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PLEDGE SERVICE HELD IN JONES

Meredith's community joined in its first convocation Monday, August 28th in Jones Auditorium. The initial convocation served a dual purpose by giving President Weems his first opportunity to address the entire student body and faculty as well as by permitting the student body to commit themselves to the Honor Code.

President Weems emphasized the potential leadership of each individual in his address. Student Government President Carolyn Carter also addressed the Meredith community, speaking of commitment to Meredith's Honor Code as "affirming one's belief in the highest principles of humanity." The community code is structured to help students "keep full faith in mutual trust with fellow human beings." The SGA and its system of self-government exist for the essential purpose of insuring operation of the Honor Code. By mutual agreement, Meredith students assume individual and corporate responsibility as community members.

Following Carter's challenge, members of SGA proceeded to light candles for each student. Together the student body repeated the Honor Code and then sang the Alma Mater as a closing symbol of their renewed allegiance.



President Weems and Carolyn Carter discuss plans for the 1972-73 school year.

Honor Scholarship Named for Julia Hamlet Harris

The Julia Hamlet Harris Scholarships, formerly known as the Meredith College Honor Scholarships, have been named in memory of Dr. Julia Hamlet Harris, a long-time professor and chairman of the department of English at Meredith. A dedicated teacher and scholar, Dr. Harris inspired excellence in scholarship throughout her thirty years of teaching here (1922-1952). On her death in 1965,

Dr. Harris bequeathed the College her estate of \$135,000 with the request that the gift be used for scholarships for promising and deserving students. In May 1972, the Honor Scholarships, which are based on academic excellence, were renamed for Dr. Harris; and the income of the endowment was designated to fund this highly competitive scholarship program.

Through the Julia Hamlet Harris Scholarship program, each year twelve scholarships are awarded to outstanding freshman applicants, and two scholarships are available for junior college graduates having superior academic credentials. Recipients of these awards are designated as Harris Scholars.

A Harris Scholarship may range from \$100 to \$1,200 per year, depending on the financial need of the individual recipient. A student having little or no need would therefore receive the minimum \$100 award while a recipient having great financial need might receive a \$1,200 Harris Scholarship, as well as other types of student assistance.

While financial need determines the amount of the award, the emphasis of this particular

TWIG TO GO WEEKLY

A new image will characterize THE TWIG for the 1972-73 school year not only by physical standards but also by writing standards. For the first time in its history, THE TWIG will be available weekly as a four-page regular issue. This feature came into reality after reviews of the TWIG budget, conferences with Mr. Baker, and staff consideration of a new printing system. Lawrence Newspapers Incorporated of Fuquay-Varina offered to publish

the new TWIG, and a contract was signed on August 23, 1972.

The TWIG staff is anticipating a challenging and exciting year of presenting not only factual news but also of interpreting that news editorially with student and administration support. With a weekly TWIG, communication with the entire Meredith Community will be much more effective, and both students and administration will feel they have a larger voice in campus news.

ANNUAL TO TAKE NEW SLANT

"We will have no particular theme as of now, just a conglomeration of lots of little things that mean much to us at Meredith -- the things we do that you don't find in larger schools."

Such were the remarks of Kay Morris, co-editor of the 1973 OAK LEAVES, when asked about plans being made for the book's production by her and her associate, Robin Noel.

Robin and Kay have decided that the 1973 edition will take a new approach and will be quite different than the annuals of past years. However, in size, the book will be about the same.

The co-editors are seriously considering having a summer supplement if the students appear to want one. Through a supplement, students would have a record of spring activities in their yearbook. Completed plans, however, have not been announced.

BAPTIST REGIONAL RECIPIENTS NAMED

Eight young North Carolina Baptist women who have begun their freshman year at Meredith College are the first recipients of Regional Baptist Scholarships at Meredith, Miss Mary Bland Josey, director of admissions, announced.

The scholarships are open to an entering freshman from each of the 10 Baptist regions in North Carolina and range from \$100 to \$1,000 each, depending on financial need, and are renewable yearly. Only eight of ten regions participated this year.

Each recipient was selected for her contribution to her home church, her potential as a leader in the denomination, and for her scholastic ability, Miss Josey said.

A committee composed of three active Baptists from each region selected their respective regional winner. All regional winners initially represented their local church and then their association before advancing to regional competition.

All regional winners had been accepted for 1972 freshman admission to Meredith before being announced as Regional Baptist Scholarship recipients.

Region One has named Miss

Peggy Karen Pell, daughter of Mrs. June S. Pell of Poplar Branch, as its winner. She is a member of Poplar Branch Baptist Church and was the representative from the Chowan Association.

Miss Mary Catherine Bland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Louis Bland of 6 Tyler Drive, Cherry Point, is the Region Two winner. She won the Atlantic Association endorsement and is a member of First Baptist Church in Havelock.

A member of First Baptist Church in Whiteville, Miss Karen Alice Britt is the winner from Region Three. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Britt, Jr. of 603 E. Crayton St., Whiteville, and won the Columbus Association competition.

From Coats Baptist Church in Coats, Miss Shearon Florence Roberts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Thomas Roberts, won the Region Four competition. She previously won the Little River Association competition before advancing to the regional finals.

Representing her home church of First Baptist Church in Welcome, Miss Ramona

Mary Waddell won the Region Five competition. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Waddell of Welcome and was the representative from the Liberty Association.

The winner of Region Six is Miss Eleanor Anne Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Harris of Rt. 1, Albemarle. She is a member of First Baptist Church in Albemarle and represented the Stanley Association.

Miss Jane Beal Rucker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Howard Rucker of 142 South Street, Gastonia, is the Region Eight winner. A member of First Baptist Church in Gastonia, Miss Rucker was the Gaston Association regional candidate.

And, the Region Nine winner is Miss Jane Elizabeth Gilbert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude William Gilbert of 125 Taylor Rd., Black Mountain. Miss Gilbert is a member of First Baptist Church in Black Mountain and was the Buncombe Association representative.

Meredith's Admissions Director, Miss Josey, said many qualified young ladies participated in the competition which began at their local church. Participants who were not

named scholarship winners

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BAPTIST SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS -- Seven of the eight Regional Baptist Scholarship winners at Meredith College met recently for the first time on the Meredith campus as they began their first academic year at the college. From left to right, the students are Jane Rucker of Gastonia, Anne Harris of Albemarle, Romona Waddell of Welcome, (standing) Shearon Roberts of Coats, Janey Gilbert of Black Mountain, Cathy Bland of Havelock, and Karen Britt of Whiteville. Peggy Pell of Poplar Branch was absent when the picture was taken.

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