at-arms, Peggy Fish; sponsor, Miss Betty Jean Yeager; Phi president, Carol Parks; vice-president, Sylvia Cooper; secretary, Susan Rouzer; treasurer, Mary Louise Allen; sergeant-at-arms, Berna Jean Davenport; sponsor, Mrs. Helena Allen.

Chapel time produced more excitement when the old society members again lined up in front of Jones Auditorium to let the freshmen pass through the lines to enter the building and sign the official tabulation card of the society they had chosen. After the two groups had marched

to their seats, each singing their society song, the presidents of the societies led the student body in a short devotional program. The climax came when Sadie Sue Worthington, college marshal, brought the tabulation card announcing the name of the society which had gained the largest number of new members.

### Attendance At Vespers Rises

Since the week of October 2-5, vespers have been held in the small auditorium of Jones Hall. Prior to this time, first Brewer parlor had been the place of worship for the four weekly services.

Dr. Cooper and the music department are cooperating with the vespers committee in the change. Attendance at vespers this year has been unusually good, and on the first night in the small auditorium, thirty-seven girls were present to hear a student from Tailand speak on her religious beliefs.

Many plans are being made for the future vesper services. For the week of October 16-19, the theme will be, "Is Jesus Christ Really Lord?" It will be in the form of a trial in which witnesses, both Biblical and contemporary, will testify either for or against the Lordship of Jesus. The audience will serve as the jury.

There are two girls from each class on the committee: Carol May and Betty Kay Rudd, freshmen; Penny Ussery and Betty Sodeman, sophomores; Burma Jean Davenport and Nancy Williams, juniors; Jean Knight and Pat Taylor, seniors. Beth Woodall is vespers chairman.

### DR. KEITH RETURNS TO MEREDITH

Along with the new and the returning faculty members, Meredith welcomed this fall Dr. Alice Barnwell Keith, professor of history and government. Dr. Keith was interrupted from her teaching activities by sudden illness last spring. She is now conducting classes in colonial history.

Since she received her Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina, Dr. Keith has engaged in a number of activities. An accomplished author, she has upon several occasions been a contributor to both the *North Carolina Historical Review* and the *Journal of American History*, one of the most respected periodicals of its kind in the United States. She collaborated with Dr. Lillian Parker Wallace in writing the freshman *History Syllabus* and has had published a two-volume work entitled the *John Gray Blount Papers*.

Her interests and activities have been confined to teaching and writing alone. She has served on the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Literary and Historical Society; she is a past president of the Historical Society of North Carolina and is the advisor to the State's Junior History Clubs. Dr. Keith is often called upon to address different organizations in Raleigh. Until Mr. Goff, the newest member of the history staff, assumed the responsibility this year, she was the advisor to the Meredith Student League of Women Voters.



Astro President, Sandi Stanley, and Phi President, Carol Park, join hands for Co-operation Day.

### Counselors Give Fashion Show For New Students

On Tuesday night, October 4, the freshmen and transfer students were given a fashion show by their counselors. The fashion show came under the unit heading of Social Dress, and its purpose was to promote an awareness of the Meredith standard which permeates all facets of the student's life. Chief counselor, Ann Braswell welcomed the students and introduced the unit.

Presented through a newspaper theme, the fashions worn by the counselors corresponded to different pages of a newspaper. The frontpage news was the downtown dress, while the editorial page introduced classroom fashions. The society page and entertainment sections of the paper had suggestions for dress on special occasions. Fashion tips came under the headline of a "Dear Donna Column" which Donna Holloman presented. Raincoats made their appearance by the weather report's prediction of stormy weather. The sports page presented fashion winners for the coming football and basketball season. The final section of the paper was the comic section in which typical Beehive dress was depicted.

### Phis, Astros Hold Annual Rush Week

Last Monday marked the beginning of a traditional week at Meredith—Rush Week. After weeks of preparation, the Phis and Astros were ready to welcome into their ranks the transfers as well as the class of 1965.

Astros got the first introduction as they entertained with a picnic at the Hut. Afterwards the Phis took the new students to Society Hall for a luau complete with swaying muumuus and fraternity boys.

#### Tuesday is Astro Day

Tuesday, Astro Day, the new students were awakened sharply at 6:45 to the strains of Astro melodies. The singing was continued throughout the day. That evening the new students dined in elegance at the Astro

### Classes Make Plans For Year's Activities In Meetings

The school year 1961-62 has gotten into full swing with meetings, conferences, and other activities.

