

Meredith Welcomes Ten New Students To College Campus

As Meredith students returned to campus after a much-needed semester break, they were greeted by a number of strange faces. Both dormitory and day students welcomed new members into their groups, including three freshmen and seven transfers.

From one of our sister institutions, Queens College, comes Sara Jean Barbee. Transfer Gay Davis also comes here from a previously all-girls' school, Woman's College. Still another non-coeducational institution, Salem College, is represented by transfer Ann Gregson Tench.

The junior class gained two members with the transferral of "Joey" Dennis from Appalachian and Ann Herring, formerly of Wake Forest. Their little sister class, the freshmen, also added three new members to its already full ranks. Willa Marie Ferguson, Mrs. Bett H. Carter, and Mrs. Helen P. Via are the new members of this group.

Several out-of-state schools are represented in the list of new students. We find such schools as the American University represented by Mrs. Ruth B. Welt, and West Virginia University, represented by Mrs. Frances P. Wilfong.

REW Provokes Thoughts, Provides Concepts

"The Bible reveals that man is involved in a double search — man searches for God and God searches for man," stated Dr. Jack R. Noffsinger in the opening chapel service held during Religious Emphasis Week. In a discussion of the theme for the week, "The Double Search," Noffsinger attributed the break between the Creator and man to a conflict of freedom of will versus responsibility.

Dr. Noffsinger acknowledged the fact that thinking people ask questions to discover purposes and reasons for life. He urged that the student body and faculty members reevaluate their beliefs. "Doubt it if you like, reject it if you like, but do not take it lightly," he advised.

Purpose of Man

In another of the fine chapel services held during the focus week, the pastor of the Knollwood Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, discussed the purpose of man as seen through the topic "Who Am I." He asserted, "A person does not have to be all things to all people to get their approval — a chameleon on scotch plaid."

The meaning of grace was also analyzed by the minister. In his exploration of this topic, Noffsinger defined grace as an unconditional

and undeserved love. He challenged the audience to question their emotional acceptance of grace.

In addition to the discussion of grace, the leader of the chapel services also discussed prayer as applicable to the student body and concluded the services of the week with the topic "Religion in Relating."

Five evening seminars in which topics of current interest were discussed were held four nights during the week. Although the discussions varied from one evening to the next, the topics remained constant.

Challenge of Communism

In an informal question and answer period, Dr. Allard K. Lowenstein, a social studies professor at N. C. State College, discussed the problems which the students had with regard to Communism and challenged them to strive for a better understanding of this powerful force as the best way to combat it. Approximately one-third of the world's population is Communist, he stated; we must not be so foolish as to say that none of these people desire Communism. We must examine Communism through the eyes of the discontented to whom it promises something better and then combat this force by helping these people to acquire what they need.

"Concepts of Life"

In discussing the topic "Concepts of Life," Mr. Truman Smith remarked that science and religion are incompatible in that as knowledge is broadened through scientific research, the chances of moral failure increase. He further stated that institutional religion has often hindered progress in the field of medicine on moral grounds. There is need, he said, to distinguish among conventional morality, individual morality, and revealed morality. He presented arguments for and against abortion in relation to birth control, mercy-killing, and capital punishment.

Mr. Edgar D. Christman, BSU director at Wake Forest College, began a discussion on existentialism by stating that existentialism, because of its very nature, is indefinable. Christman suggested that when one thinks he has finally placed existentialism in a little niche or category, he has once again lost the concept. The speaker cited that the only certainty seen by the pure existentialist is death. He then called existentialism "a protest against all that tries to protect us from grim reality."

English Teachers To Hold Meeting

The members of the Meredith English department will meet with those of the seven Baptist colleges in the state at an English teachers' conference to be held at Campbell College February 22-23, 1963.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the problems of the different English departments in North Carolina. Mr. Philip Kennedy, now of the Campbell English department, will preside. A president for the next conference will be elected.

Three years ago Meredith was host to the gathering. At this time the program dealt with the encouragement of voluntary reading. Book lists in the English department, which are available to students, were compiled then. Also at this meeting Dr. Campbell spoke on the dictionary. Because Hunter Hall was recently completed, Miss Brewer closed the conference with a reception in the new classroom building.



Religious Emphasis Week Chairman Carol Coxe, far right, evaluates work with Kitty Kelly, Mrs. Miriam Prichard, and Nancy Spencer.

