



January graduates gather to discuss job plans and the future—(left to right) Karen Watson, Brenda Bonardi, Lynda Barker, Paula Gilbert, and Emma Ruth Bartholomew.

Jobless January Graduates Begin Search For Employment

By Abigail Warren

How do you find a job in January? That's the problem of the seniors who are graduating early.

Of the 20 or so will finish their Meredith studies this semester (there is no official count yet) only three or four have found jobs. Others are still searching rather frantically in some cases.

There just doesn't seem to be enough jobs to go around in the off-season. The lucky ones who HAVE found their jobs are JoAnne Blackburn Hilton, who will soon be working as a buyer trainee for a department store in New York City. Emily Dellinger Meadows will teach American history at the Smithfield-Selma High School and Dianne Yelton is planning to teach fifth grade in Concord. Karen Watson is taking off for UNC-CH, where she will get a master's degree in education, so

Percy's Perils

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— about 3 months after the present sophomore class graduates, unfortunately.

This will be the year of the first organized dance on the campus. The dance will be sponsored jointly by the various clubs on the campus. Each girl will pay five dollars to cover the cost of busing men from all the American colleges. Music will be provided by Fifth Dimension, and entertainment will be provided by entire company of the Broadway musical, "Hair."

As for women, 1976 will be the year of the first woman President of the United States, namely Percy Beane. I intend to run on the ticket under a new party — Women for Tom Jones Society. Jones, incidentally, will be my personal consultant and campaign manager. The party platform will feature a Ban on the Ban the Bra policy. Also, it will advocate the total absolution of topless dancing. Mark Eden will be the platform co-ordinator. Federal law will require all men 23 years of age to be married. A lottery system in conjunction with a computer system will be used to assign proper mates for male "draftees."

This may sound a little ridiculous to you now, but just wait and see. The 70's promise to be bigger and better than the 60's.

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Alice and Barbara in Spain

Barbara's Madrid

By Barbara Curtis

First let me thank you for giving Mr. Ledford the TWIGS to send us. We really appreciate hearing the news of our school. Mr. Ledford said something about us writing you to tell you about our life here and that maybe it would be of interest to the rest of the students.

We left on the 20th of August from New York on the Aurelia, an Italian liner, and arrived in Le Harve 10 days later. It was the most fantastic trip — 1,000 students traveling to foreign countries. On the boat we had planned activities such as language classes, sensitivity groups, movies and open debates and discussions. We had our own band, an English group who played for dances each night. The voyage was not rough although there were some uncertain moments, like when your gravy fell into your lap from the rolling of the ship.

We arrived in France in the morning and took a train to Paris where we passed four days in a hotel near the Arch of Triumph. We ran around to all the "spots," up the Eiffel Tower, down to the sewers and round the city on a boat-tour. Our group planned a day in Versailles and it was so beautiful, walking through the gardens and seeing the grandeur of the rooms and furniture.

We left Paris at night and arrived in Madrid the next night. My sister and brother-in-law were waiting for me and I jumped off the train crying. It was kind of a long haul over but we finally got here.

The 24 students in our group, Mid-Florida Colleges, were separated into two's and three's to live in private homes or residencias. I live with a man and woman with a live-in maid. My roommate is from Miami, insane like me, and everything is just fine. So far we have not traveled much, we have seen most of the cities near Madrid; Escorial, Avila, Segovia, Toledo, Cuenca. . . .

For Christmas, we are planning to go to Switzerland then to Rome, Venice and Florence. We only have 3 weeks of vacation, but exams are before they start, so there is the possibility of extending the time a little.

About classes, I am taking 18 hours; Literature, Cervantes, History, another Literature, Art, and Grammar, all in Spanish. My classes start at 8:45 and I have three hours a day, including Saturday. You

EDITOR'S NOTE: Alice Hill and Barbara Curtis, Meredith Juniors, were chosen last year to spend their junior years abroad in Madrid, Spain. On the request of the editor, they have written describing their life in Spain.

Alice's Madrid

By Alice Hill

Can a Meredith Angel find happiness at a European University?

Yes, it's quite possible! My classes are made up of all American students while the teachers are Spanish natives. My classes (oh dear, it's been so long since I've written in English that I express myself like a first grader!) are held in the philosophy building, "University City" as it is called, is made up of Science and Medicine, Economics, Law and Education buildings.

The grounds are most definitely controlled by police who are always in riot gear. To enter the buildings you must also present your "carnet," officially stamped, etc.

Spanish boys can hardly be compared to our STATE Wolves as being better dates, but they're certainly original, and it's always a boost for your morale to listen to "Don Juanism." Sometimes, though, the average American girl has to break down and laugh when she is confronted with "You're the girl of my dreams, please marry me" on a first date.

Spanish girls come home from dates at 10:30, so I don't want to hear any angels complaining about 1:00 curfews. For a girl to stay out after 10:30 immediately she is marked as "that kind of girl" and "probably a foreigner."

The University has no dorms, so I am living with a Spanish family. It is quite a change from First Brewer — can you imagine having a maid bring you breakfast, cleaning your room?

My first exams will be the week

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don't know how lucky you are at Meredith — we get up at 7 a.m. and have to take two metros (like subways) and a bus to get to school.

The university is really large, almost 50,000, and each school (i.e. Law, Architecture, Philosophy and Letters) has its own building. We are matriculating in Philosophy and Letters, which includes Mathematics and the sciences and takes five years to complete.

Classes are not required, but it is suggested that you go since the exams are really difficult. The professors give us a syllabus of the term's work and we are more or less on our own to complete it, whether we go to class or not.

I guess I have moved right up to the social life now — look out! Madrid is just full of discotheques, bars, theaters, mesones and handsome obliging Spanish men. Since meals are at 3:00 and 10:00 the times to go out are before and after dinner.

This sounds like some kind of thesis for our English department, but if they got hold of this they'd never let me back in.

I miss you all terribly. I hope you all are happy — we are just having the greatest time and I wish more Meredith ladies would take time out from having a good time on Fraternity Row and come over here.

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