

Spring Sports Bloom Forth In Variety As "Micro-Wimbledon" Climaxes Court Season

April has been a very eventful month as far as the variety of sport activities. Though this year is rapidly coming to a close, a line of many new and exciting prospects are being planned for next year's activities.

Currently, a "Student-Faculty Tennis Tourney" has been in full-swing for the past three weeks with April 21 determining the finals. Top competing contestants in the "micro-Wimbledon" were: Cochran-Whitehurst, Allen-Carter, Thompson-O'Leary, Parramore - McCaskill, Crook-Persons, Field-Brown, Massey - Faircloth, Howe-Poe, Davis-Hart, Weems-Dicus, Phillips - Tharrington, Harris - Price, Vandiver-White, Songer-Humphries, and Burris-Shell.

Continuing with news on the "love" sport, the Meredith 1971-72 tennis team has finished a quite challenging and encouraging year. With planned schedule practice time and much time and work put in by Mrs. Massey and Carolyn Carter, the tennis group became a united team, a team that has got the potential to ace all the teams in its path! An added point in their favor will be the resurfacing of the courts in May, 1972.

An open-badminton tournament was held at Duke, April 7-8. It is an annual opportunity for any girls who would like to participate. From Meredith, Dora Shell and Beverly Poe won the consolation Women's Doubles and Beverly also won Consolation Singles.

Have you wondered what the white flags are out on the front campus of Meredith? Golf is becoming a more popular sport for Meredith students. The flags represent a four-hole golf course for class or leisure participants.

In the riding area, a summer program will be offered to any girls who would like to learn or improve their riding skills.

Synchronized swimming got off to a good start this year as more enthusiasm is expected for next year. Mrs. Vandiver has been initiating the activity and will be in charge of it next year. All interested people are asked to contact her or check the publicized notices in respect to the time and days of the week it will be offered.

Last, but not least, Tennis Day was held at Chapel Hill, April 15. From Meredith the following girls attended: Carolyn Carter, who made it to the semi-finals in doubles with Sarah Shell; Hope Faircloth, and Dora Shell, who were defeated in the second round of singles.

Equal Rights Admendment

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of laws exempting women from the draft and certain types of hazardous work and those designed to protect privacy between the sexes or seek to prevent sexual attacks on women.

Floor manager Birch Bayh (D. Ind.) responded to Ervin's support for military exemption by stating that if the draft were extended to women as well as men, Congress could set "sex-neutral exemptions rather than those that apply to one sex," such as exemptions for either parent rather than for fathers or mothers only. Sex-neutral standards would probably exempt most women from combat duty "because of the ordinary physical standards required, such as pushups, chinups, running and other physical and combat characteristics that are necessary for any member of the armed services. . . . There is an extremely small likelihood that any will really reach combat service."

Also in defense of the ERA and in opposition to military exemption, it was made clear by Senator Kennedy that "we should not lose sight, either, of the educational benefits, the medical care — both in service and in later access to veteran's hospitals — the job preferences and leadership opportunities offered by military service."

Rejection of other proposed Ervin Amendments was continued until all were defeated. In defense of the ERA, Bayh said that the amendment would not wipe out protective laws that Ervin sought to retain — it would merely guarantee that men and women have equal rights under those laws. Responding to Ervin's amendment to protect laws which secure privacy

to men and women, Bayh replied that "the right to privacy will continue to exist and will be fully protected after the Equal Rights Amendment is ratified." Another Ervin Amendment to retain laws "which impose upon fathers responsibility for the support of their children" was thusly rejected by the floor chairman: "It is the intention that this amendment would continue to impose the obligation on that spouse, mother or father, man or woman, who has the greatest capacity to provide for the children — nothing more, nothing less."

An Ervin Amendment to protect laws "which make punishable as crimes sexual offenses" was defeated as Bayh said such laws "will not be stricken down as unconstitutional because the distinction between the laws as to their application to men and women is not based simply on their sex, but on their unique physical characteristics — their distinct physical differences."

In conclusion, the committee report stated that there has been "some progress" toward equal rights for women in recent years, but added "there is overwhelming evidence that persistent patterns of sex discrimination permeate our social, cultural, and economic life. . . . We cannot afford to wait any longer for Congress and each of the 50 state legislatures to find the time to debate and revise their laws. As in other areas where the Constitution has been amended, there is an imperative for immediate action. The nation has waited too long already — it has been 49 years since the Equal Rights Amendment was first introduced. Only a constitutional amendment can provide the legal and practical basis for the necessary changes."

Dr. Knight Researches Elstob During Oxford Sabbatical

Dr. Ione Kemp Knight is on sabbatical this semester on Oxford, England. Four months of her sabbatical will be spent in the Bodleian Library at Oxford University where she is involved in research.

Dr. Knight's research topic is Elizabeth Elstob, the author of the first Old English Grammar (previous grammar texts had been composed completely in Latin), published in the early 1700's. Elizabeth was the sister of William Elstob, an Oxford tutor.

Dr. Knight reports that in the Bodleian Library there is a great wealth of material, but one must use a "hit or miss method" for source location. All books are arranged by the authors and divided into two sets of books: those written after 1920 and those written before 1920. Entries are pasted into the books, and there is a separate index for manuscripts. Eventually Dr. Knight will publish a book from material gathered from material gathered on her trip.

Upon completion of her research at Oxford, Dr. Knight will be joined by Dr. Mary Lynch Johnson. They will travel together over England and Scotland, visiting some places where Elizabeth Elstob lived. They will return to the United States in the middle of July.

