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Tomorrow is Decision Day. Meredith Marr, like her fellow freshmen and transfers, must choose between Astro and Phi. See page three for related articles.

Heilman Reports Meredith Favorable Financial Position

Dr. E. Bruce Heilman discussed the "position of strength for our college in a time of weakness for higher education generally" in his address at the opening convocation of the semester.

President Heilman quoted from a news release previewing *The New Depression in Higher Education*, a book to be published by McGraw Hill in February: "America's colleges and universities are in the midst of a financial crisis unmatched in its impact in any period before in history. Many are continuing to operate only through the sacrifice of some of the quality and service normally considered essential to their programs."

This statement is the conclusion of intensive on-site study sponsored by the Carnegie and Ford Foundations at 41 colleges and universities which are representative of over 2,700 such institutions in the United States. Twenty-nine of the 41 colleges (71 per cent) of the institutions studied were either headed for financial trouble or were already in trouble.

The study was conducted between April and September of last year. The aim was to determine if universities and colleges were in serious financial trouble, what the response of the institutions to the problems is, and what policies were recommended as possible solutions by administrators. Data for a ten-year

period (1959-60 through 1970-71) were gathered and each campus was visited, and extensive inquiries concerning financing and academic directions were made.

"In addition to being one out of 41 selected from 2,729, we are one of two institutions in North Carolina in the study. Only Meredith and the Consolidated University represent North Carolina. We are one out of eight in the whole southern area," Dr. Heilman stated.

"The result shows Meredith as one of the twelve, out of forty-one institutions, considered not in financial trouble, or at least not in jeopardy of failing to do acceptably that which she is seeking to do . . . more significant for us — only four of the twelve liberal arts colleges were not in trouble," continued the president.

Dr. Heilman also cited another study which was published last week, entitled *The Golden Years*. The income and expenditures of 48

liberal arts colleges were analyzed for a period of 8 years in this study. Almost half of the 48 colleges are operating at a deficit according to the study.

"Ten factors taken together are considered responsible for the relatively favored financial condition and outlook of the 'not in trouble' schools," President Heilman stated.

The ten factors are as follows:

- (1) relative freedom from campus disturbances,
 - (2) programs which complement the aspirations of the college,
 - (3) a strong public confidence in what the institution stands for,
 - (4) smaller direct student aid expenditures (this excludes loans and campus employment),
 - (5) better defined programs and controlled growth,
 - (6) lower average compensation levels (attained by maintaining a balance in rank, rather than carrying a heavy concentration at upper
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Clint Dunagan to Speak During REW, Jan. 25-29

The theme for this year's Religious Emphasis Week (January 25-29) is "Crisis of Confidence," Betty Ann Haskins and Sandra Clemmons, co-chairmen of REW, announced this week.

The main speaker of the week is Clint Dunagan, who will deliver three chapel addresses on the topics of "A Believable Me," "A Credible Church," and "A Credible Society." Mr. Dunagan lives with his family in Lawrence, Kansas, where he was formerly pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lawrence. He has completed course work on his Doctor of Philosophy degree at the University of Kansas and is now working on dissertation.

Mr. Dunagan has spoken on many college campuses and is one of the founders and the inspiration behind the Pilgrim 20 Singers, a Christian Folk Group. He will be involved in the coffeehouse after chapel and dorm discussions.

Once involved in ministry within the Height-Asbury District in California, Ron Willis is now employed

by the Home Missions Board. Mr. Willis is pastor of a church in Bangor, Maine. He was instrumental in establishing a Free University in the church, which is now under consideration for accreditation by the University of Maine.

Mr. Willis will be leading afternoon discussions entitled "A View from the Street," the title of a book on which he is currently working. He will also be involved in dorm discussions.

Mr. Willis is actively involved in the new trend of expression of American Christianity.

Gene Bolin is employed by the Student Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. He is working on his Doctor of Theology degree at Union Theological Seminary. This is the first time the Sunday School Board has assisted in financial support for REW on any campus.

