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Student Government Officials Indicate New Policy Changes

In response to inquiries from THE TWIG, newly-elected Student Government Association officials have indicated some of their plans for the coming year.

Drinking Legislation

Linda Wright, chairman of the Legislative Board, stressed that the drinking poll which was taken this year would be carried over through next year although at this time the results of any definite legislation concerning it cannot be accurately predicted. She further stressed, in answer to a column which recently appeared in THE TWIG, that the drinking poll was not taken to bring about stricter enforcement of the drinking policy but to look at the existing situation and try to decide what can be done.

In the past the Legislative Board has been criticized for being slow in presenting legislation to the student body. The reason for this has been that a proposal has to go from the Legislative Board to the Faculty Committee on student gov-

ernment, which meets on Wednesdays, then back to the Legislative Board the following Monday night. To alleviate this problem, next year the Legislative Board will be subject to call meetings on Wednesday nights in order to present the legislation to the student body the following day.

Also under the Legislative Board is a committee on election procedures. These meetings, which are open to all members of the student body, will discuss and decide on what changes should be made in election procedures for a more effective system. Suggestions will then be taken before the Legislative Board and the student body for approval.

Changes in Judicial Procedure

Kay Cockerham, chairman of the Judicial Board explained plans for several changes there. Among them are the organization of House Councils in each dorm to handle any problems which might arise there and/or the formation of an overall House Council, made up of all five dormitory presidents, to handle some situations formerly handled by the Judicial Board.

The possibility of reorganizing the present Judicial Board into an Honor Council is also being explored. In conjunction with the formation of an Honor Council, members of the Judicial Board, the Legislative Board, and any other students interested in such work, have formed committees to study judicial procedures of other schools similar to Meredith and to make suggestions to the Legislative Board concerning revision of our own judicial system.

Work Toward Symposium

Judy Ramsey, chairman of the Student Activities Board, told of (Continued on page 2)

Students Evaluate Teachers, Courses; Results Revealed

Since the latter part of last year, plans have been formulated for a Meredith course evaluation. This year for the first time Meredith students have been given the opportunity to evaluate their courses.

THE TWIG has been concerned with the overall student reaction to the course evaluation. Most of the students interviewed replied that they did answer the evaluation sheets and returned these to their professors. When questioned about their honesty in completing the sheets, few of those interviewed stated that they felt reserved in filling out their questionnaires.

Most of the students who related that they had been a bit reserved in filling out their questionnaires stated that their reservations were based on a fear of the professor's knowledge of their identity.

Effectiveness Questioned

When questioned about the "additional comments" item on the questionnaire, most students commented again that they did not answer this item for fear of having their handwriting traced and their identity revealed to the professor. From this, it appears that at least some students did not really have a great deal of faith in the questionnaire and its effectiveness. Most of the students questioned felt that the questionnaire in some few cases might be taken seriously by the respective faculty members; however, the majority opinion was very skeptical concerning the actual results which would come from the questionnaire.

A large majority of the students consulted expressed the desire to have departmental heads and Dean Peacock see the results of the questionnaires.

All in all the students who were interviewed seemed rather uncertain about the actual effectiveness of the evaluation project. Many students did, however, express a desire to see the program continue for at least several more years as a means of determining the worth of the evaluations.

The new pastor-advisor to the Meredith Christian Association is Father Gordon Kendall, pastor of St. Eugene's Church, and chaplain to the Roman Catholic students at North Carolina State University. Father Kendall is well known in Raleigh because of his open, liberal spirit, his contagious enthusiasm, and his active interest in ecumenism and social action.

Father Kendall said that one of the main purposes of ecumenism is for social action — that there is much to be done which needs the support of all people, regardless of their belief. Where there is unity of purpose, there will be unity of action.

Students Must Become Aware

Father Kendall is enthusiastic about projects like the tutorial program, and the extension services at Dorothea Dix and the school for the blind, but he emphasized the immensity of the needs of the community. We must do much more, not only for the sake of the poor and sick, but for our own sake. It is too easy to lose ourselves in college life. "In order to accomplish anything," Father Kendall said, "the well-to-do college intelligentsia must become aware of what is around them. They must look for

Graduation Activities to Be Held May 30; Commager and Gezork to Give Addresses

CLASS DAY, DAISY CHAIN TO HONOR SENIORS

Climaxing graduation activities on Monday, May 30, at 10:30, will be the commencement address, delivered by Dr. Henry Steele Commager.

After receiving his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago, Dr. Commager studied at the universities of Copenhagen and Cambridge. He has also earned other degrees, Litt. D. from Washington College and LL. D. from Brandeis University. As well as lecturing extensively throughout the world, Dr. Commager has written many books, including *The Spirit of Seventy-Six* and *The Blue and the Gray*. Presently, Dr. Commager is head of the history department at Amherst College.

