

372 NEW STUDENTS COMPLETE ORIENTATION

NEW STUDENTS REPRESENT 157 DIFFERENT TOWNS

On Thursday, September 6, Meredith welcomed approximately 372 new students to her campus. Hailing from fourteen different states and two foreign countries, the girls found their newly acquired sisters from Raleigh, North Carolina, to lead the ranks in number—there are eighteen Raleigh girls including day students, dorm students and transfers. Winston-Salem gains second place with fifteen girls. Charlotte runs a close third with fourteen girls. Next on the list is Kinston having ten girls. Following closely on Kinston is Durham with nine girls. Then comes Rocky Mount and Greensboro with seven girls.

Wilmington, New Bern, and Monroe add six new students apiece to the Meredith family; while Concord, Goldsboro, Roanoke Rapids, High Point, and Cary each add five. Richmond, Virginia, Mt. Airy, Wadesboro, Elizabeth City, and Asheboro carry their share with four students each. Having three natives of their cities are Norfolk, Virginia, Asheville, Washington, Burlington, Wilson, and Red Springs.

Two appears to be the most popular number with Smithfield, Annandale, Virginia, Lillington, Roseboro, Southern Pines, Spring Hope, Gastonia, Clinton, Oxford, Fairmont, Mooresville, Statesville, Rose Hill, Southport, Danville, Virginia, Windsor, Robersonville, Jackson, Bethel, Wake Forest, Snow Hill, and Albemarle sending their representatives paired.

A large number of girls have the responsibility of solely representing their hometowns. From the western part of the state are the following towns and cities claiming one new student—Canton, Boone, Hudson, Taylorsville, Hendersonville, Hickory, Belmont, Bryson City, Marion and Lincolnton.

Crossing the state from the western section and entering the piedmont, one finds girls hailing from a variety of places. Among these are Matthews, Reidsville, Graham, Salisbury, Stoneville, Goldston, Marshville, Richfield, Thomasville, Hillsboro, Mebane, Elerbe, Rockingham, Spray, Carthage, and Elon College.

The eastern part of the state claims the largest number of towns and cities from any single section. Girls from the east claim Zebulon, Lumberton, Hamlet, Edenton, Chadbourn, Tabor City, Angier, Smithfield, Castalia, Cofield, Goldsboro, Seaboard, Garner, Linden, Fremont, Fuquay Springs, Midway Park, Four Oaks, Weldon, Newport, Fair Bluff, Henderson, Nashville, Laurinburg, Lucama, Tarboro, Harrells, Fayetteville, Ahoskie, Dublin, Ayden, Elm City, Marshallberg, Spring Hope, Morehead, Parkton, Conway, Selma, Jacksonville, Enfield, and Caroleen as their hometowns.

Of the states other than North Carolina, Virginia leads the way having twenty-two students as representatives of the state. South Carolina has four girls here, while Florida has three. Maryland and New Jersey have two apiece while Michigan, Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Mexico, Texas, New York, Georgia, Alabama, and Tennessee claim one each. The two countries represented are Iraq and China.



Transfer students, Mrs. Elaine Dunshee, Betty Bass, Joy McMillan, Robin Gentry, Gera-Lu Shervette, and Mary Woodard, look over crowded orientation schedule.

Meredith College In Capsule Fashion

Purpose: The purpose of Meredith College is to develop in its students the Christian attitude toward the whole of life, and to prepare them for intelligent citizenship, homemaking, graduate study, and for professional and other fields of service. Its intention is to provide not only thorough instruction, but also culture made perfect through the religion of Jesus Christ. These ideals of academic integrity and religious influence have always been cherished by Meredith.

Recognition: Member of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and the Association of American Colleges; Liberal arts member of the National Association of Schools of Music. Graduates are eligible for membership in the American Association of University Women.

Degrees Offered: Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Music.

History: Founded by the North Carolina Baptist Convention, granted a charter in 1891, first opened to students in 1899. It was chartered as the Baptist Female University, a name changed in 1905 to the Baptist University for Women, and in 1909 to Meredith College. This last name was given in honor of Thomas Meredith, for many years a recognized leader of the Baptist denomination in North Carolina, who in 1838 presented to the Baptist State Convention a resolution urging the establishment in or near Raleigh of "A female seminary of high order that should be modeled and conducted on strictly religious principles, but that should be, so far as possible, free from sectarian influences."

