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## Parents Entertained By Spring Activities

Despite the rainy weather that marked the beginning of Parents' Weekend 1972, a good number of parents arrived to enjoy the activities and the campus.

Parents registered in Johnson Hall from 11:00 to 2:30, when visitation with faculty members began. Various department members were available from 1:30-2:30 to meet with students and their parents. Parents Association met at 2:45 in Jones Auditorium with entertainment by the Ensemble.

The highlight of the day was the presentation of the Springs Court, with Springs Queen Nancy Crews. Due to the rain, the festivities were held in Jones, including coronation of the queen and entertainment of the court. "An Album of American Women" was presented through six segments of interpretative dances with girls in the colorful costumes of pioneer women to modern politicians.

Approximately 700 parents attended the special Parents' Weekend banquet in Belk Hall. Dr. Weems gave the address and the Ensemble provided musical entertainment. The first day's events culminated in "The Wonderful World of Disney" a synchronized swimming show. Characters like Mickey Mouse and the seven dwarves performed short skits on the platform before plunging in the pool to execute various figures.

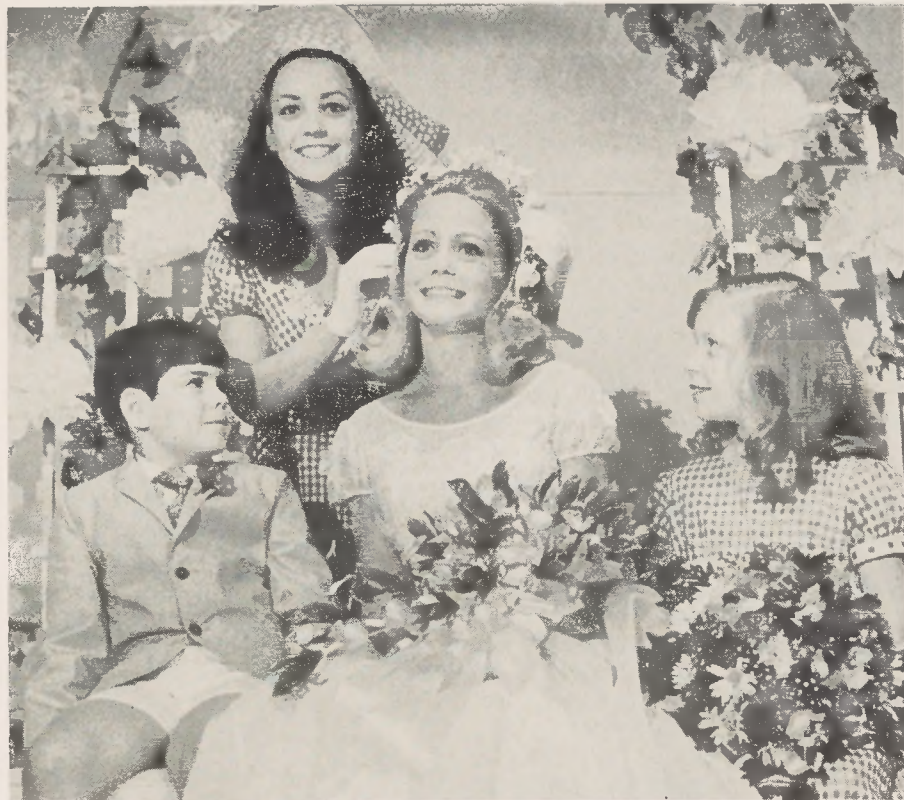
Sunday's activities, highlighted by the appearance of the sun, began with a worship service led by Dr. Crook, followed by the Parents Luncheon. The major event of the day for both parents and students was a reception in the new Presidents residence, the Massey home. Dr. and Mrs. Burris met guests in the foyer of the home, while Dr. and Mrs. Weems received their guests in the elegant living room of their home. The tour of the house was a pleasure; all one seemed to hear were exclamations of delight from the guests. One student, upon completion of the tour, was heard to comment, that "there just aren't enough words to describe that house. You have to see it to believe it!"

## Graduates Honored By Little Sisters

"How did that dollar bill get into the egg?" asked incredulous sophomores and seniors as they left the Big Sister-Little Sister Party held in Belk Dining Hall Thursday night, April 20.

The party, given by the sophomores in honor of the seniors, was emceed by the sophomore class president, Woody Dicus. Lucy Marino served as the overall committee head. Entertainment included Art Thompson, a world-traveled magician from Charlotte, North Carolina, who enchanted Meredith students with his gift of magic. The new Bathtub Ring, featuring Linda Keith, Pat Nathan, and Louise Sullivan, sang lively songs that brought hands together in rhythmic beat. An original version of "Bosom Buddies" was presented by Carol Anne McLaney and Cathy Rodenberg followed by Janice Sams, who captivated the audience with melancholy melodies.

Sophomores concluded the evening by singing dedicatory songs to the seniors. The song committee was headed by Susan Tew.



"Queen for a day." Nancy Crews, Springs Court Queen, beams as Maid of Honor, Bonnie Sue Barber, places the crown on her head. Looking on are Bennett Farrington and Megan Moran, crown bearer and flower girl.



Dr. and Mrs. Weems greet guests in the living room of their new residence. Several hundred people attended the reception at the Massey home on the final day of Parents' Weekend 1972.

