

# THE TWIG

Newspaper of the Students of Meredith College

Vol. XLIV

MEREDITH COLLEGE, RALEIGH, N. C., NOVEMBER 20, 1969

No. 5



Shown in rehearsal of a scene from "A Phoenix Too Frequent" are (left to right) Louise Skelton, Stevie Shaefer and Beth Grumbine.

## Meredith Playhouse Presents "A Phoenix Too Frequent"

The Meredith Playhouse will present "A Phoenix Too Frequent" in chapel, Monday, November 24. Appearing in the presentation will be junior Stevie Shaefer in the role of Dynamene and sophomore Beth Grumbine as Doto. A student from North Carolina State University, Louise Skelton, will play the part of Tegeus.

According to Mrs. Ruth Ann Phillips, drama teacher and director of "A Phoenix," the play is "a very healthy story" of a young widow, Dynamene, who decides to follow her husband in death. Her loyal maid, Doto, accompanies her mistress. While the two women are waiting in the husband's tomb, Tegeus, a young man traveling by the scene, finds them there and waits with them.

Sophomore Patsy Brake is assisting Mrs. Phillips as student director.

A second play is set for December 10. "Sorry, Wrong Number" will star Sara Barron as Mrs. Stephen-

son in a psychological "thriller," as Mrs. Phillips describes it.

In the play, a telephone provides the only link between the bed-ridden Mrs. Stephenson and the outside world.

At press time, additional minor parts in the play had not been cast yet.

## Revised Program For Elem. Teachers

The teacher education committee is currently at work on a revised program for early childhood education certification.

According to Dr. Gloria Blanton, coordinator of Long Range Planning, the committee headed by Dr. Sarah Lemmon "is expected to complete work for action by the curriculum committee and academic council in time to provide help for students at pre-registration."

The new certification program, which gives prospective elementary teachers a choice between K-3 (kindergarten through third grade) or intermediate (fourth through ninth grade) certification, will involve the program of courses which this year's sophomores and freshmen will take, Dr. Blanton notes.

Senior and junior students seeking elementary certificates will not be affected.

The new program will institute several changes in student teacher work, says Dr. Blanton. Under the new set-up, prospective teachers on the elementary level, in addition to their regular major and related field, will concentrate their education work in one or two of the following fields: language arts, social studies or science and math.

Dr. Blanton explains that the change is being undertaken at Meredith at the encouragement of the State Department of Public Instruction.

She anticipates no major shifts in courses offered or need for extra faculty with the new program.

### NOTICE

The next issue of the TWIG will be published on December 11. All ideas or contributions should be turned into the TWIG room on First Brewer or 201 New Dorm by December 6.

## Exams Before Christmas?

# '70-'71 Calendar Changes Proposed

A proposed calendar for the 1970-71 school year could mean that Meredith students would begin classes August 27, complete exams before the Christmas Holidays, and observe commencement exercises on May 16.

The calendar proposal has been made to the academic council by the interinstitutional committee in order to coordinate Meredith's schedule with the proposed calendar at N. C. State, explains Dr. Gloria Blanton, coordinator of Long-Range Planning and chairman of the psychology department.

The proposal has been referred to the instruction committee for further consideration. Dr. Blanton stresses the fact that no action can be taken on the matter by the academic council until the instruction committee completes its report.

"It would seem appropriate," she adds, "that students should express their opinions on this proposed change to the student members of the committee so they will have an indication of student thought."

Students serving on the instruction committee are Ann Carroll and Mabel Godwin.

The proposed calendar changes as presented to the academic council call for registration of returning students on August 26, with classes beginning the following day. Exams would be held December 11-21.

Second semester would begin with registration January 6. Exams would end May 11, and commencement on May 15-16. Summer School would open June 8 and close July 17.

Another change inherent in the

new calendar is in the proposed spring break from March 3-15. Students would also have a holiday on Easter Monday, April 12.

Opening and closing dates and holidays in the proposed calendar match those set up in the proposed State calendar. NCSU President William Friday was expected to give

final approval momentarily to the State proposals at press time, as the NCSU trustees had previously approved the changes.

