

# Delegates Formulate Bill on Birth Control in N. C. Eight Participate in Student Legislature

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North Carolina State Student Legislature will hold its thirty-first annual session in the Hotel Sir Walter and in the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium March 6-9.

For four days eight Meredith girls will participate in activities including a reception at Chancellor Caldwell's home, discussion and passage or veto of over thirty bills from various schools, election of officers, and an address by gubernatorial hopeful James Gardner.

This year's representatives include Carolyn Halyburton, Susan Hout, Barbara Wall, and Carolyn Sparks, delegates to the House. Ann Crockett, Kay Kennemur, Kate Huggins, and Ann Henry will serve as senators. Also, Ann Crockett will head the awards committee whose responsibility is to select the best delegation and the best speakers.

Attending State Student Legislature is a time consuming project, and the initial task is formulating a bill. All those interested in SSL meet and suggest contemporary topics that could be developed into a bill. Ideas for those bills come from various places — a teacher's comment in the classroom, editorial page of newspapers, independent reading, or proposed bills before North Carolina legislature.

According to Ann Crockett, chairman of the delegates, the idea

for this year's bill came by accident when the Phis and Astros helped needy families for their Thanksgiving project. They noticed that many of these homes had illegitimate children. Contact with the welfare department revealed that they too were concerned with this problem.

Present laws allow welfare departments to give birth control pills to an unmarried girl only after she has had one illegitimate child. The bill by Meredith proposes that birth control pills be given to married or unmarried people on welfare free of charge to prevent the procreation of illegitimate children. This bill would safeguard the state government against having to support these people and reduce the number of illegitimate children faced with social problems.

After establishing the bill they will sponsor, the committee must research its pros and cons and submit the bill to the secretary of SSL for approval. If it is approved, three hundred copies of the bill are made and sent to other participating colleges, who in return, send their bills to the Meredith delegation. These bills are discussed and researched thoroughly so that the delegates can vote intelligently on the issue.

The advantages offered to participants are diverse. Besides meeting leaders from the various colleges and universities of North Carolina, the representatives also come

in contact with Congressmen who are enthusiastic about the interest in politics shown by college students. Senior Ann Crockett states that "political science courses teach the theory of preparing a bill, but the SSL gives actual experience and understanding of the theory." She adds that the legislative actions provide practice in strict parliamentary procedure.

The Meredith Student Legislature was affiliated with North Carolina State until 1964 when it became independent. Since that time, every bill proposed by the Meredith group has passed successfully. However, Chairman Crockett concludes, "It really doesn't matter whether the bill wins or loses; the reward is in a good presentation and in the respect which it gains for the college."

# Senior Art Student Joins Mademoiselle College Board

Mademoiselle Magazine has a program for college students to gain experience in publishing. This year Meredith College will be represented on the Mademoiselle College Board by DeeDee Carroll McKenzie.

Each College Board member will have an opportunity to contribute to Mademoiselle and help the magazine keep abreast of campus trends. College Board members report regularly to Mademoiselle on events at their colleges, and help Mademoiselle fashion editors select models for college fashion features.

The Board is composed of some 1,000 winners of the magazine's annual nationwide College Board Competition, a contest designed to recognize young women with talent in art, writing, editing, photography,

layout, fashion design, merchandising, retail promotion or advertising. Board members are selected on the basis of entries they submit showing ability in one of these fields.

Each girl will remain on the College Board until she graduates. During this time, she will accumulate a professional portfolio of work submitted to Mademoiselle which may help her in finding a job after graduation. This is DeeDee's second year on the board.

### AVAILABLE JOBS

Student jobs are available for next year in the office of public relations. Two people, one a sophomore interested in writing, are needed. Interested students should see Mrs. Faye Humphries in Jones.

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