

What It Means to Be an Astro

By Jane Davis

It is quite difficult to pinpoint "what it means to be an Astro." As in all organizations, each Astrotekton has her own personal feelings about the society and about her role as an Astro. Therefore I hope nothing important is lost in the generalization of something which is deeply personal and intangible to her members. Let me be the first to say that the more one participates in the society, the more meaningful the organization becomes to the individual. This is true not only during Rush Week but throughout the entire year.

The Astrotekton society serves as an outlet for many girls. It gives Meredith girls not only the opportunity to participate in a school activity which is not academic but paves the way for interest and involvement in the Raleigh community. The Astro is faced with new experiences and predicaments and profits from both. In the past the Astros have sponsored the Rhythm Kids, a musical combo from the Governor Morehead School for the Blind. Being an Astro means becoming involved in many service projects such as collecting toys for the children at the North Carolina Blind School, participating in the Wake County Food Drive, and helping Wake County with the March of Dimes.

Through the Astro society one finds friendship and fellowship. The upper classmen become acquainted with the Freshmen. A girl is given a chance to meet girls other than those in her classes and on her hall. One learns what it means to be a leader, a committee-head, an organizer, instigator, and follower. Each girl

is given a chance to express herself. Fellowship and friendship come from the cooperative efforts of all members toward the same goal. Friends are made within the club by merely becoming involved with its activities whether it be by helping to present a fall fashion show or cutting out thousands of yellow stars during Rush Week.

The Astros are a sisterhood of girls who are fun-loving, sharing work, play, songs, meetings, and both gay and serious moments. Being an Astro means being partial to the colors yellow and white. The golden star is not only the symbol of our society but also a constant reminder of our motto "He builds too low who builds beneath the stars." Being an Astro girl means singing songs about "a little ole goat wearing a white and yellow striped coat," Astrotekton involves allegiance to "Mother Astro" the reflection of Astro light within each girl's heart, and the sprinkling of magical stardust. The Astro girl takes pride in her sisterhood and experiences a warmth which kindles deep within her when she sings the society song.

How long does this Astro light shine? Forever! A girl does not cease to be an Astrotekton after she graduates from Meredith or when she transfers to another school. What she learns by being a member of this society, the hard and good times she encounters and her involvement and dedication to the organization will be an invaluable experience in years to come. However her most cherished possession will be the memory of her friends that made up the sisterhood and the intangible bond which joined them together during their college years.

Summer Tour of Europe To Be Headed by Heilman

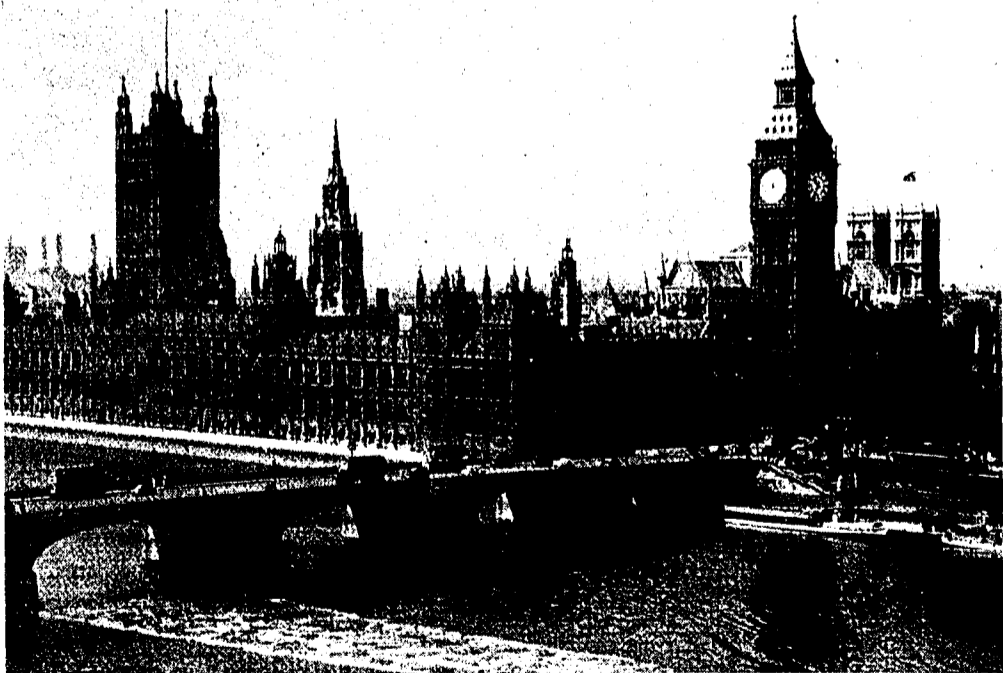
Dr. E. Bruce Heilman, accompanied by his wife and two of his daughters, will direct a tour of the major centers of interest in Europe this summer.

