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Courses Evaluated: "None a Total Loss"

Tabulations are nearing completion by the Long Range Planning Committee on Academic Programs of a questionnaire concerning course offerings and preparation, which was administered to the student body during the last week of March. Resource students on the Academic Programs Committee who helped prepare and compile the results of the questionnaire are Lynn Dodge, Susan Fletcher, and Carrie Frampton.

Compilations of the questionnaires indicate that some 120 declared majors (juniors and seniors) and eighty-two proposed majors (freshmen and sophomores) responded. Of the total of 202 questionnaires returned, twenty-six indicated plans for transfer. A copy of the complete results will be given to each member of the Academic Programs Committee and the Steering Committee. Also a copy of the section pertaining to each individual

department will be given to the appropriate department chairman, to be shared by the members in his department.

In response to the question concerning adequate preparation in the first two years of college work on upper-level courses, sixty students indicated adequate preparation, eighteen did not feel well prepared, and thirteen students said they were prepared in some courses but not in all. When questioned concerning overall course preparations for student teaching, of the fifty-two responding, twelve gave an affirmative response indicating adequate preparation, twenty-eight did not feel adequately prepared, and twelve remained undecided.

Student suggestions for additions to the curriculum which appeared several times on the questionnaire indicate a desire for the following courses: modern American literature, contemporary English literature, world literature, journalism, additional psychology offerings, a course on audio-visual aids, and North Carolina history course.

When asked if students had any courses here which they considered a waste of time, ninety-one indicated

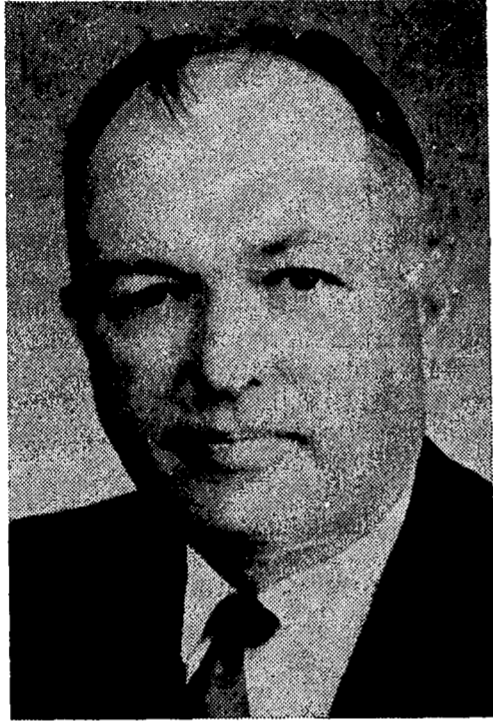
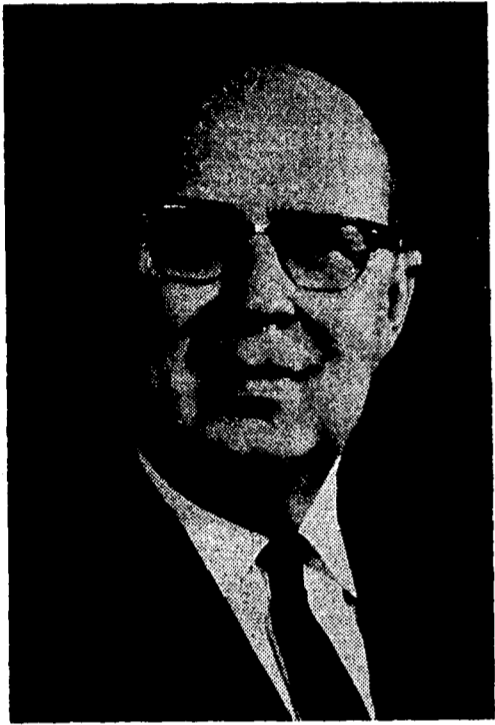
that they had, fifteen had none, and three remained undecided. A few courses most often mentioned as waste of time courses were Health Education, Speech, and Educational Psychology. Reasons given for citing Health Education as a waste of time included the following: "repetition of biology and sociology material," "already familiar with material," "material read directly from the book," "poor book — four weeks would be adequate to cover information," and "need for more sex education."

