

There They Are in Atlantic City

By SUSAN VAN WAGENINGEN

Have you journeyed to Atlantic City, New Jersey, for the Miss America pageant in a big station wagon with nine other girls? This is exactly what nine Meredith students did on Thursday, September 4.

Their purpose? To see Patricia Elaine Johnson, Miss North Carolina and a junior here at Meredith!

Carol Swarr, Nancy Watkins, Suzanne Pomeranz, Libbo Leathers, Nancy Rouse, Corinne Blaylock, Gail Gaddy and Mary Stuart Parker left on September 4 for Atlantic City.

Dr. & Mrs. E. Bruce Heilman made the trip, too; however, they did not ride with the girls. The Heilmans and several of the girls stayed at the Holiday Inn in Atlantic City, and the rest of the girls stayed at Howard Johnson's.

Thursday night the group attended the evening gown preliminaries, and on Friday they enjoyed the talent competition. It was in the talent competition that Patsy won an award of "most talented Non-Semi-Finalist." She also won a \$1,000 scholarship.

Carol Swarr and Suzanne Pomeranz reported that all of the girls were pleasantly surprised on Friday



Suzanne Pomeranz, Gail Gaddy, Corinne Blaylock, Mary Stuart Parker, Carol Swarr, Nancy Watkins and Libbo Leathers pose with Patsy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Johnson, on the Atlantic City boardwalk.

morning by candy sent to them from President Heilman for moral support! Everyone spent Friday shopping and browsing on the boardwalk while waiting for Friday night and the talent competition which they enjoyed. Saturday morning, all the girls and Dr. & Mrs. Heilman gathered at the Holiday Inn for breakfast. The Meredith delegation did not, however, spend their entire stay idling about. They worked to show Patsy they were behind her. For instance, they bought and autographed a huge, orange felt daisy

and sent it to Patsy for good luck. The girls also gave their full support by making posters and noise-makers which they used at the pageant on Saturday night.

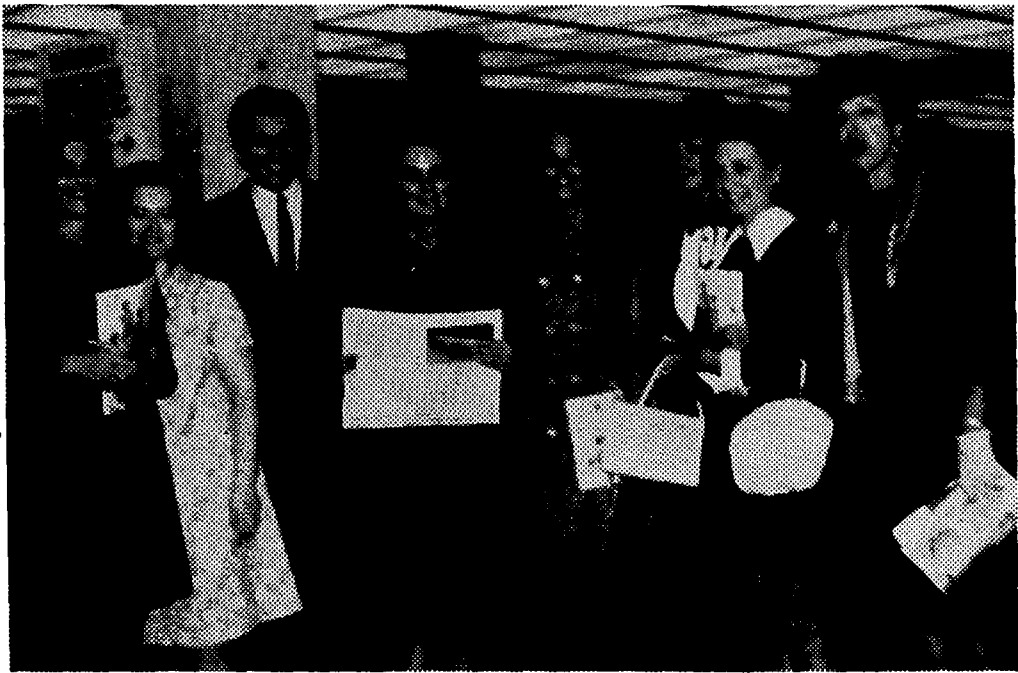
Several of the girls remarked on the clothes that were worn by spectators at the pageants. According to their reports, outfits ranged from cocktail dresses and formals to informal or even "mod" clothes. In short it was a varied group which assembled for the big event.

For several of the group, the most exciting part of the pageant came after the whole thing was over: They visited Patsy backstage following the final announcements, to congratulate her on a job well-done in representing both her state and her school. While backstage, they recall, they also saw Bert Parks and Miss America of 1969, Judith Ann Ford. And so, they returned to North Carolina and to school, probably with the sounds of "There she is, Miss America . . ." still ringing in their ears.

ATTEND CONFERENCE

Five representatives of Meredith attended a meeting of the Foundation of Church Related Colleges held in Winston-Salem Wednesday.

President E. Bruce Heilman, President of SGA, Cindy Griffith, John Kanipe, Carolyn Robinson and Charles Patterson all attended the luncheon and meeting.



Meredith delegation pose before Saturday night competition at Convention Hall. Sporting big grins are, left to right, Gail Gaddy, Nancy Rouse, Dr. Heilman, Nancy Watkins, Corinne Blaylock, Mary Stuart Parker, Libbo Leathers, and Miss Beatrice Donley, who also attended.

Dr. Mason, Alumna of Meredith, Remembers, Looks to Future

By ABIGAIL WARREN

"When I was here, the rotunda in Johnson Hall was just a dark dreary hole in the floor," remembers Dr. Marie Mason, new Dean of Students here at Meredith.

She adds, "Meredith is just a different school," noting when she graduated only the buildings forming the quadrangle and a section of the Bee Hive (part of the Auditorium and music building) were here.

Impatient to Learn

Dean Mason does not dwell on the past though. Since she arrived at Meredith on September 2, she has been impatient to learn everything at once. She notes that it seems stranger than she had anticipated to come back to a girl's school after having taught four years at the University of Kentucky. "I suppose there are advantages to both," she says.

"The atmosphere of the college is still the same," and then she added, "but attitudes here are not peculiar to students at Meredith. They want to accept more responsibility for their education and other areas of their development."

She is concerned that girls be individuals and experience the task of assuming responsibilities. Dean Mason sees her job as guiding and directing students only to the extent that it is needed and no further.

Her home in Raleigh is about seven miles from Meredith in an



Dean Marie Mason and Secretary "B. J." Yeager (left), review changes in the sign-out system.

area called Quail Hollow. "I like homemaking and being in the home," she says, "but I usually think I'm too busy to have a hobby."

Her job demands a lot of her mentally — especially in these first days. There are names to learn and, rules to become familiar with. But her sense of humor will stand her in good stead until students come to know her—as a thoughtful lady with a concern and interest in them and their growth as individuals.

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