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Court pauses after ceremony to look back at audience. (See page 6.)

## Church Attendance Is Optional; Responsibility Rests With Students

Preliminary studies initiated in the fall of 1962 preceded an announcement concerning optional Sunday school and church attendance. The change in policy was released by President Carlyle Campbell and revealed to the student body by the SGA president for 1963-64 in chapel on Thursday, May 2.

Reading from a letter written by the college president, Mary Lyon McKenny announced that required Sunday school and church service attendance will not be required of the sophomore and junior classes

beginning with the 1963-64 fall semester. At present the senior class is the only class with optional church attendance.

The letter by Dr. Campbell stated, "This decision is made with some hesitation, but I hope that it will serve the interests to which all of us are committed. We believe that participation in the work of a local church and denomination is an important consideration in Christian education. . . ." He added a sincere hope that interest and participation in church work would be maintained.

McKenny emphasized the responsibility of each student to accept the change in policy in a thoughtful way. She added that each member of the student body knew her own interests and activities in church work and should aim to keep these on a high plane.

The issue was stated in a request by the legislative board in a report on December 17, 1962 to the Faculty Committee On Student Government to be forwarded to the Board of Trustees. The recommendation stated the opinion that worship was an individual privilege, that student discretion was exer-

cised in most other matters on campus, and that campus religious activities stimulated voluntary church activities.

Based on these reasons, a committee composed of members of the legislative board sought the opinions of personnel in seven colleges throughout the state. A questionnaire sent to college presidents, chaplains, and BSU presidents revealed that approximately 64 per cent of those polled were satisfied with their policy of unrequired church attendance. Sixty-four per cent represents seven of the total eleven responses.

A poll of students on campus was conducted to measure opinion, in addition to a poll of several Raleigh ministers, conducted by the BSU Council. Sylvia Cooper, BSU president for the current year, stated that six ministers were interviewed, but were not asked to take a stand on the issue. She added that this inquiry was made to ascertain the reactions of some Raleigh ministers concerning optional attendance.

After the results were compiled and studied, the faculty committee submitted two statements to Dr. Campbell, who submitted the recommendation to the Board of Trustees. A vote by the Board left the decision with the administration.

Miss Fleming, Dean of Students, commented that the decision was important to the students at Meredith and was one that could not be made in a hurry. She also felt that a number of people on campus were very interested in the effects and results of the action.

## School of Christian Studies To Begin June 17

The eleventh annual Meredith School of Christian Studies is to be held on the Meredith College campus beginning Monday, June 17, and extending through Friday, June 21, announces Dr. Ralph McLain, program committee chairman. The School is held annually for the purpose of bringing "thoughtful ministers and laymen together in study and discussion with leaders who are making major scholarly contributions to Christian life and thought."

The School is featuring as its lec-

turers this year three leading Christian scholars — Douglas V. Steere, Langdon B. Gilkey, and George Ernest Wright. Dr. Steere, the Thomas Wistar Brown, professor of philosophy at Haverford College, will open the week of study and discussion on Monday evening with a lecture entitled "Collected and Uncollected Man." Dr. Steere's lectureships with the American Friends Service Committee have taken him into Africa, Europe, and the Middle East. He served as the Harry

Emerson Fosdick Visiting Professor at Union Theological Seminary from 1961 to 1962. Using "The Christian Classics" as a theme for the morning lectures, Dr. Steere will discuss Pascal's *Thoughts*, Woolman's *Journal*, Kierkegaard's *Purity of Heart*, and Von Hugel's *Spiritual Letters*.

Dr. G. Ernest Wright, the Parkman Professor of Divinity at Harvard University since 1958, will be the lecturer Wednesday evening on "Archeology, History, and Theology." Author of thirteen volumes, founder-co-editor of *The Biblical Archeologist*, and Archeological Director of the Drew-McCormick-ASOR Archeological Expedition to Ancient Shechem in Jordan, Dr. Wright will use as the theme "Recent Trends in Old Testament Study" for the morning lectures which are "The Nature of Revolution." (Continued on page 5)

## Speeches Presented by Canon Raven And St. Augustine Student Body Leader

On Tuesday night, May 7, Meredith students heard two speakers. At seven, Ronald Watson of St. Augustine College spoke under the auspices of the MCA. At eight, the Meredith Committee on Lectures and Concerts presented Canon Charles E. Raben, Chaplain to Queen Elizabeth II of England.

Canon Raven referred to several current international issues in his opening remarks, but dismissed the political statements in favor of a discussion of European reaction to American prestige. "I don't think we need to be afraid of a third world war," he stated as he explained that Europeans felt that Russia would avoid a total war.

The renowned lecturer stated that civilization has merely outgrown political, economic, and social realms and traditions which he knew when he was younger.

The Canon then asserted that he did not wish to talk about bewilderment, only about hope. Citing two instances from scientific developments in the past ten years, Raven referred to the inadequacy of man concerning sight, sound, and smell.

The second scientific instance re-

ferred to by the chaplain dealt with DNA, a complex molecule. The Canon suggested that man should develop beyond the adolescent stage.

Theological statements made by the speaker called attention to a frustrating role of religion in the past three hundred years because of its failure to adjust. (Because sudden illness interrupted the Canon, he was unable to complete his lecture.)