## Parents' Neglect Explored; Governor Scott Addresses State Representatives

"The facts we are reluctant to face": 3,387 reports of child abuse and neglect were received by county social services departments between July 1, 1971 and February 1, 1972. This figure was quoted by Governor Bob Scott in his keynote address to the 2nd Governor's Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect held in Jones Auditorium April 17-18. The two day conference, attended by representatives from all over the state, studied the problem from all aspects: the extent of the problem, causes, recognition, protection, and related legal problems.

North Carolina has taken major steps toward eradicating child abuse through legislation. In 1970 Governor Scott called for a mandatory reporting law for incidents of child abuse. The 1971 General Assembly passed such a law requiring everyone to report suspected cases of child abuse.

Child abuse "is any act of intentionally hurting children through physical attack," said Dr. David Gill, reknown author on the subject. His definition focuses on the motivation of the attacker, which gives it a much broader scope. Any act of physical force is a form of poten-

tial abuse. What we are teaching children through the use of corporal punishment, said Dr. Gill is not to avoid misbehavior, but to avoid punishment. The only way to avoid extremes of punishment is to reeducate ourselves not to accept the use of force in child rearing situations. True leadership comes through "example, firmness, and true caring of the child."

Dr. Gill also cited deprivation as a cause of the "higher incidence of child abuse among the 'low socio-economic' groups. Environmental tensions, no respite from the presence of children (such as baby sitters and vacations), and the dominance of physical communication rather than verbal are some of the factors that cause child abuse and neglect among the deprived. Ameliorating this situation is a monumental process, but one of which we are capable said Dr. Gill.

Recognition of the abused child was the topic of the afternoon panel: Dr. Catherine Taylor, child psychiatrist, Dr. Lois Pounds, pediatrician, and Mrs. Christine DeSaix, consultant in family and children services; panel moderator was Dr. William London, President of the North

## Term Paper Enterprise Thwarted by Enterprising Professor

On Tuesday, April 18, several students at Meredith found flyers mysteriously attached to their windshields and advertising a "Term paper writing company" here in Raleigh which would, for a certain fee, research and write term papers for students. Operating out of the New York firm, the Raleigh branch office was located on Blount Street.

Apparently Meredith students were not the only ones to receive these propositions, the other six colleges in Raleigh had also reported similar incidents. As students began to spread the word, Dr. Lemmon began to act. She called the Attorney General at the Consumer Protection office and was informed of the necessity of bringing a warrant

against the firm. Dr. Sarah Lemmon then got in touch with Dr. Weems, who in turn contacted the other six colleges in anticipation of some kind of action. From this contact, the dean of Students at NCSU, Dr. Banks Talley, informed the Raleigh Police Department, who promptly noted the violation of Criminal Law 14-118.2. A police captain was then sent to the firm to read the law and inform the company that continued action would result in arrest. After a quick apology and statement of ignorance as to the law, a firm representative said that the company would close promptly, and indeed it did. By Wednesday, April 19, the firm was closed down, one day after the appearance of its leaflets on the campus of Meredith College.

## Rising Classes Elect Next Year's Leaders

Meredith college students in three classes—rising sophomores, juniors, and seniors—elected their respective class officers during the week of April 17-21. Some positions in each election, as indicated below, will require another vote; before the results will be released later.

For the rising sophomores, the offices of president and vice president will require another election. New class officers elected are Carolyn Sater, secretary, and Nan Foster, treasurer. Representatives to Legislative Board will be Julia Mac Edwards, Sarah Leigh Shell, and Patty Whisnant, Cathy McCaskill and Sherri McGee will represent sophomores on Judicial Board while Linda Chappell and Dodie Kane will serve as representatives to Elections Board. Stunt Co-chairmen are again Margaret Farmer and Laura Ann Bailey. Becky Cooper will serve as Cornhuskin Cochairmen with the winner of a run off between Ellen Wester and Sheryl Harrell.

The President of the new junior

class is Cookie Guthrie and the secretary is Cindy Rosser. Vice president and treasurer positions will be decided later. Class representatives are Glenda Currin and Anne Williams, Judicial Board; Jane Baker and Ann Wagoner, Elections Board. The Cornhuskin Cochairman for the class of 1974 is Kay Baker, while Stunt chairman is Katie Humphries.

Class officers for the rising seniors are Sally Welling, president; Kathy McNeil, vice president; Jean Fairholt, secretary; and Alice Porter, treasurer. Judicial Board representatives are Terry Brim and Judy Bryan. Carla Whitaker and Marsha Clark are representatives to Elections Board.

## ERA Passed Over Ervin Opposition

By Mary Owen

Forty-nine years after it was first introduced, a constitutional amendment guaranteeing equal rights for men and women (HJ Res 208) was approved by the Senate on March 22 and was sent to the states for ratification. It reads: "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the U.S. or by any state on account of sex."

The Senate vote (84-8-22) was more than the two-thirds majority required to adopt a proposed constitutional amendment; the House had approved it by a 354-23 roll-call vote on Oct. 12. If ratified by three-fourths (38) of the states, the measure will become the 27th Amendment to the Constitution. Hawaii became the first state to ratify it less than two hours after the Senate acted.

Senate approval came after four days of debate during which N. C. Senator Sam J. Ervin offered nine proposed changes directed at diminishing the impact of the amendment's coverage. In staunch opposition to the "unisex" amendment, Ervin stated that the passage of the ERA would tragically destroy the social fabric of America and that the majority of both sexes did not want the amendment. He said that the 5th and 14th Amendments provided sufficient equal protection to women, and that women should lobby for changes in specific federal and state laws rather than tamper with the Constitution. His major objections to the ERA were its nullifications

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