

McManus Wins First Round

A Meredith College student has been selected as one of the preliminary winners in the *Mademoiselle* Art Competition for her outstanding work in art. Mary McManus, a senior from Matthews, N. C., was recently notified that she has been chosen a member of the *Mademoiselle* College Board, which will enable her to continue in the competition for the guest art editorship of the August edition of that magazine. Mary, who was encouraged to enter the contest by Dr. Arthur Downs of the art department, submitted eight pictures which centered in the activities of the Meredith campus. For her next assignment, which is due February 15, 1964, she will submit a brochure. The winners of the contest will spend June in New York, where they will help edit the August issue of *Mademoiselle* and will learn about publishing while

sharing offices with *Mademoiselle's* regular editors.



Mary McManus labels an oil painting for a spring exhibit.

Dr. Grubbs Was Delegate to American History Convention

Dr. Frank Grubbs of the history department was one of the 4,000 delegates present at the 50th annual convention of the American Historical Society, December 28-30. The meeting was held at the Sheraton Hotel in Philadelphia. The purpose of the convention was for historians from all over the U. S. to come together and hear papers in numerous fields.

Dr. Grubbs reports that he attended three sessions at the convention, two in his fields of American and British history, and one outside of it. In the first session, Dr. Bernard Bailyn of Harvard presented a paper on the origins of the American revolution. Dr. Bailyn is known for his book *Education in Colonial America*. He stated in his paper that the primary cause of the American revolution was political. He was criticized by other historians, however, for failing to recognize economic and social causes.

The second session Dr. Grubbs attended was on the reform and progressive movements in American history. The main paper on this topic was presented by Dr. Forcey, who stated that reform movements occur every thirty years. His failure to consider the effect of wars and his attempt to predict every thirty

years were criticized.

An interest in hearing something out of his field led Dr. Grubbs to attend a session on medieval Russia.

In addition to the sessions there was a Presidential Address given by Professor Crane Brinton of Harvard. Dr. Brinton expressed a desire for historians to write more comprehensive histories which the average reader can understand. He stated that historians need to get out of their narrow fields.

YRC to Elect Officers on February 3

The newly - formed Young Republicans Club will meet at eight o'clock on February 3, in first Faircloth parlor. Mrs. Evelyn Simmons, who is a member of the economics department, has agreed to act as faculty sponsor. She will meet with those interested in the venture to elect officers.

Last year, at the prompting of Mr. Vernon O. Stumpf, then a member of the history department, Ann Dean, a senior, did research on the possibility of forming the club, and a constitution was drawn up. It was also felt that the students desired the formation of a political organization on the campus. Sue Ellen Moody, one of those working with the Young Republicans urges all interested to attend this February meeting. She adds that any Meredith student is eligible for membership.

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eat and eat and review my notes and textbooks."

Jean Tate: "Seriously, I try to find some isolated place which is a hard thing to find on this campus."

Lura Penney: "Well, first of all I sit down and feel sorry for myself and cry a lot and get in a bad mood, and make myself hard to live with; and then I start reading over my notes. And then my suite sends me over to the New Dorm."

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Explanation of the newly-established score has been made by Harry K. Dorsett, assistant professor of education. Dorsett has kept records of student scores for a number of years. He reports that out of approximately 360 Meredith students taking the NTE in the past

four years, only one student has failed to attain a rating of 450.

Dorsett's records show that in 1960, five student scores were below 500, the middle of the curve of scores. In 1961, the number below 500 was five also. Two students failed to make 500 in 1962, and no student fell under 500 in 1963.

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