The tour will begin May 20, 1971 and will extend for three weeks, terminating June 10, 1971. The itinerary allows for maximum coverage of countries, capitals, interesting sights, various modes of transport-

tation, unusual experiences, flexibility, informality and good fun as well as educational and cultural opportunities and interaction with people of other countries not usually offered for this level of cost.

Several places of interest to be visited include London, Amsterdam, Salzburg, Venice, Florence, Rome, Paris, Madrid, and others.

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London is one of thirteen cities to be visited by the Heilman tour.

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Bible Study Groups

Two student lead Bible study groups are being held in Joyner Lounge every week.

One is held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday and the other at 9:30 p.m. on Thursday. Everyone is cordially invited to participate and worship together.

Morning Devotionals

A fifteen-minute devotional is being held on Monday mornings at 7:15 a.m. in the small chapel in Jones. The fellowship is continued by having breakfast together. Please come and worship.

Meredith Appears In Slater Ad

An article concerning the international meal held last year in connection with International Student Day at Meredith has been published in the regional ARA-Slater magazine. The meal also appears in an advertisement for the company.

Mrs. Greene Joins Staff

Mrs. Mary Lou D. Greene of Raleigh has joined the business staff at Meredith College as chief accountant. She is a graduate of Wilson's Mills High School, a 1969 graduate of Campbell College and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Glen Davis of Route 2, Clayton.

Mrs. Greene is the wife of Dwight W. Greene, a senior economics major at N. C. State University, previously worked as a staff accountant with Peat, Marwich, Mitchell and Co. of Raleigh. She is filling the chief accountant vacancy left by Mrs. Gwen Davis who resigned to take a position with the College Foundation Incorporated, a state-wide college loan organization in Raleigh.

Sociology Dept. Joins CSWE

Meredith College's department of sociology has qualified for constituent membership in the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), the highest accreditation offered to a college with an undergraduate program in social work. Meredith has offered a program in social welfare since the early 1930's and membership in CSWE will assist graduates in securing careers in the field of social welfare. The program is under the direction of Dr. Leslie W. Syron, chairman of the sociology department.

Why I Chose the Phis

By Libbo Leathers

When this year's seniors were freshmen, all this stuff of Phis and Astros was very vague for first semester, quite loud and clear in January, and then quiet again — almost asleep for the rest of the year. Well, this year we tried to make it quite different — different enough that when someone wanted to know who Phis were, all they had to do was look around! We Phis realized that we can make a difference, and were doing it. We have been doing it all year long — personally helping the kids at the Cerebral Palsy Center behind Wake Memorial Hospital. Phis have always taken the Cerebral Palsy children as our special project. Yet this year we've really done something — and what we've gotten in return — well just ask us! Twelve girls (and one husband!) go weekly to the center and help both the teachers and the therapists, through working with the children. All the Phis had the chance to share the joy these kids find in their unusual lives at the Phis really great Christmas Party. Twenty kids really enjoyed the old Meredith Scene thanks to the Phi regulars, five State football players and so many other people that there was standing room only. To top that, some Phis couldn't even get in the door! Boy, these are the Phis I know!

All I can say to those of you who do wish to make the best choice for

a society tomorrow is to tell you how I made my choice. As yourselves, all I had to go on was the people whom I knew in the two societies. And since I realized that these were the people I was going to be identifying with to a large degree (you'll never know what they'll have you doing next!) this was of the greatest importance in my decision. Then I looked more closely at these people. How did they get along together? And did they do anything? Were they active and fun-loving, and yet willing to lend a helping hand? And could I work with these people? Would they welcome me into the group, and still appreciate my ideas and abilities as being those of an individual? Would my friends and I find that these people really felt the word "sisterhood," and didn't just say it?

Well, I chose Phis, and all these important things were there. And they were still there in March and May, even in July and August, not only at January rush. And lo and behold—we even worked and partied better together the next year. Last year, well believe it or not, it was better and better. I got prouder and prouder to be a member of the Philaretian Society. It's a decision I've never regretted because Phis are in there to make the difference — the one you can see year round.

Come join with us. You've got great years ahead!

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