Rick Traylor, Director of the Baptist Youth Corps and Davis Bowen, Director of Youth Minis-

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Beverly Fowler Receives Award From Cafeteria for Suggestion

Beverly Fowler won \$5 for her suggestion that a clock be placed in the cafeteria for the convenience of the students.

This is the first of five monthly prizes which Hoyt Taylor, director of food services, and a special cafeteria committee will award for the best suggestions concerning the cafeteria services.

At the end of the semester, a \$25 prize will be awarded for the best suggestion of the year.

"We hope that the prizes will encourage more girls to take time to write down their suggestions, helping us to improve our services to them," said Mr. Taylor.

Pat Sykes receives honorable mention for her suggestion that meal tickets be issued. According to Joe Baker, business manager, the idea of meal tickets has been under consid-

eration for some time. Mr. Baker explained that if meal tickets were issued, the price of meals would go up because each student pays for only a percentage of the meals served each week.

The feasibility of placing a conveyor belt in the cafeteria to improve tray return was discussed. The main objection to such an arrangement was the location of the conveyor belt.

"A conveyor belt would not, in my opinion, solve the problem," said Mr. Taylor. "The basic problem, having someone on duty all the time to move the trays from the conveyor belt to the washing area, would still remain."

Other suggestions which dealt specifically with food were turned over to the foods committee headed by Julie Ballou.

MCA Project

"Painting Party": Hut Improvement

The Coffeehouse Committee of the MCA sponsored a Painting Party from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Hut on Saturday, January 9. Red and white paint was donated by Pritchard's Paint Company, and students were invited to demonstrate their creativity in painting a chair. Refreshments were provided, and the entertainment consisted of four guitarists from Cary — Dominick Brugnolotti, Frank Anderson, Rocky Wells and Chess Morgan.

Approximately 15 girls came during the day to help paint, but the job was still not finished — half of the chairs remain to be painted. Another painting day will be announced at a later date and all help will be greatly appreciated.

This year the Coffeehouse Committee has been striving to make some improvements in the Hut. With the support of the Student Activities Board, the committee has received permission to install vending machines. Curtains have been made and will soon be hung. When these improvements have been completed, the Hut will be opened at all hours during the day for students to use for dating or simply for taking a breather from class schedules. For whatever use, the students are encouraged to use the Hut as a place to meet and talk when the opportunity arises.

Besides the decorating project, the Coffeehouse Committee also presents special programs during the year in the Hut.

Pamela Hendrick is the Coffeehouse chairman and Helen Hughes is the building chairman.

Meredith Establishes Scholarships For Outstanding Baptist Women

A new competitive scholarship program to honor and assist outstanding Baptist young women in North Carolina has been established by Meredith. Beginning in August 1972, there will be one scholarship available for an entering freshman from each of the ten regions formed by the Baptist associations. The ten Regional Baptist Scholarships, which may be renewed annually, will range from \$100 to \$1,000 per year depending on the financial need of the recipient.

Selection for the Regional Baptist Scholarship winners will start at the local church level. Each church will have the opportunity to recognize a high school senior for her contribution to the church, for her potential as a future leader in the denomination, and for her scholastic ability.

After receiving the nomination from her home church, the candi-

date will file an application with the screening committee in her association. The finalist in each association within a region will be interviewed by a committee appointed by the College. The regional committees will then recommend recipients to Meredith for the final decision.

Through routine procedures Meredith will establish each nominee's admissibility and the amount of each winner's scholarship. The amount awarded will be determined by need and will frequently be a portion of a total package of aid. The names of the ten Regional Baptist Scholarship winners, but not the amount of their awards, will be announced by the College.

Funds to implement these scholarships are part of a current program initiated by the Office of Development. Details of the Regional Baptist Scholarships will be available in late summer.



Pam Hendrick, Cindy Working, Dodie Lyle and Rachel Richardson paint chairs while being entertained by Frank Anderson (background), Rocky Wells, Chess Morgan and Dominick Brugnolotti (not pictured) in the Hut last Saturday.