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## French Students Prepare

# France Invasion Scheduled

What does it mean when girls on second Stringfield begin exchanging American dollars for francs and centimes? To a dozen Meredith coeds it means a fun-filled and educational month in Paris this summer. Twelve girls, under the supervision of Dr. Katalin Y. Galligan, French teacher here at Meredith, will study in Paris, May 15 through June 15, in the Summer Studies Abroad Program.

The program is specifically designed to expose the students to French culture by allowing them more free time than most study programs offer. It is believed that by encouraging the girls to go out among the Parisians, they will be more apt to acquire the spoken language than by spending most of their time in a classroom.

However, classroom instruction will be incorporated into the program to aid the girls in their learning experience. Dr. Galligan, who originated the idea for the program, will serve as chaperone and instructor for the girls. Two courses will be offered, French 221-222 and Special Studies 300. The 221-222 course is a structured course to be taught in the classroom. It will be patterned after Meredith's intermediate French course and offers the same 6 hour credit gain upon completion. The Special Studies course involves more independent research than the 221 course. The girls following this cur-

riculum are assigned a certain French area, either a specific author, time period, or town, and asked to do intensive research in the months prior to the trip. Then, during their stay in Paris, the girls, following Dr. Galligan's suggestions, will do further research on their individual topic and will be required to write several papers in order to receive the 3 hours credit.

Besides the classroom instruction, the girls will gain valuable knowledge by touring famous landmarks and monuments in Paris, visiting such well-known bohemian "hang-outs" as Montmartre, and by seeing several French plays. They will also go as a group to Normandy, a province in Northern France. Even with the planned activities, the girls will have much free time and will be allowed to go anywhere in Paris they desire.

The group will fly round trip Air France from Washington to Paris, where they will stay in the Hôtel Royat near the Opéra. The cost of the trip includes plane fare, instruction fees, and lodging.

The girls participating in the program are: Mary Ayers, Sara Brown, Jean Brown, Neta Griffin, Billie Hampton, Bette Len Dove, Sue Ann Milam, Wyn Turlington, Kathy Vessels, Judy Walker, and Patsy Webb. Along to help "chaperone" the girls will be Dr. Galligan's small son, Bryan.

As May draws near, all are looking forward to the trip with enthusiasm and excitement. Kathy Vessels, a rising sophomore who has aided Dr. Galligan with the preparations for the trip, says, "I can't wait! This is better than most because it will encourage a working knowledge of conversational French and appreciation of French culture, especially that of Paris, because we will learn mainly from being exposed to the culture." Another participant, Sue Ann Milam says, "I don't like to sit in a classroom studying and that's why this program appeals to me — because it's such a good opportunity to learn with the people."

## New Freshmen Boast Twelve Honor Scholars

### Two Junior Transfers Will Join The Class of 1973

Fall's freshman class will boast twelve Honor Scholars. Selected from a field of 35 finalists, the twelve were evaluated on overall high school record and a personal interview with the faculty selection committee.

The Class of 1973 will also gain additional Honor Scholars in August. Two junior college transfer students have been chosen from the group of five applicants.

Named freshmen Honor Scholars are Gladys Batchelor of Apex, Amelia Cudd of High Point, Debbie Godwin of Bayboro, and Norma Heath of Whiteville.

Other North Carolina students selected are Myra McCahren from Concord, Suzanne Martin from Winston-Salem, Genie Rogers from Roxboro, Betsy Webb from Eden, and Susan Webster from Greensboro.

Out-of-state Honor Scholarship



Alan Hall of NCSU rehearses a scene from "The Chalk Garden" with Beth Grumbine.

winner are Elise Bideaux of Providence, R. I., Claudia Denny of Little Silver, N. J., and Debbie Steele of La Plata, Md.

Receiving the Junior College Honor Scholarships are Nancy Brewer of Wingate College and Cathy Wheeler of Peace College. Miss Brewer is from Kannapolis and Miss Wheeler is from Raleigh.

Maintaining the academic achievement (Continued on page 3)

## "The Chalk Garden" Cast Is Announced

Miss Linda Solomon, instructor in speech and dramatics at Meredith, has announced the cast for "The Chalk Garden."

Mrs. St. Maugham, grandmother of the mischievous young Laurel, will be played by Beth Grumbine. Peggy Incerto will play the role of Laurel and Cathy Dinsmore has been cast as Madrigal, Laurel's mother. The character of Matty will be played by Mona Blevins, and Kathy Williams will portray a little old woman. Alan Hall, a student at North Carolina State, will play the part of the judge and Kathy Johnson is the third applicant.

The other student participants include Marleen Ezell, technical director, and Cathy Sink is student director of the production.

The "Saturday Review of Literature" said of "The Chalk Garden": "Once in a very great while a new play comes along that lives in the intangibles of heart and human will: a play that is extremely poetic without the formalizing rhythm of verse."

Enid Bagnold, author of "The Chalk Garden," was awarded The Award of Merit Medal of the American Academy of Arts and Letters in 1956.