Speech was termed "only a pain course" by one student, while other reasons for considering the course a waste of time were: "too much work for one hour of credit," "learned nothing . . . but we need

a few less demanding courses," "not instructional."

"Course content not geared to the classroom" was the most frequent response given by those who considered Educational Psychology to be a waste of time. A second criticism was that the course included "no relevant issues or new ideas." One student indicated that of courses taken "none had been a total loss."

Helpful information has also been obtained concerning courses taken in major fields that have been best in general content as well as in courses taken in the major field that have been most beneficial preparation for future work. Exact calculations will be available in the near future.



Pictured on the left is Wallace E. Johnson who will deliver the baccalaureate sermon for graduation. The commencement speech will be given by the Honorable Buford Ellington, right.

170 Students to Graduate

Some 170 candidates in the four year Bachelor of Arts degree program and two candidates for the five year Bachelor of Music degree program will participate in Commencement activities during the weekend of May 25-26. Wallace E. Johnson, president of Holiday Inns of America, Inc. will deliver the baccalaureate sermon and the commencement speech will be given by Buford Ellington, governor of Tennessee.

Weekend activities will begin May 25 with Alumnae Day and Senior Class Day in the afternoon. Alumnae Day activities will commence with the annual meeting which will feature a musical program given by Meredith students and alumnae.

The Class of 1918 will be celebrating their Golden Anniversary. Other classes which are having their reunions are as follows: 1903, 1908, 1913, 1918, 1928, 1933, 1938, 1943, 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, and

1966.

For the first time this year the Alumnae Association will present on Alumnae Day of Commencement the Meredith Alumna Award. This award is to be given in recognition and appreciation of an alumna's outstanding achievement in some areas of service to her community and to Meredith. Later Saturday night there will be a concert and reception for seniors and their parents.

The Baccalaureate address will be given by Wallace Johnson, Sunday, May 26, after which a luncheon will be served in the dining hall for seniors and their parents. This is the second year the luncheon has been part of the ceremony.

To conclude the weekend activities will be the Commencement Address to be given by the Honorable Buford Ellington. While in North Carolina, the Governor will be the guest of the Honorable Dan K. Moore.

Meredith Group to Tour Europe

By NANCY ROUSE

"It seems like a dream," says a freshman Ann Singletary of her plans to visit Europe this summer with Miss Nancy Carroll of the Meredith History Department. Other Meredith students who will leave June 19 for a twenty-two day student tour of the Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, France, and England, are: senior, Sandra Bradsher; junior, Linda Hollingsworth; and freshmen, Barbara Barnes and Hannah Smith. Meredith house director, Mrs. Frances E. Thorne, will accompany the group.

"Travel," says Miss Carroll, "is an education in itself; however, the more education one has, the more he appreciates what he sees."

She feels that travel can be in the national interest because it opens doors to understanding people and cultures other than our own. "People who travel become world citizens, and are therefore apt to be better citizens of their own countries."

The basic cost of the trip, \$649, includes transportation, hotels, sight-seeing expenses, and most meals. "Travel is no longer a luxury for the wealthy," Miss Carroll insists, "but is quite within the grasp of the average American citizen." She emphasizes that opportunities will always be available for those who, with Bobbie Barnes, want a "chance to get a whole new world."

Rising Freshmen Receive Awards

Eleven rising freshmen have been chosen to receive Meredith College Honor Scholar awards. Their scholarships carry stipends ranging from \$400 to \$4,000.

Selected for outstanding academic and leadership abilities are Bonnie Sue Barber, Woodford, Virginia; Linda Karen Griffin, Charlotte; Elizabeth Grumbine, Elizabeth Ann Haskins and Glenda Fay Tie, Raleigh; Molly Levin, Winston-Salem; Rebecca Hance, Eden; Gretchen Blair Mayo, Kinston; Betsy Love Newton, Henderson, and Sibyl Sumner, Hartsville, South Carolina.

Nancy Gertrude Barnhill has been announced as the recipient of the Meredith Merit Scholarship Award.