### Passive Resistance Discussed

An avowed supporter of the new passive resistance demonstrations that spread from Greensboro and Durham to Raleigh, Ronald Watson stated his views on "sit-ins" and Negro demonstrations in an informal talk. The St. Augustine College student government head explained his role in the passive resistance movement.

The Negro college student explained that three major organizations are involved in the current movement: the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Congress of Racial Equality and the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee. He added that attempts to solve problems were made by negotiations through the NAACP, actual picketing with financial aid from CORE, volunteer arrests, and mass arrests. Those who may be placed under arrest must be trained and prepared for jail, through instruction concerning food and claustrophobia while in a cell, he explained.

In Raleigh, Watson stated that the situation is different from other sites of demonstrations because the local colleges have NAACP chapters. The student added that only theaters and the S & W have been picketed in Raleigh because "these places directly affect us personally as college students."

## Grant Goes to Ernst For Summer Research

Of the many varied vacation plans of Meredith students, those of sophomore biology major Bettie Jane Ernst are among the most interesting. She has received a six hundred dollar National Science Foundation grant to do botany research at the University of Massa-



Janie Ernst works diligently in lab.

chusetts in Amherst, Massachusetts. She learned of the opportunities offered by the foundation at one of the first science club meetings of the year. After making two or three applications, she received a letter of acceptance from Dr. Arthur C. Gentile who will direct her in her work from July 1 to September 6. She will be concentrating on plant physiology with an emphasis on chemistry. Bettie Jane plans to spend the first month of her vacation at home with her parents in East Granby, Connecticut.

## Winters To Speak

Johnathan Winters, Raleigh's first negro city councilman, will speak on "The Role of Councilmen in Municipal Government" on Thursday, May 9 in 103 Joyner. The lecture is sponsored by the Department of Political Science which has invited the heads of the department of education, sociology, and history at St. Augustine College and Shaw University to attend. The talk will be followed by a coffee hour to give Meredith students the opportunity to meet Mr. Winters and the Reverend Mr. W. W. Finlator, minister of Pullen Memorial Baptist Church in Raleigh, who is to introduce the speaker.

On Saturday morning, May 11, at 8:30, the political science class will hear Mr. Frank Crane, who is the Labor Commissioner of North Carolina. The topic of his discussion will be "The Role of Labor in North Carolina."

## Campus Clubs Pick Leaders for 1963-64

Several campus clubs have elected officers for the 1963-64 school year. Serving as president of the Meredith Student League of Women Voters will be Barbara Radford. She will be assisted by Linda Thomas as vice-president, Fran Johnson as secretary, Brenda Smith as treasurer, and Sara Gwynn Bryan as social chairman. (Continued on page 4)

On May 10 and 11, Dr. John Yarborough, head of the Meredith College Biology Department, and several members of the Barber Science Club will go to East Carolina College for the annual meeting of the North Carolina Academy of Science. This meeting is open to all college professors, undergraduates, and other people in the state who have an interest in science. Dr. Yarborough has served as secretary-treasurer to this organization for eleven years.

Dean Leishman A. Peacock has announced that applications for upper class scholarships for 1963-64 are available in his office. Thirty scholarships worth \$250 each will be awarded. A scholarship committee will consider all applications early in June and will make decisions on the basis of scholastic achievement and promise, qualities of social leadership, and financial need. The deadline for application is May 15.

## College Calendar

- May 9—French Club, 7 p.m.
- John Winters, 103 Joyner, 7 p.m.
- Ann Barnhardt Exhibit in Art Gallery, 7:30 p.m.
- May 11—N. C. Symphony, 10 a.m.
- Miss Raleigh Contest at Daniels Jr. High, 8 p.m.
- May 13—A.A., M.C.A., Judicial Board, Legislative Board, Student Activities Board, 7 p.m.
- May 14—Y.W.A., S.A.I., Student League of Women Voters, 7 p.m.
- May 15—Mary Milam's Recital, Small Auditorium, 8 p.m.
- May 16—Tomorrow's Business Women, 7 p.m.
- Beverly Huff's Exhibit in Art Gallery, 7:30 p.m.
- May 17—Y.W.A., 7 p.m.
- Barbara Jones' Recital, 8 p.m.
- May 18—Fourth Vann Party in Hut, 6:30 p.m.
- Scott Beaver's Recital, 8 p.m.
- May 20—A.A., M.C.A., Judicial Board, Legislative Board, Student Activities Board, 7 p.m.
- Marianne Thompson's Recital, 8 p.m.
- May 21—S.A.I., 7 p.m.
- Colton English Club, 4:30 p.m.
- Linda Thornton's Recital, 8 p.m.
- May 22—Violin Recital, 8 p.m.

## Speakers To Visit Far East Class

Mr. Vernon O. Stumpf has arranged a series of speakers for the Far East history class.

Mr. James Chien-Hua Tan will discuss "Flight from China—1949" in 111 Joyner on May 14, at 5:00 p.m. Mr. Tan is graduate student at State. His father serves in the air force of Nationalist China.

Dr. Lillian Parker Wallace will speak on "Contemporary Problems of the Far East" on Tuesday, May 21, in 111 Joyner at 4:00 p.m. Dr. Wallace, before her retirement last year, was long-time Head of Meredith's history department.

On Tuesday, May 7, the class heard Mr. Takayuki Murayama, a student at State and a research chemist at Chemstrand. The topic of his discussion was "Student Life in Post-war Japan."