

### Mr. Young Will Teach Harpsichord Course Next Year

## Meredith Acquires Authentic Harpsichord

By JANE LEONARD

Meredith has recently acquired not only a new president and plans for a proposed library, but also an authentic harpsichord. The immediate precursor of the piano, the harpsichord differs from the piano in that the strings of the harpsichord are plucked rather than being hammered. Mr. Stephen E. Young of the Meredith music department compared the piano to hitting the strings with one's fist and the harpsichord to plucking them with one's fingers.

The music department ordered the new instrument at the end of last year and received it this March. It was a kit from the Frank Hubbard Harpsichord Company in Boston. Mr. Hubbard studied eighteenth century European instruments and assembled almost exact copies from modern materials. The Meredith harpsichord is basically a 1760 French instrument.

The harpsichord cost \$1,500 and

is approximately seven feet long. Having two keyboards, it is bright green trimmed in red and yellow and is lined with a colorful printed wall paper. The bright colors originated because the instrument was not a concert instrument but was used only in churches and drawing rooms and therefore reflected individual tastes.

From 1550 to 1750 the harpsichord was an indispensable part of an orchestra. In fact, the conductor was seated at the instrument and conducted from it, rather than standing and waving a baton as is the present custom. It was the only keyboard instrument until the 1770's when the piano was invented and

was the instrument for which Bach and other musicians composed. Beginning with the movie *Tom Jones*, the harpsichord has recently grown in popularity and such musicians as Henry Mancini and Mitch Miller have used it.

At Meredith the instrument will be used primarily for two purposes. First of all, students will learn about the music and style of the period by studying the harpsichord. It will also be used to accompany other instruments such as the flute and violin. Mr. Young is the only Meredith faculty member trained in the instrument and will teach a course in the harpsichord next year.

## Birkin to Study Tropical Lands

By JOY O'BERRY

A sleeping bag and a diet of rice and beans—this is the life Mr.

Vergean Birkin, geography professor, will lead this summer when he participates in a field seminar in Costa Rica.

According to Mr. Birkin, the trip — sponsored by the University of Michigan and financed by a National Science Foundation grant—will be a "case study of the use of tropical lands." Most of his time will be spent making unscheduled flights by non-commercial airlines throughout the country studying agricultural land use. Formally stated, his particular topic of research will be "government policy towards agricultural colonization." He will be concerned with such questions as what are the government's objectives in land use and is their approach the correct one?

Mr. Birkin became interested in Latin America when he went to Puerto Rico in 1949 on an assignment similar to a Peace Corps mission, and his enthusiasm over returning is clearly evident. He is especially excited about the trip because it is in his favorite region, Latin America, and concerns his favorite topic, the political aspect of geography.

Cambodia.

This is the first year Meredith has participated in the assembly, which holds a Security Council, General Assembly, and committee meetings just as the United Nations does. Students participating come from all over the United States. Each student thoroughly studies the country to be represented so that he can participate as a native acting for the best interests of his country. Meredith girls studied for four months in preparation for the assembly.

Finances for the Meredith delegation were provided mainly by the students themselves this year. It is hoped that the Student Government Association will be able to sponsor Meredith's representatives next year.

### Dodge, Barbee, Ebelein, Bryant Represent Meredith

## Model UN Meets at ECC

By MACKI RUDISILL

Lynn Dodge, Dudley Barbee, Jeannie Ebelein, and Betty Bryant represented Meredith College at the Model United Nations Assembly held at East Carolina College on April 6-8. Ann Berry, president of the International Relations Club, suggested to the girls that they represent Meredith. Lynn Dodge headed the delegation which chose to represent the South-East Asian country,

### PLAY DAY

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included everything from fortunetelling to a haunted schoolhouse, water balloon throwing at select faculty members, and a book sale. After fortifying themselves with baked goodies and pink lemonade from the Granddaughters' Club, students bought stock for prizes from local businesses, guessed the number of pills in a bottle filled by the infirmary staff, threw darts at balloons to relieve frustrations, and generally had a good time on this once-a-year afternoon when classes are forgotten, temporarily at least.

One of the highlights of the day was the Sigma Alpha Iota talent show. Held in the dining hall, the show drew a large crowd as such distinguished musicians as Stephen Young, Beatrice Donley, and Jane Sullivan performed. Belle Haesler rendered enjoyable performances on the piano, while Dr. Harry Cooper presented a rather amazing "Humonica."

The talent show and other carnival attractions boosted the library fund by over \$200—a commendable accomplishment for a few hours of fun!

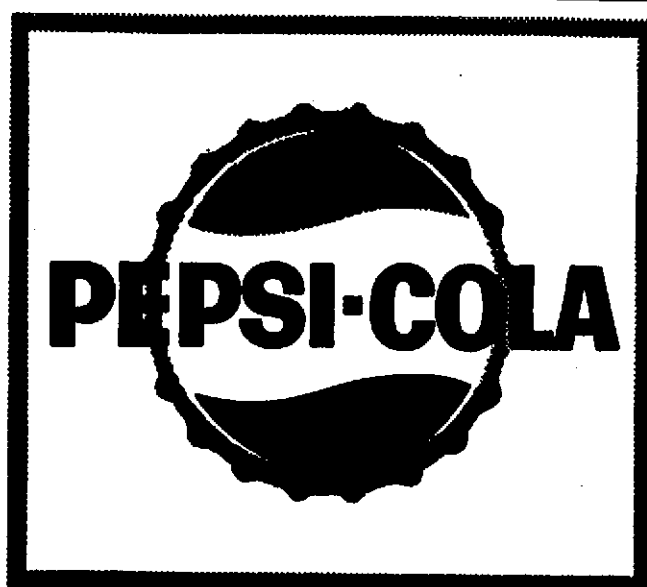
Foot-long hot dogs, candied apples, and other such carnival foods completed the day. Weary students, faculty members, and guests were then left to await the arrival of the inevitable sore muscles which accompany Meredith's traditional way of welcoming springtime.

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