Baccalaureate Sermon

On Sunday, the Reverend Herbert Gezork will deliver the Baccalaureate Sermon. Dr. Gezork, who was born in Germany, became a naturalized citizen of the United States in 1943. After studying at the University of Berlin, Dr. Gezork received his Ph.D. from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, his D.D. from Colby College, and his LL. D. from Emerson College. Prominent in Baptist work in Germany before World War II, he has continued to be an outstanding Baptist leader in the nation and the world, having served as president of the American Baptist Convention, and as a delegate to the World Council of Churches. Presently, Dr. Gezork is serving as President Emeritus of Andover Newton Theological School at Nadich, Massachusetts.

Graduation Activities

Other graduation activities will include the alumnae luncheon be-



Dr. Henry Steel Commager



Dr. Herbert Gezork

ginning at 9:30 on Saturday morning with the Kappa Nu Sigma meeting. At 10:30 the Alumnae Association will convene in Jones Auditorium with Jolene Weathers Edwards of Raleigh presiding. Miss Mae Grimmer will deliver the address on the topic "Separation." The Granddaughters' Club will have a special feature on the program.

The alumnae luncheon at 1:00 will be held in the cafeteria. About 500 alumnae and the graduating seniors will be guests for the buffet. Mrs. Robert Farrington, chairman for the luncheon, has planned it around the theme "Angel Farm." The class of 1966 will be inducted as alumnae, after which Sue Hilton will present the 1966 doll. Special guests are the class of 1906, celebrating its golden anniversary, and the class of 1941, celebrating its silver anniversary. Other reunion classes attending are classes since 1911, and the big-sister class of the present graduating class.

After open house at the Mae

Grimmer Alumnae House at 2:30, Class Day will begin at the amphitheater at 4:30. Following the daisy chain processional, Sue Hilton, president of the Senior Class, will welcome guests. The class history will be read and the class song will be sung. Other high points of Class Day will be the "sticks and stones ceremony," big-sister letter, class prophecy, presentation of cap and gown, and formation of class numerals on the island. After the program, the Senior Class will meet on the island to elect permanent officers.

At 8:00 Saturday night, the annual concert will be presented by the Meredith College Chorus. The final meeting of the day will be the Silver Shield at 9:30.

Meredith Will Lose Several Faculty Members

Meredith College is losing several faculty members at the close of the spring semester, 1966. The departing members of the faculty include the following:

Mr. Edwin K. Blanchard, assistant professor of music at Meredith since 1952, will be an associate professor of voice and director of the Opera Workshop at Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois.

Mr. P. A. Cline, Jr., instructor in foreign languages at Meredith since 1962, will be an instructor in foreign languages at Gardner-Webb College next year.

Mr. Walter George, instructor in German this year, will be an instructor in a midwestern college.

Dr. Mamie Hafner, assistant professor of English at Meredith 1953-1955 and 1962-1966, will be on the faculty of North Texas State College in Denton, Texas.

Mrs. Carolyn Happer, instructor in history since 1964, is leaving her part-time duties here to become a full-time housewife.

Miss Diana Harmon, instructor in art since 1964, will be married June 4, 1966, and will teach in Pennsylvania next year.

Dr. Sally Horner, part-time professor in chemistry this year, will continue her research work at Chapel Hill on a full-time basis.

Miss Brewer Retiring

Retiring this year is the head of the home economics department, Miss Ellen Brewer, who has been on the faculty since 1919.

Catholic Advisor on a Baptist Campus

The MCA Moves Toward Ecumenism

The poor, get really involved, meet the poor in their home ground, and teach them how to help themselves."

Social action includes work on the campus — the attempt to encourage a moral and spiritual concern among students. At the Bar Jonah coffeehouse, one of Father Kendall's favorite projects, students have met on Sunday nights for informal forums, plays, movies, folk singing and fellowship.

There are plans at N. C. State for interdenominational dormitory discussion groups under the sponsorship of the United Ministry of the various religious groups at the university, and a symposium on the relation between man and his mind and science. Several similar projects are in various stages of planning at Meredith, including the symposium on "Control of Life and Cibernation."

Father Kendall said that when Kae Freeman asked him to be the advisor to the MCA, his first thought was, "At last! An end to the 450 year detente."

Unity of Christian Faiths?

When asked to what extent Christians of different faiths could be united, he said that while differences in theology and worship

should not be barriers between Christians, neither should Christians pretend that these differences do not exist. People must "know what they are and who they are." Then we can understand and respect each other and work together, sharing the same ministry in Christian love.

College Calendar

Sunday, May 29

11:00, Baccalaureate Sermon by Dr. Herbert Gezork
4:30, Organ recital by Dr. Harry Cooper
5:30, Tea for seniors and parents

Monday, May 30

10:30, Commencement exercises; Address by Dr. Henry S. Commager

Monday, June 6

2:00, Summer school registration

Tuesday, June 7

7:45, Classes begin

Monday-Thursday, June 13-17

School of Christian Studies

Monday, July 4

Independence Day holiday

Saturday, July 16

Summer session commencement