



### Meredith Skating Rink—Now Open

After four days of near-zero weather, Raleigh area kids and Meredith students found a new treat—the lake was completely frozen! Girls, kids, State students and dogs alike all slipped and slid on the town's newest skating rink until the Raleigh Fire Department declared it unsafe for skating.



## Religious Emphasis Week Will Feature Grady Nutt

"Synergism" will be the word around Meredith February 9-13.

Members of the Meredith community are encouraged to participate in Synergism '70, this year's Religious Emphasis Week theme, by chairman Mary Stuart Parker.

Speaking during the three chapel periods, entertaining at the supper club and participating in discussion groups during the week will be Grady Nutt, well-known speaker. Nutt charmed the Meredith campus in an appearance last year. Since then he has resigned as director of admissions at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ken., to become a full-time lecturer and entertainer.

The evening activities during Synergism '70 include the production of Edward Albee's *The American Dream* by the NCSU University Players; an evening of entertainment, discussion and encounter, conducted by Jeff Moe and eight boys from State, Carolina and Duke; the showing of a multi-media production written and conducted by Meredith and NCSU students; and a lecture by Don Huisingh of the department of plant pathology at NCSU on "Science and Religion in Man's Future — Are They Compatible?"

The coffeehouse will be open af-

## Dean Explains Closing Rules

Students who have been puzzled by the mysteries of the closing procedure at Meredith can breathe a sigh of relief. Dr. Marie Mason, Dean of Students, announced that there will be changes made, which, it is hoped, will facilitate sign-in-time for students and staff members alike.

The dormitory president or vice-presidents will check the S. P. slips and dormitory cards at closing time. Each dormitory will report by phone to the Assistant Dean on duty fifteen minutes after closing time. If a student is less than fifteen minutes late, the student on duty will open the door. If the student is over fifteen minutes late, she will ask the

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ter chapel Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and 2 to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Each night at 10 p.m. dorm discussions will be conducted by resource persons from the community. Participating will be Walter Baermann, President of Baermann Associates, Inc.; Tom Dunn, chaplain, Central Prison; Jim Mallory, assistant minister, First Baptist Church; Charles Parker, Meredith College Minister; Ben Romine, program associate in education for the Regional Education Laboratory for the Carolinas and Virginia; and Mel Williams, assistant minister, Pullen Memorial Baptist Church.

Says Mary Stuart, "Now is the time to prepare yourself for Synergism '70. Get a bibliography and read several books pertinent to the theme. Make it your business to find what 'synergism' means."

## Reynolds Foundation Gives \$100,000 Gift

President E. Bruce Heilman has announced the receipt of two major gifts to the Meredith College Advancement Program.

The Smith Reynolds Foundation in Winston-Salem has notified the college that a grant in the amount of \$100,000 has been awarded Meredith for improvements in faculty benefits and for financial aid to students.

Meredith's application to the foundation for a financial aid grant was a result of recent increases in tuition and fees at the college. Director of admissions Mary Bland Josey said, "With Meredith's strong program of student aid, it is less difficult financially for a girl to attend Meredith now than it was several years ago when the tuition was much less."

A request to the foundation for faculty benefit monies was an effort on the part of the college to retain its present faculty and to attract other qualified teaching staff as needed. Pres. Heilman indicated that the funds will be used substantially in 1970-71.

John Kanipe, Jr., director of de-

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## Meredith Hosts Italian Opera In Concerts, Lecture Series

THE ITALIAN GIRL IN ALGIERS, Rossini's delightful comic opera, will bring all the color and excitement of the Arabian Nights to Jones Auditorium at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, February 4, when the National Opera Company brings its touring troupe of young professional singers to Meredith.

The appearance is sponsored by the concerts and lectures committee.

David H. Witherspoon, General Manager of the National Opera Company, will address the chapel audience in convocation in the morning on "Opera."