Dr. Knight is staying with Mrs. F. Shaw at 211 Iffley Road, Oxford, England. Her landlady, Mrs. Shaw, provides her with bed and breakfast. She works daily from nine until

seven o'clock in the Duke Humphry Room of the Bodleian Library. The panelled oak room is in the oldest part of the library, having been built in the fifteenth century. She takes a break for lunch and the traditional English afternoon tea. On Sundays, Dr. Knight attends the John Bunion Baptist Church.

Dr. Knight reports that she is growing accustomed to the new English currency, although she occasionally reverts to the old monetary system.

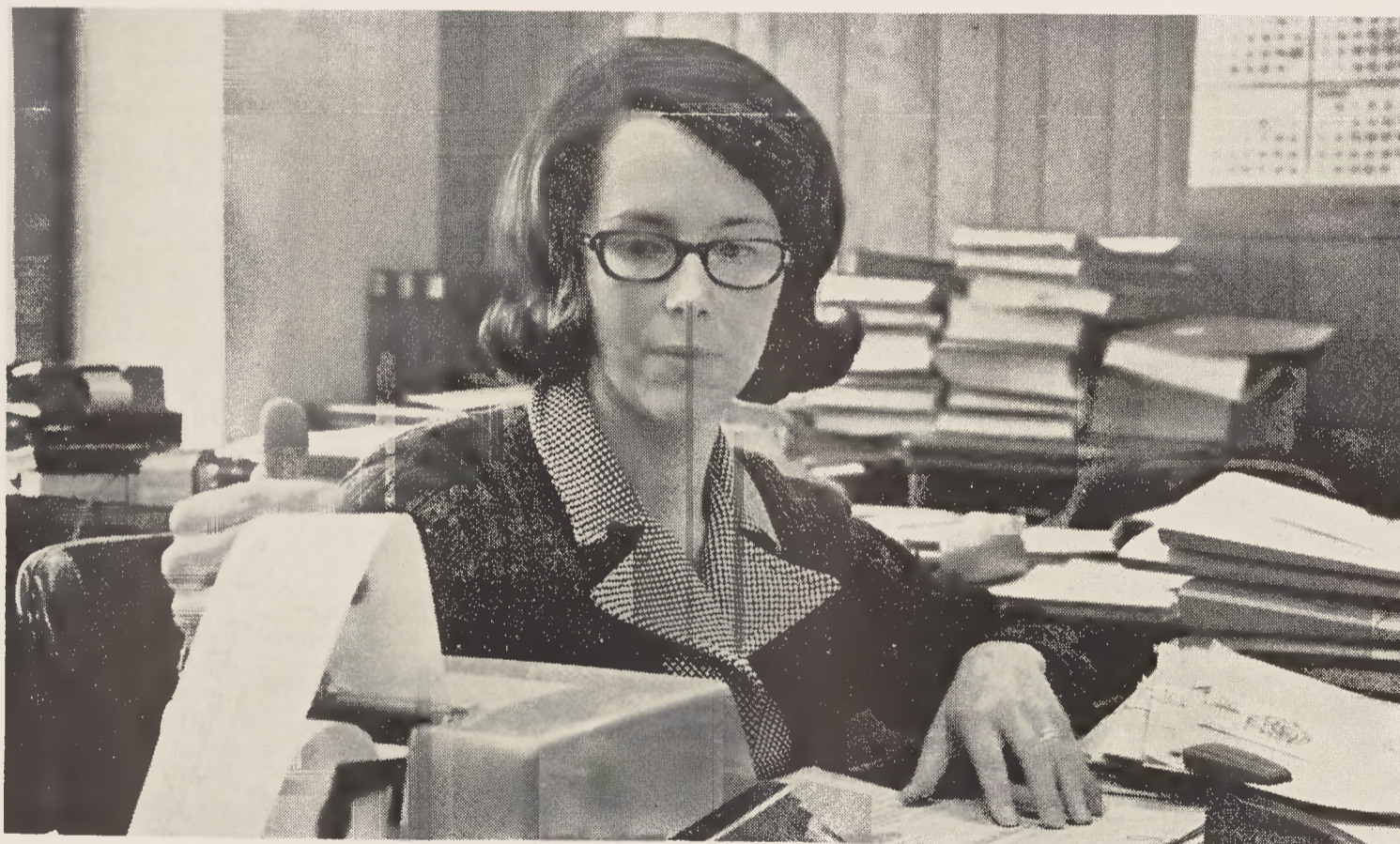
Faculty Meeting

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decision on this matter until the next scheduled faculty meeting.

*Approval was granted for all 1972 graduates who had completed and who fulfilled all other associated responsibilities

*Carolyn Carter, new SGA president, presented remarks on her impressions of and aspirations for the Meredith Community.



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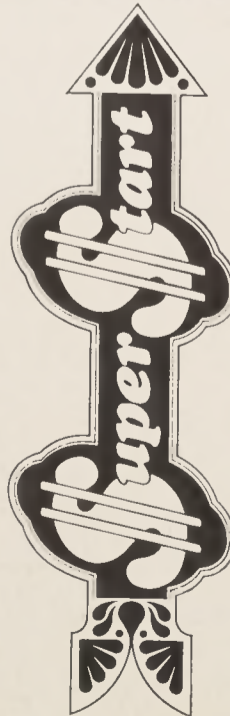
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