The play will be presented on April 16 and 17 at 8 o'clock in Jones Auditorium.

## CRC Elects New Director

M. Austin Connors, Jr., a native of Spartanburg, S. C. and a candidate for the Ed.D degree in higher education from Indiana University, has been elected director of the Co-operating Raleigh Colleges (CRC), effective in late June or early July.

CRC is a consortium for inter-institutional cooperation between the six colleges and universities in Raleigh — Meredith, Peace, St. Augustine's, St. Mary's, N. C. State, and Shaw. Connors' election was made recently by the CRC Board of Directors, comprised of heads of the six institutions.

"We are pleased to announce the appointment of this capable young man to coordinate current programs and expand areas of participation to the ultimate advantage of all institutions," Dr. E. Bruce Heilman, president of Meredith and chairman of the CRC board, said.



Mr. Austin Connors, Jr.

## 'Professor's Poop'

By Tom Parramore

**Editor's Note — "Professor's Poop" will be a regular feature beginning with this issue of THE TWIG. Contributors will be members of the Meredith faculty. Opinions expressed are not necessarily those of the staff.**

I can readily concede that I don't know what I would have done if I had been in Lt. Calley's shoes at My Lai. But what Calley or anyone else in his position *ought* to have done seems to me perfectly clear. The Geneva Convention of 1949, ratifying the long-standing agreement of civilized countries, set forth the commitment of all powers signatory to it, including the United States, to treat prisoners of war humanely. Civilian inhabitants who happened to fall into the hands of a military force are among the types of persons protected by the Convention and the case of the inhabitants of My Lai clearly falls within the scope of the kinds of circumstances envisioned by the parties to the Con-

## Spring Celebration to Feature Food, Fun, and Fancy Frolics

SPRINGS, the celebration this year of May Day, will begin April 24 with a breakfast honoring the Spring Queen, Susan Crouch, and her court. Plans now call for the meal to be a Big Sister-Little Sister breakfast, with freshmen sitting with juniors and sophomores with seniors.

The regular May Day program, now known as the Celebration of Spring, will be held in the mid-afternoon in the amphitheater. The dance classes of the physical education department, under the direction of Frances W. Stevens, will perform as part of the program.

SPRINGS, which is sponsored by the Student Activities Board, will conclude that evening with the Kalabash Corporation performing

in the court from 8:00 until 12:00 p.m. The informal dance is open to all Meredith students and invited guests. Guests are also welcome at the mid-afternoon program.

In order to finance SPRINGS, the SAB has sponsored a raffle and the Anniversary Game, held last night in the gymnasium with faculty and administration members and their husbands and wives participating. If the money raised by these two projects fails to finance SPRINGS, the SAB will sponsor a movie sometime after Easter. The movie will be shown in the court and students will be urged to bring their dates and guests. An admission fee will be charged in order to raise the balance needed to finance SPRINGS.

# The Case Against Calley — A Cause for Concern

What then are the arguments currently advanced in support of the effort to have Calley's conviction rescinded or commuted? It is alleged by some that a military man has an obligation to carry out any orders he receives from duly constituted authority. But this patently is not the case. A soldier cannot be required to break the laws of his own nation. He cannot be legitimately commanded to rape, or torture or do any number of things that violate humanity's sense of wartime propriety and he is perfectly within his rights to refuse such an order. He cannot be legitimately commanded to kill children or others who are defenseless prisoners of war and my guess is that every American who has served in Vietnam knows that. It does not foreshadow the breakdown of American morale in the war zone to be reminded that the rules that have always governed American armies have not been waived for this war.

Some say that Calley is being made a scapegoat for all those who got us into this wretched war and that he should not be made to suffer for the misdeeds of others. But the fact that the war was an act of idiocy to begin with does not excuse us from the responsibility of holding our troops accountable for the international agreements to which we have consented. No doubt others higher than Calley should be brought to trail and it is clear that some will be. Captain Medina, alleged by the Calley defense to have given the order to wipe out My Lai is scheduled for trial and Col. Oran Henderson who has been accused of trying to cover up the incident will also be court martialed. Others may follow. Still others have already been investigated concerning My Lai and released for want of sufficient evidence. Still other atrocity cases arising out of the war are in progress. It is unlikely that Calley's will be the only conviction stemming from the allegations of atrocities

during the war. In any event he is certainly not the only military man called before the bar of justice for misdeeds in Vietnam.

It is alleged in Calley's behalf that the Viet Cong utilize women and children in attacks on allied personnel and that none can be immune from suspicion of being dangerous enemies. Certainly this establishes a reason why U. S. troops would wish to be elaborately cautious of inhabitants such as those at My Lai. A woman clutching an infant might well be regarded as one who may be concealing a weapon. But civilized practice calls for the woman to be required at the point of a gun to put the infant down and undergo a search. To shoot woman and child and then, perhaps, conduct a search is clearly outrageous.

If you have a taste for irony there is an interesting item that recently issued from the Washington office of the Associated Press. It announced that the American Red

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