

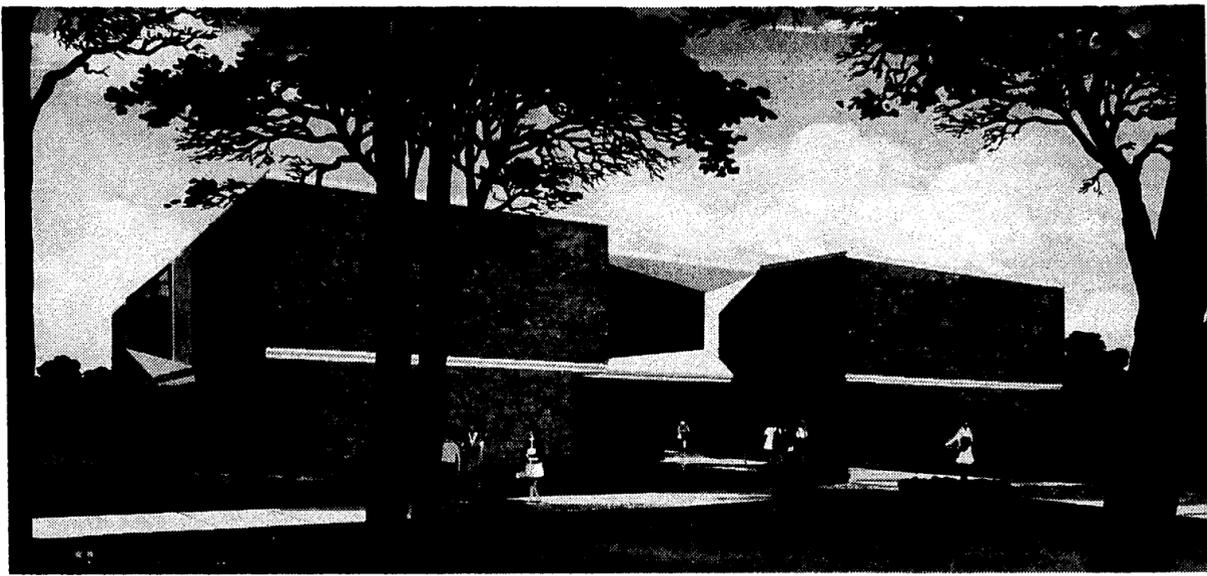
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An architect's conception of the new Student Center recently approved by the Board of Trustees.

Student Center Plans Approved by Board

Meredith's long-awaited student center came a step closer to reality during the Trustees' Meeting February 27 when the board voted approval of architects' plans for the proposed structure.

However, notes Director of Development, John Kanipe, the letting of competitive bids and the actual work on constructing the new facility will not begin until final plans can be worked out within the college community. "It all depends on how many times we have to send the plans back to the architect for alteration," he notes. "We aren't going to rush into this — we've waited 43 years and we're going to make sure we get just what we want."

The plans submitted by Valand, Benzing and Associates, Architects of Raleigh include facilities for a post office, food service area, book store, lounges, and offices in the

two-story building.

Says Mr. Kanipe, "It will be primarily a place where students will go for fun and recreation. And there will be student activity facilities, which, it goes without saying, Meredith needs. In short, it has been designed with student services as the prime objective."

Anticipated budget for the student center has been set at \$750,000. The first floor will be made up of post office, book store, food service area, and storage facilities; the second floor will be composed of

lounges, SGA office space, meeting rooms, and an area designated as continuing education section. This portion, explains Mr. Kanipe, will be for "community service" in the form of evening and afternoon courses.

Mr. Kanipe also anticipates the inclusion of game rooms in the proposed center.

The student center is the last building of the five million dollar advancement program initiated at Meredith two years ago. The Carlyle Campbell Library completed in 1969, the New Dorm completed last summer, and the Weatherspoon Gym currently under construction have been financed through the Advancement Campaign. Ground was broken for a second new dorm, Meredith's seventh, on Founder's Day.

Mr. Kanipe attributes the physical growth of Meredith to "the tremendous leadership we've had and the hard work of a lot of people — the boards, alumnae, parents, and students. Thanks to their work people who two years ago didn't know what or where Meredith was are now becoming aware of this school."