Theological Seminar

William Hamilton's book *The New Essence of Christianity* was the point of departure for Dr. Noffsinger's theological seminar. Pointing out that the chief ideas expounded in Hamilton's book concern man's identification with the sufferings of his fellow man, Dr. Noffsinger stated that another new thought which has evolved from this "new essence of Christianity" deals with the confusion of the roles of man and woman. To illustrate this idea, Dr. Noffsinger drew examples from contemporary literature and television presentations.

Contemporary Literature

Contemporary literature was discussed at the seminars held by Mr. Harry E. Smith. Smith outlined the characteristics and purposes of the contemporary writer and suggested that students consider the religious dimensions of the literature.

For the convenience of the students the Meredith College Library will be open on Saturday nights until 9:30. Reserve books may be checked out after 4:30 in the afternoon.

This new policy will only remain if demand is sufficient. The library staff expresses its hope that students will participate and co-operate.

Studio Problems Class Presents Varied Show

An exhibit from the studio problems class is now in the Meredith Art Gallery. Each student has made an individual study of her choice.

Bettie McManus has experimented in techniques with scratchboard. Many studies in portraits have been made by Anne Barnhardt. June Leonard has worked with lettering using the Gothic and Roman alphabets. Work in glass has been done by Beverly Huff. Betty Drews, Ruth Armstrong, and Barbara Allen have worked with oil paintings.

Each study is unique in that each person has approached the problem differently. Betty Drews has done expressionistic painting. Nonobjective study in space has been Ruth Armstrong's individual study. Barbara Allen has tried to express her own philosophical ideas in her work.

Alumnae House Extensions To Be Completed By May

By commencement this spring, Miss Mae Grimmer, the Meredith College Alumnae Secretary, will have moved from a temporary office in Stringfield Dormitory to an enlarged Alumnae House.

The expansion program, which will cost approximately \$30,000, includes the addition of east and west wings as well as improvements to the central section. The original plans, which called for the wings, were drawn at no cost by Mr. Jack Kesler of Winston-Salem, husband of a Meredith alumna. Due to the illness of Mr. Kesler, Mr. Albert Haskins, a Raleigh architect, is directing the present building program.

The west wing will contain four bedrooms, with two baths, to be used to house alumna guests and other overnight visitors such as speakers. At present, college guests must be housed in hotels and cannot be entertained on the campus. The rooms will be furnished in period style and the blue color

scheme of the central section will be retained.

Increased office space will be provided in the east wing. Included in this area will be two large offices with adequate space for wall files and a conference room for committee meetings.

The central section, which has served the alumnae since its completion in 1953, is also being improved. The kitchen on the west end is being enlarged with extra cabinet space and counters. The stairway, which was so small that machines had to be dismantled to be carried upstairs, is being expanded, while the upstairs is being completed to serve as an area for mimeographing equipment and possibly as a place for the class doll collection which is presently in the library.

Miss Grimmer says that there is a possibility that the expansion may be completed as early as April; however, by commencement it will definitely be finished for use on Alumnae Day.



Alumnae House grows with addition of two wings.

College Calendar

- February 18**
Athletic Association ...7:00 p.m.
Baptist Student Union...7:00 p.m.
Judicial Board7:00 p.m.
Legislative Board7:00 p.m.
Student Activities Board7:00 p.m.
- February 19**
Colton English Club..4:30-6 p.m.
Joyner Lounge
Sigma Alpha Iota.....7:00 p.m.
Freshman Council Groups7:00 p.m.
- February 20**
Coffee for Episcopal Students7:00-8 p.m.
Faculty Parlor
Book Auction—Hut..4:30-9 p.m.
N. C. State Glee Club..8:00 p.m.
Auditorium
- February 21**
Tomorrow's Business Women7:00 p.m.
Alumnae House Home Economics Style Show7:00 p.m.
103, Joyner
- February 22**
Sophomore Dance7:00 p.m.
Plantation Inn
Movie7:30 p.m.
Marjorie Morningstar Auditorium
- February 25**
BSU Greater Council..7:00 p.m.
Rose Parlor
Creative Writing Club2:00-5 p.m.
Joyner Lounge
Athletic Association7:00 p.m.
Baptist Student Union..7:00 p.m.
Judicial Board7:00 p.m.
Legislative Board7:00 p.m.
Student Activities Board7:00 p.m.
- February 26**
Meeting of Board of Trustees Nominating Committee7:00 p.m.
Faculty Parlor
Alpha Rho Tau.....7:00 p.m.
103, Joyner
Sigma Alpha Iota.....7:00 p.m.
- February 28**
International Relations Club7:00 p.m.
Alumnae House