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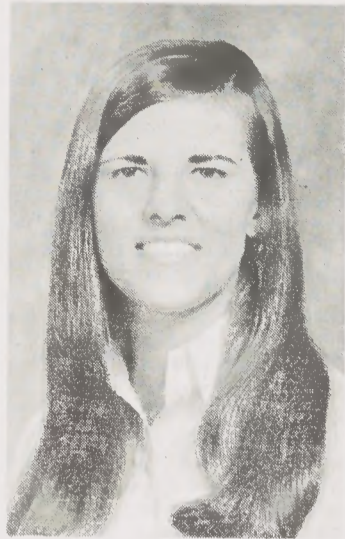
By CARLA WHITAKER

Selection for membership into the Silver Shield Honorary Society is based upon constructive leadership, Christian character, and service to the school. By constructive leadership is meant not solely leadership in the sense of holding office, but also in the sense of having helped to direct student opinion into wholesome channels. The fact that a girl does not hold office shall not debar her from membership, nor shall the fact that she does hold office necessarily mean that she shall become a member. By Christian character is meant the actual practice of the Christian principles of helpfulness and friendliness and kindness in everyday student life, the conscientious observance of student government obligations, and faithful and

sincere performance of academic duties. By service to the school is meant the up-building of school spirit through the contribution of definite constructive helpfulness and initiative in making Meredith a better school, and through actual participation in student activities.

Three new members from the senior class and three associate members from the junior class have been inducted. The new senior members are Becky Burris, Kathy McNeill, and Mary Allen Pickett. The three associate members from the junior class are Genie Bailey, Meg Pruette, and Elaine Williams.

Silver Shield will hold a special convocation on April 12 which will feature a guest speaker and a public tapping ceremony for the junior members.



Becky Burris



Kathy McNeill



Mary Allen Pickett



Genie Bailey



Meg Pruette



Elaine Williams

30 Colleges To Join Action

Planning grants that will add 30 more colleges and universities to the University Year for ACTION program were announced today by ACTION Director Joe Blatchford. The UYA program enables students to earn academic credit while spending one year off campus working with the poor.

Blatchford said final acceptance of program proposals from the new schools would add 600 fulltime student volunteers to the program by spring. This will expand UYA to 55 colleges and universities involving 1700 student volunteers.

UYA was established by ACTION, the citizen service corps, as a pilot program involving 10 schools and 500 student volunteers in September, 1971. It was made a permanent program on July 1, 1972.

Among the new schools are the University of Hawaii, University of Virginia, Princeton, Rutgers, Minnesota, Hampton Institute, St. Mary's College in Indiana and California State University in Fresno, Calif.

The planning grants, totaling \$150,000, were awarded to institutions in 17 states.

Blatchford said, "A year ago 170 schools applied for the program and only 20 could be accepted because of the limited funds available for what was then an experiment. UYA has lived up to its expectations and I am confident it will continue to grow in the future."

University Year for ACTION is the newest citizen service program of ACTION, which includes the Peace Corps, VISTA, Foster Grandparent Program, Active Corps of Executives (ACE), Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) and Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE).

Through UYA, universities help combat local poverty problems by placing students in fulltime, year-round volunteer service. While involved in UYA projects, students receive full academic credit and

a modest living allowance.

The new programs include plans to provide the following assistance:

*Provide treatment through family clinics in Arizona for double the number of sick children from low-income families, through Glendale Community College.

*Teach English to 500 Filipino immigrants in Honolulu, through the University of Hawaii.

*Provide personal counseling to double the number of parolees and probationers than is now possible, through the University of Montana.

*Provide bilingual Spanish-English instruction and counseling in day-care centers, public schools and a street academy for drop-outs, through St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana.

*Help set up farm cooperatives for raising pigs and processing and marketing meat through the University of Southwestern Louisiana.

Additionally, 46 students from nine New York City colleges and Princeton University will participate as a consortium with New York's health department in providing health testing and treatment to 140,000 high school students in the city, under the city's Urban Corps' Mobilization for Adolescent Student Health program.