Thirty Scholars Visit Meredith

Questions about academic achievement, special interests, and projected goals will be part of the schedule for the candidates for Meredith College Honor Scholarships. Thirty girls, who will be joining the Class of 1974, are competing March 7 and 14 for the ten scholarships awarded to outstanding freshman applicants.

Visiting the campus Saturday, March 7 were Ann Carver of Raleigh, Susann Miller of Boone, Meg Pruette of Sanford, Catherine Stover of Hendersonville, Sharon Crawley from Wallace and Susan Jennings of Kinston. From Winston-Salem were Janice Sams and Judy Benton. Angie Butner from Tobaccoville and Norma Gray and Laura Morris from Charlotte also participated.

Out-of-State applicants include Su Stenback from Hastings-on-Hudson, New York, Dean Crowell and Mary Roberts from Chester, Virginia.

March 14 visitors to the campus will include Beck Gerber from Raleigh, Carolyn Taylor from Washington, N. C., Genie Bailey from Kenly, Pat Nathan from Lumberton, Glenda Currin from Oxford, Kitty Lee of Bullock, and Melissa Freshour of Tarboro.

Also in competition will be Lynne Boone from Wilmington, Kathy Hall from Mt. Ulla, and Linda Moore of Gulf. From Goldsboro will be Mary Beth Markham and Debbie Matthews. Sharon White and Linda Weaver are coming from Whiteville. Sara Griffin will be traveling from Greenville, Tennessee.

Each of the candidates will talk with Dean Allen Burris, Dr. Roger Crook, Dr. Mary Yarborough and Dr. Norma Rose. Current honor scholars will serve as guides for the prospective students.

Alumnae Will Hold Spring Conference

The alumnae house will be sponsoring its annual Spring Conference here on the Meredith campus on Saturday, March 21, 1970. The topic for the conference will be "Modern Science and Mathematics for the Modern Woman." Mrs. Edith Stephenson Simpson, as president, will welcome the guests. Mrs. Grady Thomas Helms, the former Martha Andrews House, class of 1965, is chairman of the alumnae committee.

The program will be a three-fold one sponsored by the chemistry, mathematics, and biology department, Dr. Mary Yarborough of the biology department, Dr. Charles Davis of the mathematics department will be consultants.

A coffee hour will be held in the morning in the physics lab in Hunter Hall as the first item on the program. This is the first time that Hunter has been used for the Spring Conference.

The first lecture will be "New Changes in Curriculum." Meredith students will demonstrate the changes from old to newer ideas, such as that of modern mathematics,

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History Dept. to Offer American Civ. Major

Beginning in September of 1970, an American Civilization Program will be offered at Meredith, reports the history department.

Although such programs are offered at Duke and Chapel Hill, Meredith will be the only college in the Raleigh area giving this opportunity, continued the history department spokesman. The new program will give the student a major in American culture rather than in straight history.

The requirements for the program include 18 hours of traditional, or "core" history courses and 18 additional hours chosen from an approved list of other courses having to do with American society and culture, such as American religion, sociology, economics, geography, art, and American literature. Six of the 36 required hours may be taken at any other college in the Raleigh area.

The program is designed so that the Junior year involves a research

paper on some topic related to American civilization, and seniors take seminars dealing with aspects of American culture. The program is suggested for those seeking a teacher's certificate, and is especially valuable in the case of a secondary certificate. The Black Studies Courses offered at State are considered a valuable facet of the program.

The new program will also give majors who are not working toward a Teacher's Certificate a choice of 20 electives.

The program will provide a better method for teaching socially underprivileged children the reasons for their culture and will give the teacher of any age or economic group a better insight into the real problems and aspects of society, said the spokesman. Dr. Frank Grubbs is the major professor for the program in American Civilization, and a similar program in Non-Western Civilization is headed by Dr. Rosalie Gates.

Campus Drivers Encounter New Parking Regulations

Meredith may not have all the parking headaches of larger schools, but it has already begun taking steps to bring procedures in line with those of other schools.

Meredith has recently undertaken the distribution of color-keyed parking decals and designated specific parking areas for campus cars.