An advantage of the new Meredith calendar, notes Dr. Blanton, is, "It would enable students at both institutions to take courses on each campus," as has been school policy for two years. Of course, she goes on, "It wouldn't be impossible to take courses at State even so — the Meredith student would just have to come early."

Meredith has traditionally opened in mid-September and closed near the first of June.

## Meredith Receives \$1,000 Library Grant

Meredith College recently received a \$1,000 grant from the Sears Roebuck Foundation.

The grant, which is to be used to supplement the normal book acquisition budget of the college, was presented by W. H. Hesse, local representative of the Foundation, to Miss Hazel Baity, head librarian of the Carlyle Campbell Library.

Other colleges in the Raleigh area receiving grants are Shaw, St. Augustine, Peace, St. Mary's and Louisburg College.

In North Carolina, 40 colleges and universities will receive grants totaling \$43,900. More than 950 private, accredited two- and four-year colleges will be receiving grants totaling \$1.5 million.

In addition to the grant program, the Sears Foundation will invest more than \$700,000 during the current year in various student financial aid and other educational programs. This will bring higher education expenditures by the Sears-Roebuck Foundation to more than \$2,225,000 in 1969.

## City-College Council Formed In Raleigh

Raleigh Mayor Seby Jones, has initiated the formation of a council of student government presidents in the capital city.

Meredith SGA president Cindy Griffith attended a luncheon-meeting November 14, along with the five other college student body presidents in Raleigh, to establish the city-college council.

Purpose of the council, says Cindy, will be "to consider campus problems which affect the city itself and vice-versa."

The group plans monthly meetings to discuss "any problems that arise," Cindy explains.

She urges students to contact her if they become aware of problems in which the council may be able to help.

## Meredith Students Join Washington Marchers In Anti-Death Demonstrations Against Viet War

By Emory Farris

Two Meredith girls, Kitty Peak, a freshman, and Karen Anderson, a sophomore, joined the March Against Death on Washington on November 14 and 15. The girls left for Washington on a bus with a group of students from N. C. State at midnight Thursday, November 13.

Charles Parker, Meredith College minister, was to have joined the girls, but was unable to make the trip due to a meeting out of town.

The March Against Death at Washington began at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 13. The March, originally scheduled to have begun at midnight, was begun earlier to provide needed extra hours for organization and maximized press exposure. The March Against Death was divided into nine time groups, four hours long. North Carolina was in Group 4 with Georgia, Indiana, Maine, and South Carolina. Group 4 marched from 8:00 a.m. until noon, Friday, November 14.

The headquarters for the North Carolina delegation was the New York Presbyterian Church. The group from North Carolina assembled at the church two hours prior to the beginning of the march. They then boarded a shuttle-bus that took them to Arlington Cemetery for final preparations preceding the march.

Each person in the march carried a placard bearing the name of a North Carolina soldier killed in the war. The Raleigh group was re-

sponsible for making all the placards for this state.

The first group of people who walked in the March Against Death were members of families of servicemen killed in action, bearing the names of their own sons, husbands, or brothers. Many notable personali-

ties such as Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr., Senators Goodell of N. Y., and McGovern of S. Dakota, and Dr. Benjamin Spock, participated in the March Against Death.

Marchers were permitted to wear whatever they liked. Black clothing (Continued on page 4)



Kitty Peak (left) and Karen Anderson pose prior to their departure for Washington and the November 14 "March Against Death."

## Knieriem Takes Float Competition

Sophomore Gail Knieriem has been named the winner of a campus-wide contest to suggest a theme for the Meredith float entry in the Raleigh Christmas parade.

Astro president Carol Clark describes the winning idea as "a Christmas card wishing the Raleigh Community a Merry Christmas from Meredith College."

The Meredith ensemble will ride on the float and will sing Christmas caroles, she explains.

Also riding on the float will be SGA president Cindy Griffith, Miss Queen Cullen Sessoms, winner Gail Knieriem, Phi president Nancy Walters, and Carol.

Work on the float was to begin tonight, November 20. "We have to have a lot of help from the student body. After all, this is the only way the girls themselves can thank the Raleigh community, so what we enter will be up to them," Carol notes.

She urges students to come help with the decoration "any time they can come out."

Harry Simmons, Meredith maintenance supervisor, will serve as driver of the float in the November 24 parade.