Four of the schools, Minnesota, Kansas, Hampton Institute and Virginia Polytechnical Institute will place architecture students in projects to improve housing and provide long-range planning for low-income communities, under a program developed by the American Institute of Architects. Hampton Institute and VPI will participate as a team.

If the planning phase demonstrates that each university's program can make measurable and enduring contributions to the welfare of poor people, planning grants will be converted into one-year operating grants.

Director Blatchford said that the number of schools participating was much larger

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NEWS BRIEFS

DREW SEMESTER

As a junior American Civilization major, Cathy Rodenberg is going to participate in the United Nations Semester at Drew University this spring. Drew is conveniently located in Madison, New Jersey, which is only 40 minutes away from New York City and the U.N. Tuesdays and Thursdays will be spent at the U.N., studying with representatives in a seminar-type classroom situation. The U.N. courses are counted as nine hours; Cathy will be taking another American history course for a total of 12 semester hours. Not only will this experience give her the opportunity to participate in the political arena, but she will also be able to take advantage of the varied cultural activities in New York City proper. Other Meredith students are encouraged to examine the possibilities of their participating in such an outstanding educational experience.

SPANISH CLUB

The annual Christmas party for the Spanish Club was held on Thursday, November 30, at 7:15. The activities were those of an official Mexican fiesta, including the pinata. A pinata is shaped like an animal or a star and is broken with sticks. Spanish club members formed a circle around the pinata and chanted: I don't want silver I don't want gold All I want to do Is break the pinata. (In Spanish, of course)

Then they took their sticks, broke the pinata, and scrambled for the candy and goodies that fell out.

The speaker was Markie Carringer, who spoke of her

summer in Lima, Peru. Her entire speech was in Spanish. Vice-president, April Strickland, called this the most exciting Christmas party she had ever attended.

SGA

The SGA is in hopes of revising and expanding the Student Handbook. Information about organization and service needs to be brought up-to-date, deleted, or added in order for the handbook to contain better descriptions of each group. We need your assistance to achieve our goal.

Each organization and service is asked to evaluate and rewrite, if necessary, sections of the handbook concerning them. Please be thorough, clear, concise, and correct in your descriptions. The Handbook Committee will reserve the right to edit all descriptions. If you have any questions, feel free to call Debra Sugg at 828-7117. Please return your descriptions to Debra Sugg in the Inter-campus mailbox, located outside the office of the Dean of Students by TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1973.

MRA

Due to an expanding intramurals program, a revival of Play Day, and an enthusiasm among students that must not be overlooked, the board of the MRA has decided that it is now necessary to enlarge its present membership.

Under consideration is a program whereby MRA would be divided into committees for the purpose of devoting special attention to a particular activity or sport. These committees would coordinate each activity and concentrate on its success. The chairmen of the committees would in

turn attend the regular board meetings with the weekly reports. Board members will act as the chairmen. It is hoped that as many as fifty students will belong to the MRA.

By adding more students to the board, the MRA will be able to sponsor programs in the interests of all Meredith students. Many more activities can be undertaken with a larger group aiding in their preparation.

MRA will start its membership drive the first week of spring semester. Interested persons will be able to sign up in the Student Center.

ENGLISH NEWS

By GLORIA SMITH

What do you suppose an English Club meeting would be members do not discuss dangling participles and misplaced modifiers; instead, they have fun being one of the most active clubs on campus.

One of the club's first events this semester was a picnic held in the Hut. The food was provided by the professors of the English department. Rumor has it that Dr. Knight makes a delicious hot-dog!

At another meeting, club members learned that war was an influential factor to a writer. Dr. Grubbs, the speaker, told of famous writers he had seen while in graduate school and whose style of writing had been affected by recent wars. He ended his talk wondering how the Vietnam War would affect potential writers of today.

Besides picnics and meetings, the club is also active in the Glenwood Towers Pro-

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