The Senior Class has the fullest agenda so far with plans for their November social, directed by Betty Bone, with Sara Leiby in charge of entertainment; their enthusiasm over a new class song which was presented by Pat Walston, class song leader, on October 3; and the excitement over their final stunt.

#### Seniors Begin Work on Graduation

The Senior Class has also begun detailed plans for commencement. Carole Brock is working on the commencement week-end program, while Pat Christenbury and Mildred Asycue have been fitting robes so that seniors will have caps and gowns for Founders' Day on November 9.

Between LeDhu Gillespie, working on the class will and Joan McGranahan on the class prophecy, the necessary immediate work is being done.

Jean Knight is working with her committee on the class gift, while the full senior class is preparing for the reception on Founders' Day.

Judy Goodwin is planning the ar-

supper club with a New York setting after which they were inspired by a pep rally. Songs and antics by the Sigma Chi and the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternities were inspirations in themselves. The day students also found plenty of entertainment on hand at the Astro day student social. Tuesday night the freshman halls rang with Astro serenades.

#### Phi Day is Wednesday

Wednesday dawned Phi Day and again sleepy-eyed frosh were awakened by serenaders, this time in purple and white, who also sang throughout the day. That evening they experienced another feast—this time at the Phi supper club set in a typical college hangout. That evening the Phis held their traditional bonfire at the hut. Then that night on the halls, the Phis sang their songs to the freshmen and transfers.

#### Societies Join on Thursday

Thursday was Cooperation Day between societies on which all rushing ceased. The two presidents sponsored vespers together that evening. Today the freshmen made the decision as to which society they would call their own.

rangements for the annual Corn-Huskin' Bee on October 26.

Judy Young was elected senior class sports chairman.

The senior class will have a call meeting on October 17 at 6:30 at which time Gwen Cooper and Mary Ann Eason will discuss the finances for extra pages of senior activities in the annual. At the same meeting, seniors will vote on superlatives, class colors, and the annual dedication.

#### Juniors Plan for Stunt

The juniors have begun their stunt planning by electing Barbara Blanchard and Brenda Corbett as co-chairmen of the Stunt committee. Further plans were made for the event, and work has already begun. Dianne Simmons was elected Sports Chairman for the Junior Class.

#### Sophomores Work on Social Plans

In the sophomore class, Lewellyn Sours is in charge of plans for the annual Sophomore Class social. Details were worked out at the meeting on October 3.

#### Freshmen Hold First Class Meeting

Freshman had their first class chapel meeting, on October 3, at which time details for election of class officers were announced. The election date was set for October 12.

### Committee Adds New Members

The Nominating Committee, composed of major campus leaders, met Thursday, September 28, in Faculty Parlor with Ann Braswell presiding.

Three faculty advisors — Mrs. Helena W. Allen, Miss Lula M. Leake, and Dr. Ione Kemp Knight—were elected. The committee also voted to dissolve the position of senior representative to the body. As a result of this decision, the number of other class representatives has been increased from two to three, each class having a president and three other members on the nominating committee.

Representatives elected from the Junior Class are Jane Link and Elizabeth Lawton. One other junior will be elected at a later date. Sophomore representatives are Peggy Fish, Betty Godwin, and Nickie Childrey. The freshman representatives have not been elected.

### Concert Season Offers Variety

With fall beginning the concert season resumes with a fine offering of varied programs. The Raleigh Concert Association opens with Ozan Marsh, pianist, on October 16. State College through Friends of the College will offer the New York Ballet Company in three performances — October 23, 24, and 25. Meredith will make its own contributions to the musical agenda. Mr. Stuart Pratt, of Meredith's music department, is giving a recital on October 27, at 8:00 in Jones Auditorium. Several others are being planned by various faculty members.

#### Music Faculty to Attend Meeting

Several members of the music faculty will attend the Inter-Departmental Faculty Meeting of teachers of music and art at Mars Hill College. Representatives from the other seven Baptist Colleges will attend the conclave.

#### Ensemble Sings for Church Group

The Meredith Ensemble, chosen by selective auditioning, performed at the Brotherhood of the First Baptist Church on October 3.

### BSU To Hold Open Council Meeting

On Thursday, October 19, the B. S. U. will hold its first open council meeting of the year in the Rose Parlor. This is a new function for the Baptist Student Union, and they will sponsor four such meetings during the school year.

Led by pastor advisor, Don Niswonger of the First Baptist Church, the discussions will be centered around the ideas and concepts of such modern thinkers and theologians as Karl Barth, Paul Tillich, Emil Brunner, and Reinold Niebuhr.

The meetings will consist of a short business meeting with reports