The institution has had four presidents: James Carter Blasingame, 1899-1900; Richard Tilman Vann, 1900-1915; Charles Edward Brewer, 1915-1939; Carlyle Campbell, 1939-.

College Life Provides Challenge and Reward

Car doors slam, an animated face greets you and directs you into Johnson Hall. Suddenly, you are here, and the long summer months of planning, shopping, and packing are over. College has opened its doors and your new self coupled with your old dreams and desires are swept inside. Just what is it like to be on the inside for the first time? To be quite frank it's a little frightening, for it is the culmination of a series of events begun as a small child. But the primary emotion is not fear. The true emotion is one of hopeful expectation, and it is this expectation that continually draws you into college life.

After having fully arrived and matriculated, the eager freshman finds orientation to be a full time project. Papa and big brother find the first day of orientation to be a rather back

breaking undertaking. But piece by piece everything fits into place, and one is lurching into a sea of faces each holding within its smile the mystery of an unknown individual and the potential of a lasting friendship.

Days seem to evaporate into a mist of memories as hours of testing, guidance, training, and classroom preparation go by. Classrooms have a familiar air about them, and the regular ringing of bells become a timely reminder. Pigeons fail to wake you in the morning, and the sound of your roommate padding about the room is normal.

Gradually college becomes a word that can be tossed about as freely as a child tosses a pillow. College expands from a dream into a reality, and confusion develops into pleasant routine. Much of the old self remains feeling secure in a changing environment with the growing realization that this endeavor is truly "the fair beginning of a time."

Raleigh Churches Entertain Students at Welcome Dinners

On Sunday night, September 9, 1962, several Raleigh churches entertained the new students at Meredith with welcome dinners. The purpose of these dinners was to introduce

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Astro president, Joan Strickland and Phi president Brenda Bunn would like to jointly welcome the freshmen and transfers and wish for them a happy and successful year.

the freshmen and transfers to the churches. Both West Raleigh Presbyterian and Fairmont Methodist Church held dinners for the Meredith Presbyterians and Methodists, while several of the Baptist churches joined in giving a "progressive dinner" for the Baptist girls at Meredith. The progressive dinner began with an appetizer at Tabernacle Baptist Church and ended with dessert at Forest Hills Baptist Church. Other churches taking part in the dinner were First Baptist Church, Hayes Barton Baptist Church and Pullen Memorial Baptist Church.

Frosh, Transfers Undergo Series of Tests, Meetings

The regular schedule of classes will begin Wednesday morning. For the past few days freshmen and transfers have been involved in a full schedule of tests, guidance sessions, group meetings, and social events. The councils of the Student Government Association, the Athletic Association and the Baptist Student Union as well as other campus leaders have been serving as guides and assistants in the execution of the entire program.

Training Classes Are Held

Classes have been conducted by faculty and staff members in the areas of catalogue training, health orientation, guidance, and library training. The members of the student government association have been leading discussions periods aimed at explaining the policies and regulations of the association.

Counselors Entertain

Friday night the counselors entertained at a Big Wheel Party in the court in order to introduce campus leaders to the new students. Saturday and Monday night the students were presented to the college officials in formal receptions in the Blue Parlor in Johnson Hall. At the same time hall parties were arranged for students not attending the receptions.

The program for Sunday included church attendance and an Open House in the Hut given by the counselors for all new students. A bus tour of Raleigh was conducted for all new dormitory students for Tuesday night.

Classes to Start

Registration for classes and the purchase of textbooks was held on Monday for the new students and Tuesday for the old students. Further events in the orientation program which are designed to inform the new students about additional phases of Meredith campus life will be held during the first month of classes.

The orientation program has been planned by the faculty committee on orientation of which Miss Mary Bland Josey is chairman.

Seen Around Campus

Upperclassmen looking almost as tired as the freshmen and transfers.

Tired fathers and boyfriends lugging suitcases and boxes up to fourth floors Vann and Stringfield.

Disappointed looks on seniors' faces upon learning that they couldn't move into the new dorm.

Joan Brantley, alias Mrs. Hurst, explaining infirmary procedures on campus tour.

Egotistical counselors carrying outlandish name tags.

Dazed upperclassmen unable to believe that they really don't have to carry their trays back in the cafeteria.

Overflowing shelves in the Book Stores ready for the big rush.

Freshmen eager to get their first letter from home.

Freshmen wondering, "How do we get out of here this weekend?"

A full and buzzing Bee Hive at almost any time.

Everyone reminiscing about interesting summers.