Rossini's wonderful melodies and the opera's hilarious situations have kept the ITALIAN GIRL alive for more than a hundred and fifty years. The new English version of the work was made by Ruth and Thomas Martin, two of the finest translators now active. The colorful characters of the story — a Turkish Bey, Algerian pirates, women of the Harem, and assorted Italians — will be portrayed by singers selected from all over the United States and from as far away as Salzburg, Austria.

The plot concerns a wicked Bey of Algiers, a tyrant known far and wide as "the tamer of women's arrogance," and his downfall at the hand of a high spirited Italian girl. The Bey has grown tired of his wife, Elvira, and decides to marry her to an Italian slave, Lindoro. He then sends his pirate captain, Ali, to find him one of those Italian women he's been hearing about. Ali captures the fair Isabella, who has been searching for her lost lover Lindoro, and Tad-

deo, an elderly admirer of the Italian girl. The once-quiet palace of the Bey becomes the scene of riot when Isabella arrives and takes the oncemighty man in hand. By the use of a number of highly devious methods, Isabella forces events to a dramatic

climax. The Bey returns to Elvira saying Italian girls were but a passing fancy. Isabella and Lindoro, together at last, sail away to Italy, making Taddeo, who had dreamed of a better fate, the only casualty in an otherwise happy ending.



A scene from "The Italian Girl In Algiers," a production of the National Opera Company.

## Meredith Students Ready for Semester at Drew University

Three Meredith girls, Stevie Shaefer, Olivia Harris, and Glynda Warren, will be attending Drew University in Madison, New Jersey, next semester.

Both Olivia and Glynda are history majors; Stevie is majoring in psychology. All three girls will be studying political science at the U.N. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. In addition to the political science course, Stevie is taking nine hours in psychology and sociology; Olivia and Glynda will be taking six other hours.

Olivia and Stevie might take fencing in physical education "just for fun."

Stevie is really excited about attending Drew because she feels that it will be "a really great experience getting to meet so many people in an international atmosphere." Stevie also seems to feel that being so close to New York City will be "very interesting."

During their classes at the U.N. the girls will be hearing about 100 different speakers. They will also be allowed to sit in on security meetings.

When asked what she hoped to gain from the semester of study, Olivia replied that "by meeting people of different nationalities I will gain a better understanding of the United Nations and its work today."

Drew University has a student enrollment of around 1,500 and offers graduate work in many and varied fields. The girls are excited about getting 11 days for Easter vacation, since their classes start two weeks from today. They will finish their exams on May 26.

Olivia and Glynda are rooming together at Drew, and Stevie is looking forward to "breaking in" a new roommate.

They will be leaving on January 20 for their semester of study.



Adopting a "Hear no evil, see no evil, speak no evil" pose are (left to right) Glynda Warren, Olivia Harris, and Stevie Shaefer who will study at Drew University next semester.

## Council Passes Calendar Changes

The academic council has taken final action in passing a motion by the Interinstitutional Committee to adopt calendar changes which will mean that Meredith will complete exams before Christmas during the 1970-71 school year.

Some have expressed confusion as to what changes the new calendar for 1970-71 will bring, and Dean Allen Burris seeks to explain the deviance from the traditional course. In answer to letters received from Meredith students, he emphatically says it is not a trimester situation. The new calendar, he adds, is "merely a tool whereby the year is organized; one knows more about the events of the year."

The 1970-71 calendar was worked on by the Instructional Committee and was passed by the Academic-Administrative Committee. Meredith took the action following North Carolina State's adopting a similar calendar.

There are several strong arguments for the new schedule. First, and foremost, since Meredith College is a part of the Co-operating Raleigh College as is N. C. State University, it was reasoned she should conform her schedule to that of NCSU. This has great significance for those students taking courses at NCSU, Dean Burris notes, and also for girls wishing to obtain rides home for holidays with students at the university.

Then, too, Dean Burris feels that the students will have a "merrier"

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