According to the new parking procedures arranged by the business office, dormitory students' cars will carry a red decal; day students', a blue decal; and faculty, administration and staff cars, black decals.

Parking areas designated for the different colored decals are as follows: red decals — lower lake drive, north of Poteat, New Dormitory parking lot, new parking lot (east campus), 10 spaces at the infirmary for juniors in freshman dorms; blue decals — the Grove, west side of road from library to the Alumnae House, parallel parking on drive from Hillsborough; black decals — front of Johnson Hall, east side of library-alumnae house road (first nine spaces reserved for library personnel), upper lake drive (20 spaces), rear of Hunter Hall, infirmary (three spaces), supply store (six spaces), south side of gym, and Old Ridge Road entrance.

The business office also notes that

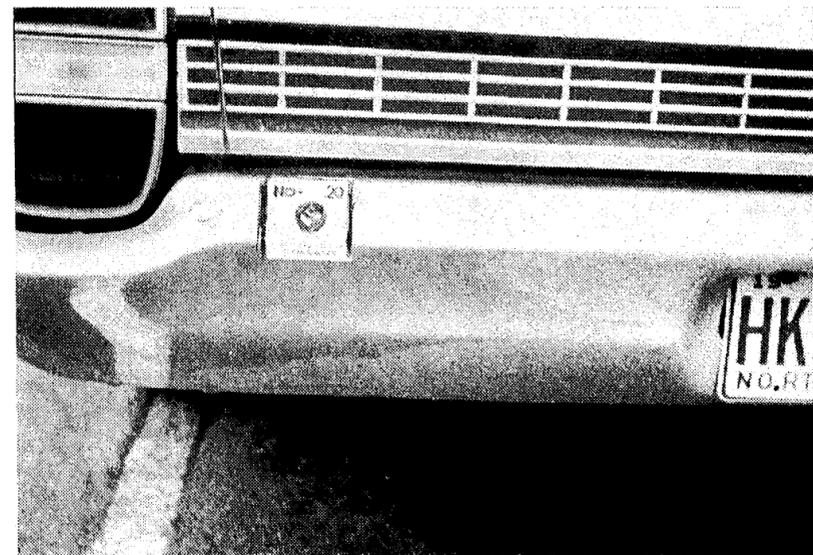
in all areas some space will be designated for visitors and urges campus drivers to observe these signs.

The switch to the new color-keyed decals is designed to "facilitate checking parking in the various zones," says business manager Joe Baker. Mr. Baker adds that he hopes to erect colored markers in the parking zones during the summer.

Checking for new decals began Monday, March 3. Approximately 25 cars were ticketed following the first check, Mr. Baker reports. However, he points out, "We're not interested in 'catching' anyone particularly. I think the situation has improved greatly already just from what I see around Johnson Hall."

He adds, "For the past two and a half years, the roads around Meredith have been so torn up that people had to park where they could find a place and we didn't think it would be fair to worry about parking areas. But now, this new procedure seems to have solved a whole lot of the problem."

He cautions campus drivers that the first tickets for parking violations constitute a warning. The second violation brings a five-dollar fine and a third suspends the privilege of having a car on campus for three months.



This car displays the new parking decals recently acquired by Meredith cars (right).

Trustees Conclude "Productive" Meet

"It was one of the most meaningful and productive meetings that I have had the privilege of experiencing," commented John T. Kanipe when asked for his reactions to the recent Trustees meeting.

"The business meeting of the Trustees began with an inspiring, superb devotion presented by Ellen Webb," continued Kanipe, who heads the office of Development.

The Trustees approved the three million dollar budget which includes new funds for the library, faculty benefits, student aid, and maintenance of the campus. A student trustee position was also approved.

President Heilman reported to the trustees that a gift from the First Baptist Church of Greensboro would enable Meredith to recognize annually two faculty members for their outstanding teaching with a cash award. Plans for the cultural use of the amphitheater during the summer were also explained.

The fund drive for a new organ in Jones Auditorium which began with a challenge amount from Mrs. Robert Pomeranz, it was announced, is near completion.

Future possibilities for more student scholarships and a program of sabbatical leaves for professors were discussed.

"The Trustees came with a sincere desire to be informed and interact with the faculty and students," concluded Mr. Kanipe.