FALL SEMESTER CALENDAR

Sept. 11 Wednesday. Registration
Sept. 12 Thursday-Monday. Orientation program for all new students
Sept. 14 Saturday. Registration of freshmen and transfer students
Sept. 16 Monday. Registration of returning students
Sept. 17 Tuesday. Beginning of classes 8:25 a.m.
Sept. 27 Friday. Last day for class-schedule changes

AAUP Studies Faculty Role

Should the faculty committee on student government be abolished? At the April 29 meeting of the American Association of University Professors the Meredith faculty had, as Mr. Robert Fracker states, "a heated discussion" when asked to make the motion for abolishment unanimous.

Since there was not a quorum present at the April meeting, the issue is going to be debated at the Monday, May 13, 7:30 p.m. AAUP meeting in 103 Joyner. All faculty members are urged to attend.

Awards Day Honors Students

On Awards Day, May 7, Sandra Vernon was recognized for her Astrotekton spirit by receiving the society award. The Philaretian Society presented three literary awards to Ellen Warren, Peggy Timmerman, and Ginger Hughey.

Rebecca Kiser and Vickie Tart shared honors in the independent reading award. Pam Osborne, Ann Ripple, and Abigail Warren received an honorable mention.

Peggy Timmerman was given the Elizabeth Avery Colton award and Ellen Warren received the Ruth Ann Hubbell Award. The Agnes Cooper Memorial Award went to Charlotte Schaible. A two hundred dollar scholarship from the Ida Poteat Fund went to Cathy Walston. Emily Dellinger earned the Alice B. Keith award.

The patronesses of Sigma Alpha Iota awarded Anita Burt for being the junior music major with the highest scholarship rank in music courses. Vivian Risley was recognized for her service with the SAI Foundation Award. Beth Porter, with the highest overall grade average, gained the SAI Honor Certificate.

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Winning the best all around athlete award was Becky Kiser. The horsemanship trophy went to Peggy Timmerman.

The members of Who's Who Among Students are: Lynn Dodge, Hope Glover, Alma Jo Hall, Jane Leonard, Carolyn McGrady, Shan Pruitt, Beth Smith, Brenda Smith Woodcock, Susan Chapman, Jeanie Sams, Teenie Sink, Brenda Carole Jones, and Lynn O'Dell Washington.

Tapped into the Silver Shield were Carrie Frampton, Carol Price, Jan Joyner, Donna Hanson, and Alice Smith.

Hall Is Ambassador

Alma Jo Hall, president of the day students this year, has been selected as Raleigh's 1968 Community Ambassador. She will spend seven weeks in Taiwan this summer. She will leave in middle or late June after a two-week language course in California.

The first month of her stay in Taiwan will be with a local family. The remaining three weeks she and a member of her host family will journey around the country.

The Raleigh Community Ambassador Project is part of the Experiment in International Living.

May Day Features Court Entertainment



In spite of rain, the May Court was royally entertained at the May fourth celebration. Sheryl Deal and Tennie Sink reigned as queen and maid of honor and watched as the modern dance classes performed. Also in the court were Sandra Hamill, Page Vaden, Peggy Williams, Brenda Parks, Shirley Scarborough, and Janice Holleman.

Julia Harris Estate Endows Meredith For Scholarships

A \$10,000 scholarship fund for Meredith has been made possible by a bequest from a former English department chairman, Dr. Julia Hamlet Harris. Another \$10,000 will be used to continue the Perry-Harris Scholarship, given each year in memory of Dr. Harris's mother.

The new fund will be used for the first time in the 1968-1969 school year for a student who has completed at least one year of study in the upper fifth of her class. Preference will be given to an English major.

The \$20,000 bequest is part of the \$130,000 left to Meredith from the estate of Dr. Harris. The remainder of the money will be used in the college's five year development program until the program is completed. The college will then increase the Harris fund to the original remainder.

Dr. Harris was a Raleigh native and the only woman in her 65 member University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill graduating class. After further study at Yale and Cornell Universities, Dr. Harris headed the Meredith English department from 1922-1952.